

# Appalachian Regional Development Workshop

## Tuscaloosa, Alabama

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**U.S. Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration**



# USDOT Mission:

*To serve the United States by ensuring a fast, safe, efficient, accessible and convenient transportation system that meets our vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today and into the future.*



# Emergency Relief Program

- Repair or damage to Federal aid roads due to natural disasters or catastrophic failures
- \$100M annually
- Federal share – 80 to 100%
- Example – Alabama tornadoes 2011
- For additional info: [www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov)

# 2012 Discretionary Grant Programs

- 12 Transportation Grant Programs
- About \$205 million available in FY 2012
- Projects improving safety, maintaining a state of good repair, and making communities more livable.
- Visit [www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/discretionary) for more information.
- Submit applications **electronically** to local FHWA Division Office by January 6, 2012





# Transportation, Community & System Preservation (TCSP)

- Grants to plan, implement, and research
  - improve the efficiency of the transportation system
  - reduce environmental impacts of transportation
  - ensure efficient access to jobs, services, trade centers,
  - examine development patterns
  - encourage private sector development patterns to achieve these goals
- Grants to state, local and tribal governments and metro planning organizations

# TCSP

## Project Selection Criteria:

- **Livability** – *Address livability from a highway perspective such as operational improvements and traffic calming*
- **State of Good Repair** – *Improve system condition*
- **Safety** – *Improve the safety of transportation facilities*
- **Project completion** - *Can be expeditiously completed*
- **State priorities** - *Applicants other than the State should coordinate with the State DOT to ensure prioritization*
- **Leveraging of funding** - *Commitment of other funding*
- **Amount of TCSP funding** - *Modest size requests*
- **National Distribution** – *Geographic, urban and rural*



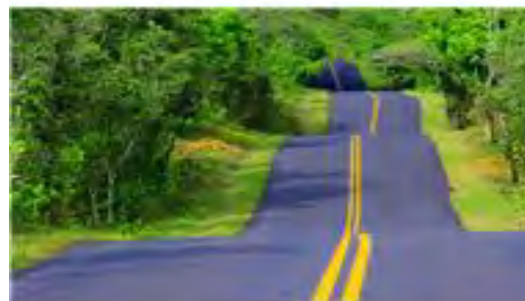
# TCSP

- Federal share is 80 percent
- \$29M available in FY 2012
- FHWA Point of Contact
  - Wesley Blount
  - Office of Human Environment
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  - [wesley.blount@dot.gov](mailto:wesley.blount@dot.gov)
- Submit applications to FHWA  
Division Office in respective State



# National Scenic Byways Program

- Grants to States and tribes to implement projects on highways designated as National Scenic Byways; All-American Roads; America's Byways®; State scenic byways; or Indian tribe scenic byways
- Supports projects that manage and protect these intrinsic qualities: scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational, and archaeological
- Interpret qualities for visitors, and improve visitor facilities along byways
- Grants to plan, design, and develop a State or Indian tribe scenic byway program





# National Scenic Byways Program

Project Selection Criteria:

- **Livability**
- **State, Tribal and Byway Priorities**
- **Project Benefits:** Benefits the traveler by managing the byways intrinsic qualities, shape the byway's story, interpret the story, or improve visitor facilities along the byway
- **Critical Needs:** Priority consideration to meeting critical needs on National Scenic Byways and All-American Roads
- **Ready to Go:** Can begin soon after selection
- **Leverage Other Funding:** Private or other public funding

Additional information at:

<http://www.bywaysonline.org>

# National Scenic Byways Program

- \$20.6M available in FY2012
- Federal share is 80 percent
- FHWA Point of Contact

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- Submit applications to FHWA Division Office in respective state capital.

# Transportation Enhancement Program

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Pedestrian and bicycle safety and education activities
- Acquisition of scenic or historic easements and sites
- Scenic or historic highway programs including tourist and welcome centers
- Landscaping and scenic beautification
- Historic Preservation





# Transportation Enhancement Projects

- Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities
- Conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails
- Control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archaeological planning and research
- Environmental mitigation (highway runoff pollution, reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality, maintain habitat connectivity)
- Establishment of transportation museums

# Transportation Enhancement Projects

- For example, in Alabama.....
- About \$17M/year
- Applications – typically in September
- Average size - \$250,000
- Check with ALDOT for program details



# Recreational Trails Projects

- For example, in Alabama.....
- About \$1.5M/year
- Applications – timeline varies
- Average size – Typically under \$50,000
- Check with Alabama Dept of Economic & Community Affairs for program details





## Safe Routes to School Projects

- For example, in Alabama...
- About \$2.8M/year
- Applications – January – March 31, 2012
- Average size – \$75,000-100,000
- \$150,000 starts to be less competitive
- Check with ALDOT for program details

# Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

- Discretionary grants for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region:
  - Highway or bridge projects
  - Public transportation projects
  - Passenger and freight rail projects
  - Port Infrastructure

The logo for TIGER GRANTS features the word "TIGER" in a large, bold, black font with orange and black diagonal stripes. Below it, the word "GRANTS" is written in a smaller, bold, black font.

**TIGER**  
**GRANTS**



# Tiger Grants



- 2009 – TIGER I - \$1.5B
- 2010 – TIGER II - \$600M
- 2011 – TIGER III - \$528M
  - At least \$140 million - projects in rural areas
  - Federal share generally 80%
  - Announce winners in December
- Eligible Applicants
  - State and local governments
  - Transit agencies
  - Tribal Governments
  - Collaborations of above

# Successful Tiger Grants



Winning Tiger I and II projects in the ARC Region:

- Appalachian Regional Short Line Rail project WV, KY, TN
- National Gateway Freight Rail Corridor PA, WV, OH, MD
- Crescent Corridor Intermodal Freight Rail Project TN, AL
- West Virginia Route 10 widening and reconstruction
- Ranson–Charles Town Corridor Revitalization (Planning)
- Randolph County Housing & Transportation Plan (Planning)



# Questions....



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