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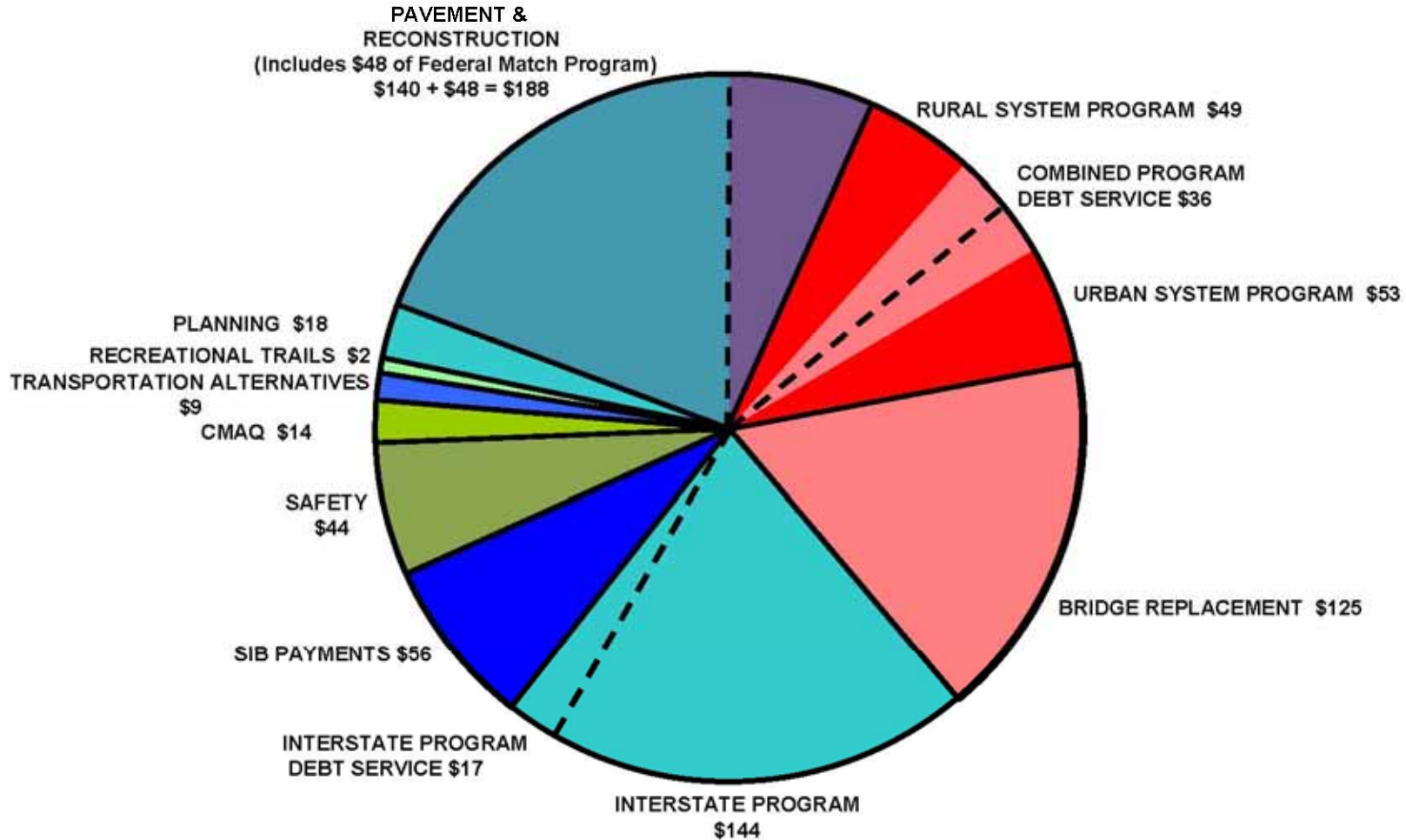
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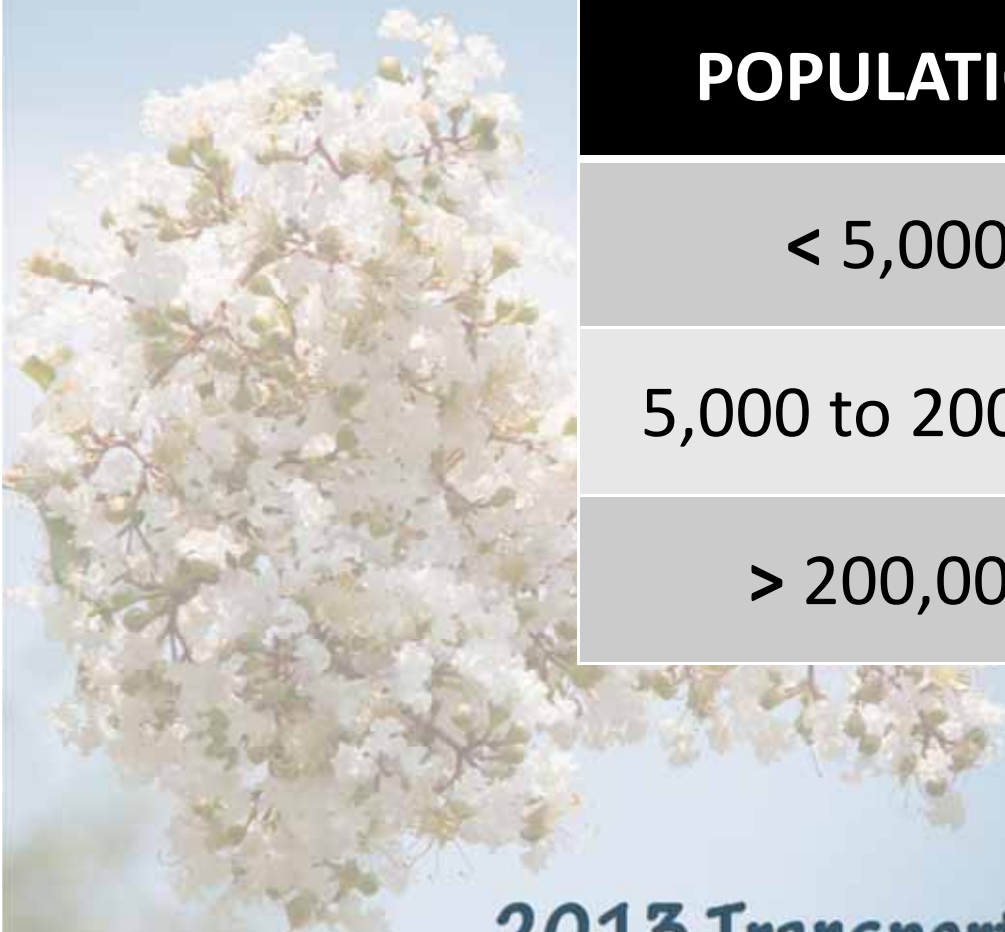
Proposed 2013 Funding Plan
$755 Million Federal Funding Including Match
(Dollars Rounded to Nearest Million)
($608 Million Federal/$147 Million State/Local Match)

PAVEMENT &
RECONSTRUCTION
(Includes $48 of Federal Match Program)
$140 + $48 = $188

RURAL SYSTEM PROGRAM $49

COMBINED PROGRAM
DEBT SERVICE $36

URBAN SYSTEM PROGRAM $53

PLANNING $18
RECREATIONAL TRAILS $2
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES
$9
CMAQ $14

SAFETY
$44

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT $125

SIB PAYMENTS $56

INTERSTATE PROGRAM
DEBT SERVICE $17

INTERSTATE PROGRAM
$144

MAP–21 Federal Allocation Funding Distribution by Population

POPULATION	ALLOCATION
< 5,000	$ 2.50 M
5,000 to 200,000	$ 1.77 M
> 200,000	$ 2.89 M

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TMA Distribution

Area	% of TMA Population	Federal Allocation
Augusta	5.55%	$160,704
Charleston	29.39%	$ 851,471
Columbia	29.46%	$ 853,603
Grand Strand (Myrtle Beach)	10.45%	$ 302,803
Greenville	21.46%	$ 621,818
Rock Hill	3.70%	$ 107,067
TMA Total	100.00%	$ 2,897,466

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SCDOT Commission Action

- Funds are to be used exclusively for pedestrian facilities, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian streetscape projects

- The funding cap for the Non-TMA Program was established at $400,000 per project

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Changes Impacting SC

- SC elected to transfer 50% of TAP funds to STP
- State DOTs and MPOs as entities are no longer eligible entities for TAP funds and not eligible project sponsors
- Competitive Process
- Local Public Agency (LPA) Process

Developing a Competitive Process

- Reviewed other state's processes
- Reviewed "Synthesis of Practices for Prioritizing Enhancement Projects & Non-Motorized Projects" (NCHRP 08-36, Task 106)
- Developed 10 project evaluation criteria with a ranking scale of 0-5 points per each one

Project Evaluation Criteria

- Technical merit
- Level of support
- Addresses non-motorized safety
- Project readiness
- Provides connectivity
- Completes Planned corridors
- Leverage/amount of financial match
- Evidence of a long-term plan
- Total population served
- Number and scale of previously awarded projects

2013 Application Status

- Applications are received throughout the year
- Received 20 applications
- Approved funding for 7 projects ($2,747,770)

Lessons Learned

- Work closely with FHWA on all program aspects
- Work closely with the Commission subcommittee for TAP
- Communicate with other states for ideas
- Publish guidance on website in concise form
- Communicate with MPOs and COGs
- Limit the number of eligible activities
- Project quality has improved with no specific submittal timeframe