



55th Annual AASHTO Transportation Management Conference: Critical Issues in Transportation

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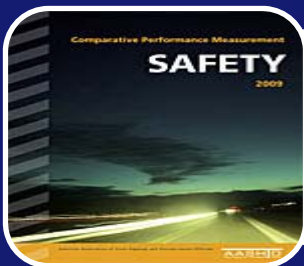
Presentation Overview



Current and Emerging Policy Issues



Surface Transportation Reauthorization:
The Current State of Play and Outlook



A Few Other AASHTO Activities

Current and Emerging Policy Issues

- Performance and Accountability
- Energy and Climate Change
- Freight
- Transportation Sustainability and Livability
- State Fiscal Picture



AASHTO Strategic Plan on Performance and Accountability

“Promote *accountability* through *performance-based management* to enhance the national transportation system, and work with *strategic partners* to develop a framework of *goals, standards and metrics* tailored to meet *individual state needs*.”

States and Performance

- Standing Committee on Performance Management
- AASHTO-AMPO-APTA-NADO-FHWA-FTA Performance-Based Planning and Programming Conference



Sample Performance Metrics

Safety	Pavement Preservation	Bridge Preservation	Congestion	Environment	Freight/ Economic Competitiveness	Livability
Fatalities Serious Injuries	IRI Structural Adequacy	Structurally Deficient deck area (NHS) Structural Adequacy (NHS)	Travel delay Travel delay per commuter Congestion cost Reliability (Interstate)	GHG Emissions Storm Water Runoff Recycling	Speed/travel time (significant freight corridors) Reliability (significant freight corridors) Rural Highway Accessibility ???	???

Performance and Resources

“Performance management is an excellent tool to support management decisions and aid in resource allocation. However, if funding is insufficient, performance management cannot make up the difference to achieve desired results.”

Energy and Climate Change Overall GHG Reduction Strategies



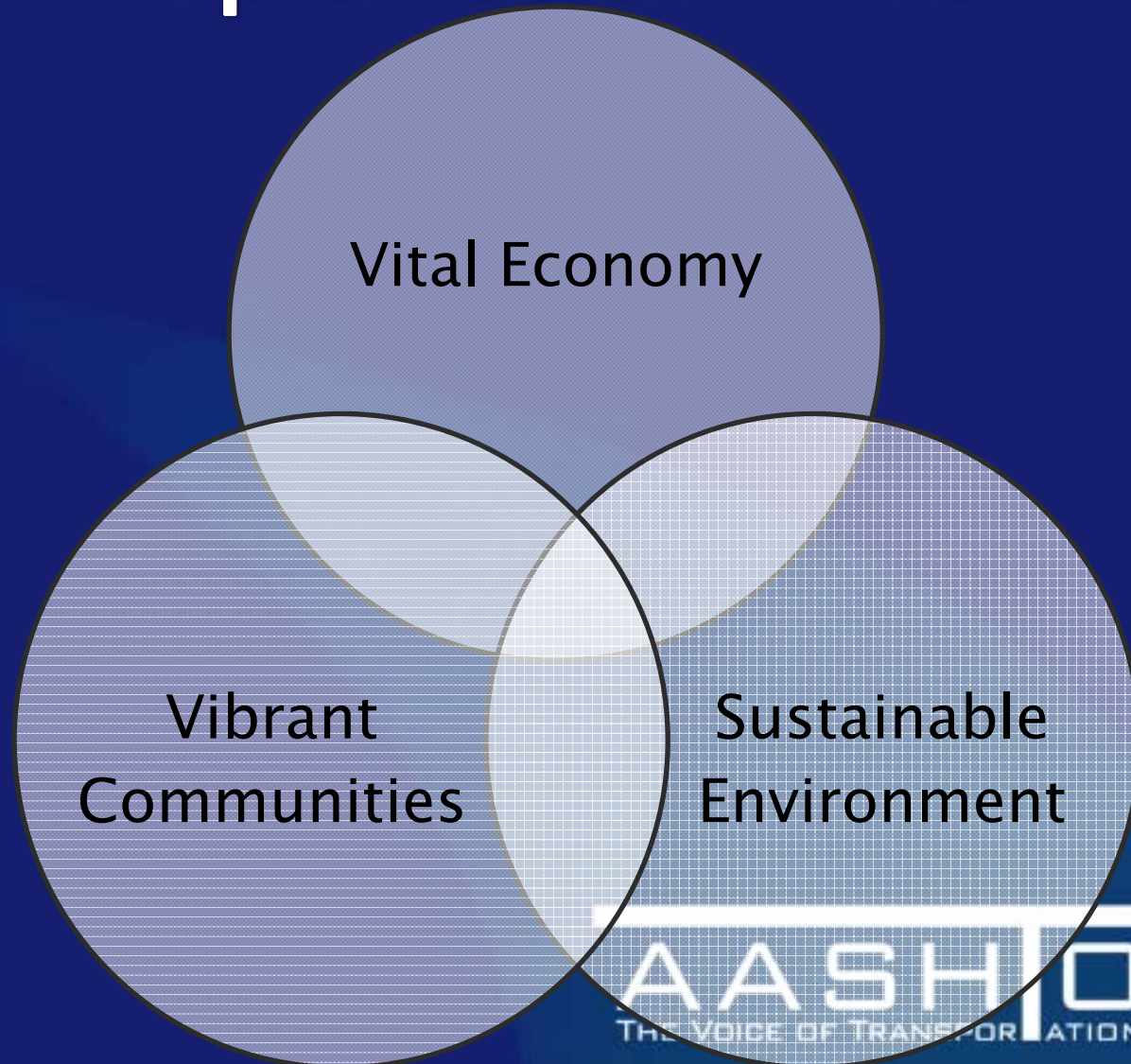
- Fuel efficiency and alternative fuels will account for 68% of emission reduction
- Pricing 18%
- Reductions in vehicle travel (VMT) 13%
 - (Highway traffic flow 1%)
 - (Ridesharing 1%)
 - (Transit & Compact Dev. 6%)

Freight Rail: 2007 Cost to Maintain

- To maintain current market share and handle its share of growth
- \$195 billion over 20 years or \$12 billion annually
- Up to \$53 billion from the public sector



Transportation Sustainability: Triple Bottom Line



AASHTO: Promoting Sustainability and Livability

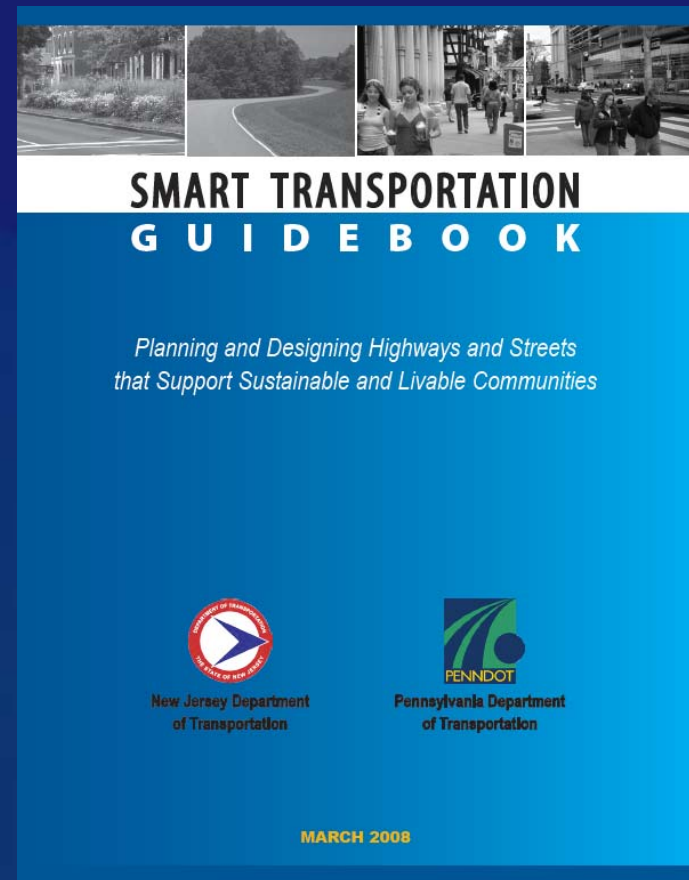
- ✓ Decrease the rate of growth of VMT
- ✓ Double transit ridership over the next 20 years
- ✓ Invest in intercity passenger rail
- ✓ Invest in freight
- ✓ Encourage “Complete Streets”
- ✓ Continue investment in bike/ped facilities
- ✓ Encourage compact land use
- ✓ Increase telecommuting

Sustainability Example #1

Pennsylvania

Smart Transportation

- Fiscal Constraints
- Aging Infrastructure
- Stable population
- Transportation and Land Use Linkages



Sustainability Example #2

Colorado: Denver's T-Rex

- First design-build type contract in the country that combines major highway and transit elements.
- Encompasses light rail, highway, bike and pedestrian facilities



Sustainability Example #3

Massachusetts

Green DOT Initiative

Three primary goals:

- Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Promote the healthy transportation options of walking, bicycling, and public transit
- Support smart growth development



Current & Emerging Issues: State Fiscal Conditions

- FY 2010:
 - 21 States had cuts in transportation programs totaling almost \$3.4 billion
- FY 2011
 - 11 States have indicated cuts in transportation programs

Source: National Association of Budget Officers

Current & Emerging Issues... Continued

THE ECONOMY
AND JOBS,
JOBS, JOBS!!

Construction
Unemployment
17.2% in
September, 2010
– A 14-year low!



Transportation's Role in Economic Recovery

The State DOTs delivered ARRA projects and jobs

- *13,000 projects obligated*
- *More than 6,200 projects under construction*
- *More than 5,300 projects completed*



Current State of Play

HIRE ACT

- 4th Extension
- Through December 31, 2010
- \$19.5 billion to the HTF
- Restores \$8.7 billion rescission
- New receipts



Surface Transportation Reauthorization

“Will we ever
get a Surface
Transportation
Bill?”



How Long Does it Take to Get a Bill??

	<u>PASSED CONGRESS</u>	<u>SIGNED BY PRESIDENT</u>	<u>HOW LATE?</u>
STAA	????	????	12+ MONTHS
SAFETEA-LU	JULY 29, 2005	AUG. 10, 2005	~ 22 MONTHS
TEA-21	MAY 22, 1998	JUNE 9, 1998	~ 8 MONTHS
ISTEA	NOV. 27, 1991	DEC. 18, 1991	~ 2 MONTHS
STURAA	MARCH 19, 1987	VETO	~ 6 MONTHS
STAA	DEC. 23, 1982	JAN. 6, 1983	~ 3 MONTHS

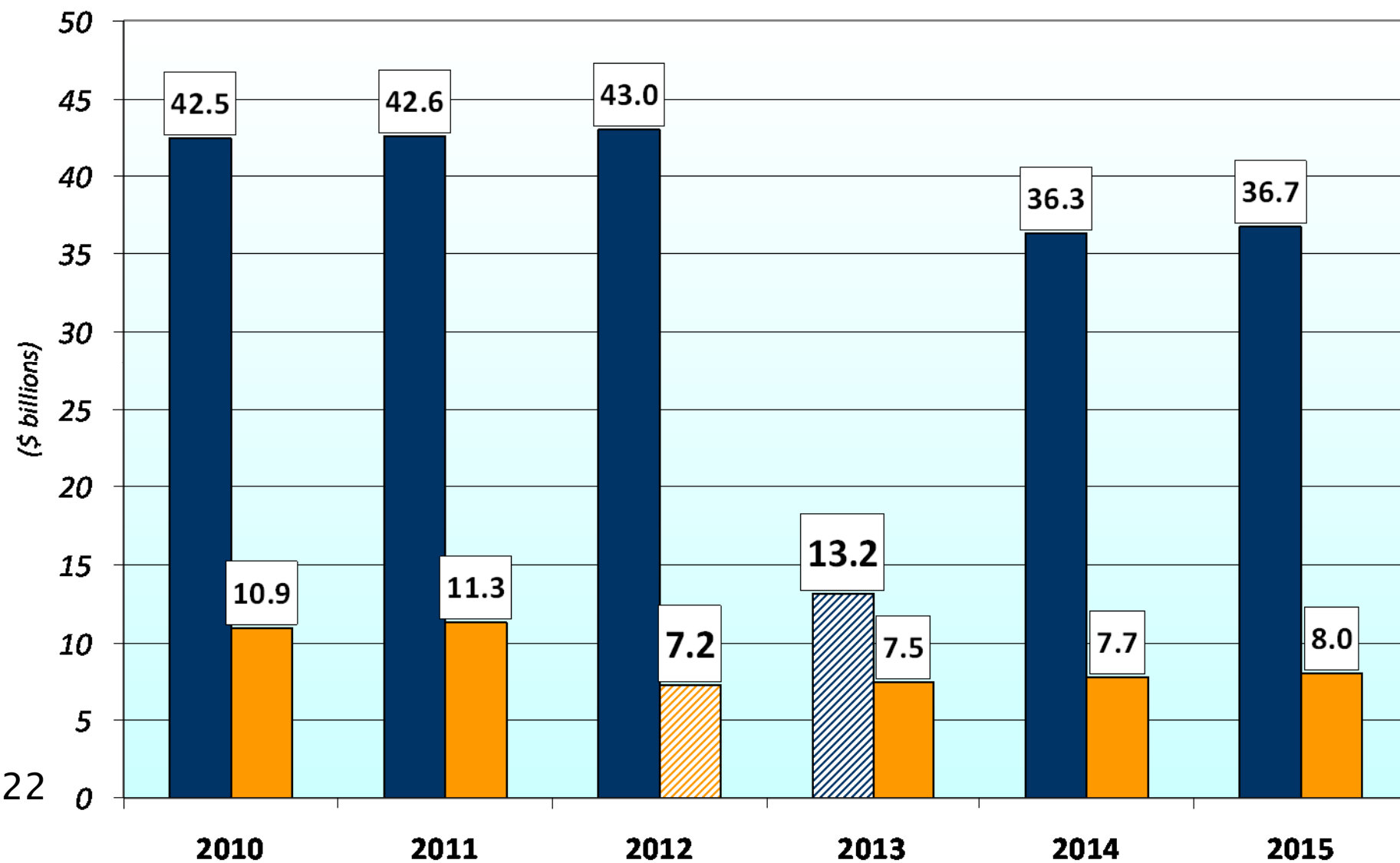
A Few Options

- ✓ Kick the Can Down the Road
 - Short-Term Extension with Hope for Action Next Year
 - Longer-Term Extension
- ✓ Six-Year Bill with \$50 Billion “Down Payment” (President Obama’s Labor Day Plan)
- ✓ Live-Within-Your-Means Program
- ✓ Six-Year Bill Funded with a Tax Increase

Estimation of Reduced Program Spending Beyond 2011

■ Highways

■ Transit



The Reform Agenda

- Clearly Defined Federal Focus and Role – What are they?
- Performance – Data-driven, out-come oriented
- Preservation vs. Capacity
- Federal, State and Local Roles
- Discretionary vs. Formula Programs
- Urban vs. Rural
- Highways vs. Multimodal

AASHTO & Reauthorization

First, a Well-Funded, Multi-Year Bill, NOW!

- ✓ Move to more *performance accountability*
- ✓ Have a clearly defined *federal role*
- ✓ *Meet growing needs*—operations, and new capacity—on the systems of federal importance
- ✓ Understand the *long-term state role*
- ✓ Recognize a potential *enhanced local role*
- ✓ Limit discretionary pots and earmarking—*apportion the majority of funds*
- ✓ User fee base and *viable highway trust fund*

Additional AASHTO Activities

- Every Day Counts
- National Climate Change Symposium
- State Smart Transportation Initiative
- Multi-State Transit Technical Assistance Program
- Center for Environmental Excellence
- Census Transportation Planning Program
- AASHTO Rail Resource Center



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