

FAST Act discretionary grants

Current and future opportunities for local governments



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Free money?

- ▶ The FAST Act (and annual appropriations) authorize a number of discretionary grant programs
- ▶ State and local governments may see opportunities for additional funds
- ▶ Challenges await
 - Application costs and effort
 - Non-federal match
 - Delivery and compliance effort



Notable grants for local government

- ▶ FASTLANE
- ▶ TIGER
- ▶ Bus & bus facilities
- ▶ Transit Oriented Development Planning



FASTLANE (freight discretionary program)

Agency	US Department of Transportation
Cycle	Annual through 2020
Annual funding / share	\$800 million - \$1 billion Grant can cover up to 60% of project
Broad purpose	Grants to support nationally significant freight and highway projects
Other provisions	Set-asides or eligibility for rural projects, small projects, rail projects and maritime projects

**212 applications
for \$9.8 billion**



FASTLANE success!



- ▶ Wisconsin
 - Awarded \$40 million
 - Accelerates I-39/90 expansion by two years near Janesville
 - State to provide non-federal share
- ▶ Grant is pending 60-day Congressional review
- ▶ Application for Zoo Interchange was not successful



FASTLANE awards

<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
State	11	\$511,527,410
Port authority	4	\$107,672,590
City	2	\$50,000,000
Federal	1	\$90,000,000
TOTAL	18	\$759,200,000



TIGER

Agency	US Department of Transportation
Cycle	Annual subject to appropriations
Annual funding / share	\$500 million in 2016 Grant can cover up to 80% of urban project or 100% of rural project
Broad purpose	Grants to generate economic development and access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation in communities
Other provisions	Current program iteration does not provide for planning-only projects

**585 applications
for \$9.3 billion**



WisDOT grant application

- ▶ Freight rail improvement, Spring Green – Madison
 - 36 mile rehabilitation
 - 40 crossing reconstructions (31 auto, 9 ped/bike)
 - 22 industry siding reconstructions
- ▶ Total project cost - \$26 million
 - \$12.6 million TIGER grant request
 - Remainder matched by state, RTC and Wisconsin & Southern
- ▶ Sponsors – WisDOT, Iowa County, WRRRTC

Not awarded



TIGER awards

<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Total funds</i>
City	14	\$155,615,044
County	8	\$104,183,190
Transit	6	\$89,645,688
Port	6	\$61,811,078
State	5	\$58,625,000
Tribe	1	\$14,620,000
TOTAL	40	\$484,500,000



Bus & bus facility grants

Agency	Federal Transit Administration
Cycle	Annual through 2020
Annual funding / share	\$211 million (2016) / Up to 80% federal share
Broad purpose	Grants to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities
Other provisions	Additional \$55 million competitive grant program for low and zero emission vehicles



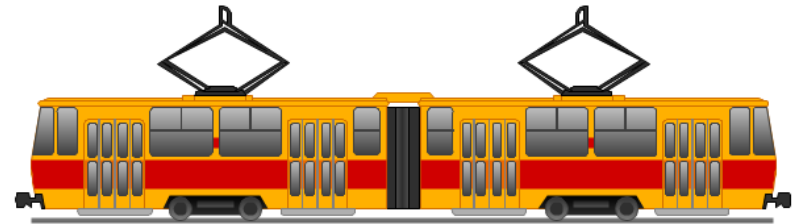
Wisconsin combined application

- ▶ 12 transit agencies
- ▶ \$12.2 million of projects
- ▶ Transit vehicles
- ▶ Shared-ride taxi vehicles
- ▶ Terminal and station facilities



Transit Oriented Development Planning Pilot

Agency	Federal Transit Administration
Cycle	Annual through 2020
Annual funding / share	\$20.5 million Grant can cover up to 50% of project
Broad purpose	Integrate land use and transportation planning with a New Starts, Core Capacity or fixed-guideway Small Starts project
Other provisions	Requires participation in Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program



Other discretionary grant programs

- ▶ Advanced Congestion Management
- ▶ Positive Train Control
- ▶ Railroad Safety Infrastructure
- ▶ Safe Transportation of Energy Products by Rail
- ▶ Surface Transportation System Alternatives



Keys to grant success

- ▶ Endorsement and support from public and private sector
- ▶ Collaboration on project scope and funding shares
- ▶ Multi-faceted goals / multimodal options
- ▶ Demonstrable outcomes
- ▶ Sufficient resources for application and delivery



How WisDOT may be able to help

- ▶ Partnership / collaboration on grant applications
- ▶ Endorsement of stand-alone grants
- ▶ Assistance to seek endorsement of Congressional members and other agencies



Questions

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