

Table 2
Congressional Designations¹ and Earmarks² within
Selected U.S. DOT Highway Research Activities

	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>
FHWA ³		
% designated	26	58
% earmarked	21	42
ITS ⁴		
% designated	0	5
% earmarked	0	6
University Research ⁵		
% earmarked	69	100

¹ Congressional “designations” specify topic areas on which authorized funds must be spent.

² Congressional “earmarks” specify particular universities and other research organizations that must receive the authorized funds. Additional earmarks may have been added by the Congress through the annual appropriation process.

³ Federal Highway Administration’s Surface Transportation Research, Development, and Deployment Program

⁴ Intelligent Transportation Systems Program; excludes deployment.

⁵ University Transportation Centers Program—not exclusively highway research. Note that some of the earmarked universities in FY 2006 had originally competed for the program and are scheduled to compete again in the future.