

Freight Provisions in Reauthorization Proposals

	Issue	AASHTO Position	USDOT Proposal	SAFETEA S. 1072	TEA LU H.R. 3550
	Freight Transportation				
	Freight Planning Capacity Building	Create program at \$7 million annually	No separate provision. Freight transportation is priority in general planning capacity building program.	No separate provision. Freight transportation is priority in general planning capacity program.	Sec. 5206 Create program at \$1.5 m. FY04 and \$5 million FY05-05. Provides grants to supports enhancements in freight transportation planning..
	Research	Create Freight Transportation Cooperative Research Program at \$8 million annually	No separate provision. Freight transportation is priority in general research program.	No separate provision. Freight transportation is priority in general research program.	Sec. 5208 Create program at \$1.5m. FY04, \$4 m. FY05-09. Funds research through National Academy of Sciences

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	Borders	<p>Separate from Corridors Program</p> <p>Provide adequate funding for Borders from General Fund.</p>	<p>Separate from Corridors Program</p> <p>\$76.5m FY04, \$84m FY05-09.</p> <p>For “the Construction of state (land)border infrastructure projects in designated states.</p>	<p>Sec. 1810</p> <p>Border Planning, Operations and Technology Program.</p> <p>Separate from Corridors Program.</p> <p>\$112.5m FY04, \$135m FY05, \$157.5m FY06, \$180m FY07, \$202.5m FY08, \$225 m FY09.</p> <p>Funds planning , operations, and improvements.</p> <p>Formula distribution to states based on commercial and passenger cross-border traffic.</p>	<p>Sec. 1301</p> <p>Separate from Corridors Program.</p> <p>\$105 m. FY04, \$200 m. FY05-08, \$225 m. FY09.</p> <p>Formula distribution to states based on commercial and passenger cross-border traffic.</p> <p>Funds border states for construction, planning, operations.</p>

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	Corridors	<p>Separate from Borders program and focus funding on freight movement.</p>	<p>Multistate Corridor Planning Program. \$76.5m FY04, \$84m FY05-09.</p> <p>Provides funds for planning but not investment.</p> <p>Strong emphasis on encouraging multi-state and multimodal planning.</p>	<p>Sec. 1809 Multistate Corridor Program. \$112.5m.FY04, \$135m FY05, \$157.5m FY06, \$180m FY07, \$202.5m FY08, \$225m FY09.</p> <p>Discretionary awards Funds State DOTs and MPOs for planning and construction. Emphasis on multi-state cooperation and freight movement.</p>	<p>Sec. 1301 National Corridor Infrastructure improvement Program. \$1.1 b. FY04-06, 1. \$1.2b. FY07, \$1.3b. FY08, \$1.3b. FY09.</p> <p>Discretionary awards. Preference to designated corridors. Selection factors emphasize freight movement.</p>
	National Freight Industry Advisory Group	Create advisory group for U.S. DOT	None	None	None

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	Innovative Financing	Perfect TIFIA, expand SIBs, establish new financing tools.	Expand TIFIA eligibility to public and private freight rail projects. Lower TIFIA project threshold to \$50m.	Sec. 1303 Expand TIFIA eligibility to public and private freight rail projects and intermodal freight transfer facilities. Lower TIFIA project threshold to \$50m. Allows all states to establish State Infrastructure Banks. Makes other improvements in TIFIA.	Sec. 1601 Lowers project threshold to \$50,000. Makes other improvements in TIFIA. Amends State Infrastructure Bank law.
	Intermodal Connectors	Increase investment through core programs and innovative financing	2% setaside from NHS for intermodal connectors. Waived if connectors certified in good condition	2% setaside from NHS for Intermodal connectors. Waived if connectors certified in good condition	Sec. 1303 Authorizes \$115m FY04, \$250 m. FY05-09. Formual distribution based on miles of connectors and commercial vehicle fuel tgax receipts.
	CMAQ eligibility	Clarify eligibility of freight projects	None	None	None

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	Highway-Rail grade crossings	Maintain Section 130 program and increase funding	Eliminates Section 130 program. Makes crossing safety improvements eligible under highway safety program	Eliminates Section 130 program. Creates setaside of \$200m annually for crossing safety improvements.	Maintains Section 130. Provides “at least” \$200 million annually for the elimination of hazards and the installation of protective devices.”
	Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program	Correct obstacles to consummating loan agreements	None.	None	None.

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	Freight Transportation Gateways	None	Instructs Secretary to establish Gateways Program to improve freight transportation. Directs states to designate freight coordinator. Directs states to include freight needs in project development process. Directs states to designate “Freight Coordinator”. Encourages use of innovative financing. Makes publicly-owned intermodal facilities eligible for STP. Creates set-aside for intermodal connectors (see above)	Sec. 1203 Instructs Secretary to establish Gateways Program to improve freight transportation. Directs states to include freight needs in project development process. Directs states to designate “Freight Coordinator”. Encourages use of innovative financing. Makes publicly-owned intermodal facilities eligible for STP. Creates set-aside for intermodal connectors (see above)	None

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	Dedicated truck lanes	None	None	None	<p>Pilot program to separate truck and passenger traffic. \$80m. FY05, \$165m. FY05-08, \$170m. FY09.</p> <p>Discretionary Priority given to new capacity</p>
	Projects of Regional and National Significance	None	None	None	<p>Sec. 1304 \$600m FY04, \$1.1b FY05-06, \$1.2b FY07, \$1.3 b FY08, \$1.3b FY09.</p> <p>Discretionary. Funds large (\$500m or 75% of most recent year apportionment), complex projects (eligible for federal assistance under Title 23) with impact beyond local area, both passenger and freight.</p> <p>Funded through full funding agreements.</p>

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	Truck Parking	None	None	None	<p>Pilot program to increase long-term truck parking on NHS.</p> <p>States, MPOs, local governments eligible.</p> <p>Funds construction of rest areas, other parking spaces adjacent to commercial truck stops and at weigh stations, ITS to inform concerning availability.</p>
	Public-Private Partnerships Pilot Program	None	None	None	<p>Technical assistance program focused on partnerships (at least 10) to do critical projects, including freight intermodal connectors.</p>