

FAST Act signed

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, first transportation law in 10 years.

**President Obama signed December 4,
2015**



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FAST Headlines

- Five years
- \$305 billion (HTF and US Treasury General Fund)
- New emphasis area and programs
 - Freight
 - Innovation
- Expands innovative finance options
- Continues streamlining of project delivery



FAST Headlines

- Competitive program for bus replacement and facilities
- Changes Surface Transportation Program
- Funds to study Interstate Defense Highways needs
- States must prepare a freight plan
- Competitive program for freight
- Extends funding for rail programs



Overall Funding

- \$305 billion
 - 225.2 billion – highways*
 - 48.7 billion – transit*
 - 10.5 billion – freight
 - 7.0 billion – highway and motor carrier safety

*Includes funding for metropolitan planning



New programs

- Nationally Significant Highway and Freight Projects
- National Highway Freight Program
- Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative
- Competitive grant program for bus and bus facilities
- New Bureau -- integrate US DOT innovative finance programs



New requirements -- MPOs

- Planning Process additions
- Transit representation on MPO
- Optional congestion related plan for population areas $> 200,000$



New programs

- Nationally Significant Highway and Freight Projects
 - Funding
 - \$1.15 billion (2016) increasing to \$1.5 billion (2020)
 - National competition - \$ direct to project sponsors
 - WAMPO is eligible to
 - Project cost minimum - \$25 million (for most projects)
 - Project types
 - Projects on the National Highway System
 - Rail grade crossing
 - Grade separations
 - All phases of project delivery



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 - Federal share < 60% of project costs
 - Congress may take action to disapprove a project

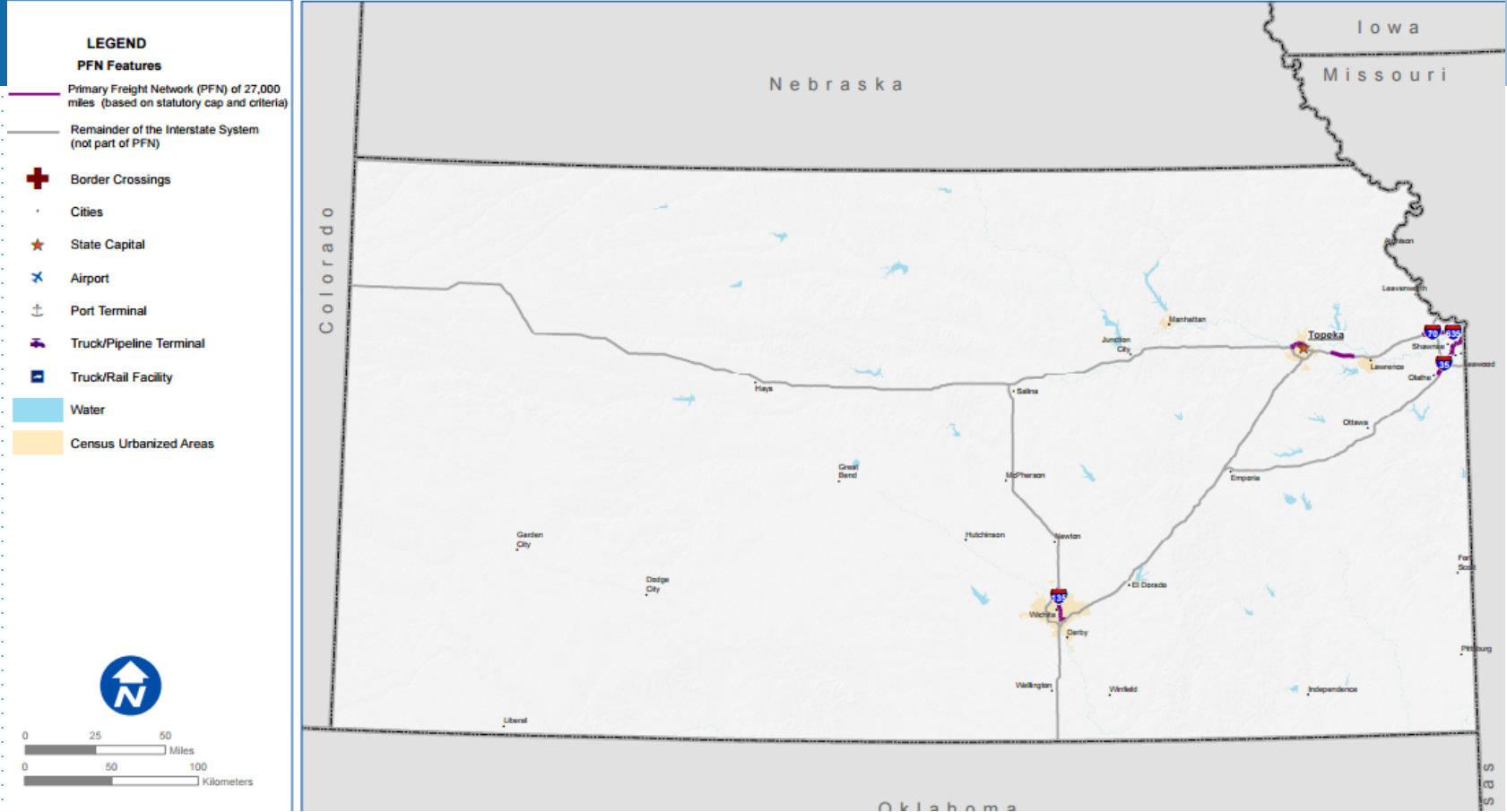


New programs

- National Highway Freight Program
 - System is 41,000+ miles
 - Funds distributed by formula to state transportation agencies
 - State transportation agencies must prepare a freight plan
 - All aspects of project development eligible for funding



Final Highway Primary Freight Network: Kansas



New programs - MPOs

- Planning process to consider:
 - Resiliency and reliability (New Factor)
 - Reduce or mitigate impacts of surface transportation on storm water systems (New Factor)
 - Travel and Tourism
 - Freight shippers
 - Intercity bus service integration at intermodal facilities



New programs - MPOs

- Transit Representation
 - Determined by by-laws and enabling statutes.



Transit

- National competitive program for bus replacement and facilities
- Changes match for New Starts program



WAMPO Funding

- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
 - Transportation Alternatives funds - Fixed dollar amount rather than 2% of total
 - Metropolitan Planning – partially population based, consistent with KDOT spending in the region
 - Freight Program*
 - CMAQ*
 - Railway Highway Grade Crossing*

*Awaiting information from KDOT



WAMPO Potential Actions

- TPB address the transit representation matter
- Update UPWP and budget
- Collaborate with KDOT to discuss funding changes
- Conduct informational briefings
- Conduct briefing with KDOT changes in project delivery



Questions?

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