

SAFETEA-LU ENVIRONMENT



Environmental Stewardship

- ✦ Commitment by transportation agencies to make environmental protection an integral part of the process
- ✦ A number of programs have been continued from TEA-21 which focus on the environment such as
 - ◆ CMAQ
 - ◆ Recreational Trails
 - ◆ Scenic Byways

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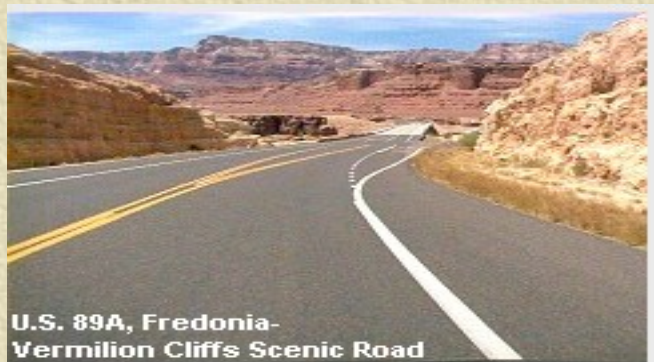


✦ SAFETEA-LU adds new programs focused on the environment

- ◆ Safe Routes to School
- ◆ Highways for Life
- ◆ National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation
- ◆ Non-motorized Transportation Pilot

National Scenic Byways

- ✦ Recognizes roads with scenic, historic, cultural, natural, recreational and archaeological qualities.
- ✦ Provides for designation of roads as National Scenic Byways, All-American Roads or America's Byways.
- ✦ Funds provided as grants to States



U.S. 89A, Fredonia-
Vermilion Cliffs Scenic Road



National Scenic Byways

✦ Funds can be used for:

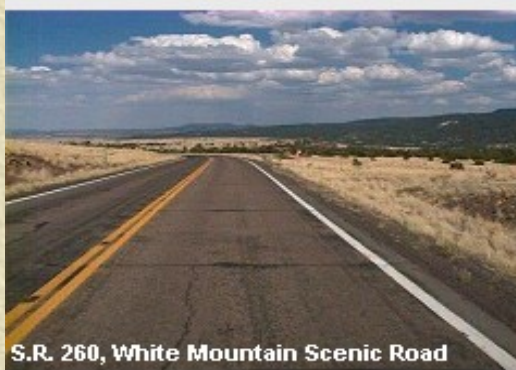
- ✦ Planning, design or development
- ✦ Development and implementation of corridor management plan
- ✦ Certain safety improvements
- ✦ Development and implementation of a marketing program
- ✦ Improvements enhancing access
- ✦ Protection of scenic, historical, recreational, cultural, natural, and archaeological resources adjacent to a scenic byway
- ✦ Development and implementation of tourist information

National Scenic Byways

✦ America's Byways Resource Center

✦ Changes in SAFETEA-LU:

- ◆ Passing lanes are no longer eligible
- ◆ Allows tribal entities to nominate a road

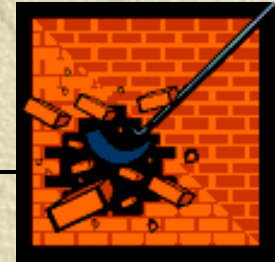


National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation

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- ✦ Provides rehabilitation, repair or preservation of covered bridges eligible or listed on National Register of Historic Places
 - ✦ Funded by grants to States



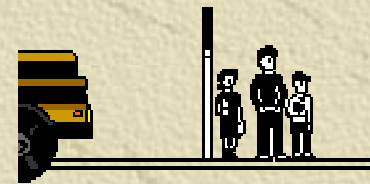
Use of Debris From Demolished Bridges and Overpasses



- ✦ New program requiring that States first make debris from demolition available for beneficial use by a Federal, State or local government
- ✦ Recipient of debris must:
 - Bear additional cost to have the debris available
 - Ensure placement of debris complies with laws
 - Assume future legal responsibility for placement of debris
- ✦ Beneficial use means shore erosion control or stabilization, ecosystem restoration, and marine habitat creation

Additional Authorization of Contract Authority for States with Indian Reservations

- ✦ Continues a program under TEA-21
- ✦ Provides funding to states with reservations with a land area of greater than 10,000,000 acres
- ✦ Funding is split equally among qualifying states
- ✦ Counties in eligible states may apply for funding if they meet the following criteria:
 - ◆ County has a public road which provides access to a reservation as described above
 - ◆ Public road is used to transport children to or from school
 - ◆ County maintains the public road



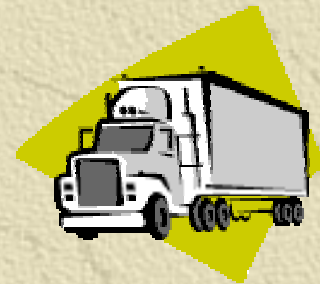
CMAQ ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- ✦ Provides funds for projects which reduce transportation related emissions
- ✦ Funds activities to improve traffic flow and air quality including:
 - ◆ Establishment and operations of traffic monitoring, management and control
 - ◆ Improved signalization
 - ◆ HOV lanes
 - ◆ Intersection improvements
 - ◆ Intelligent Transportation Systems strategies
 - ◆ Transportation Systems management and operations



CMAQ ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- ◆ Advanced truck stop electrification systems
- ◆ Purchase of interoperable emergency communications equipment
- ◆ Diesel retrofits
- ◆ Outreach activities to assist diesel equipment and vehicle owners and operators on purchase and installation of diesel retrofits



Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study

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- ✦ USDOT will conduct a study of methods to reduce collisions
 - ✦ Report is due to Congress in 2 years
 - ✦ A manual of best practices is due 1 year later
 - ✦ USDOT will develop a training course



Transportation Enhancements

- ✦ Funding is a set-aside from the state's Surface Transportation Program
- ✦ FY 2005 the set-aside is 10%
- ✦ For FY 2006 to 2009 the set-aside is either 10% of the Surface Transportation Program funds for that year or 10% of the funds from FY 2005 which ever is greater
- ✦ Additional eligible projects include
 - ◆ Acquisition of historic battlefields
 - ◆ Clarification that inventory for outdoor advertising is eligible

Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program

- ✦ Grant program to investigate the relationships between transportation and community and system preservation and private sector-based initiatives.
- ✦ Eligible projects include
 - ◆ Improvements in efficiency of system
 - ◆ Reduction of impacts on environment
 - ◆ Reduction of costly future investments
 - ◆ Efficient access to jobs, services, and trade centers
 - ◆ Identify strategies to encourage private sector development

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