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Trends in Federal Transportation Policy



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Presentation Outline

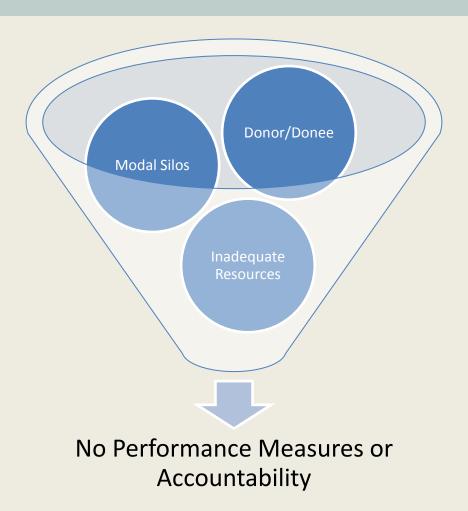
- How well does the existing policy work?
 - The need for reform
- What is on the table as far as next steps?
 - Current state of play
- What is likely to happen?
 - Congress is very predictable
- What can be done about it?
 - Transitioning to a performance based system

How well does the existing policy work?

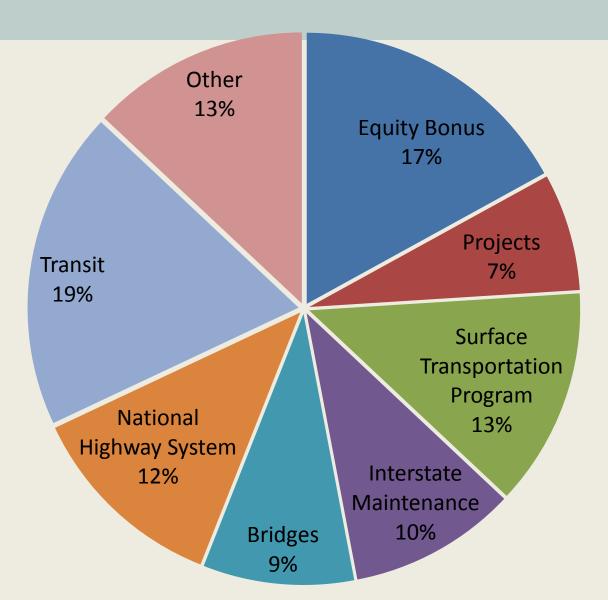
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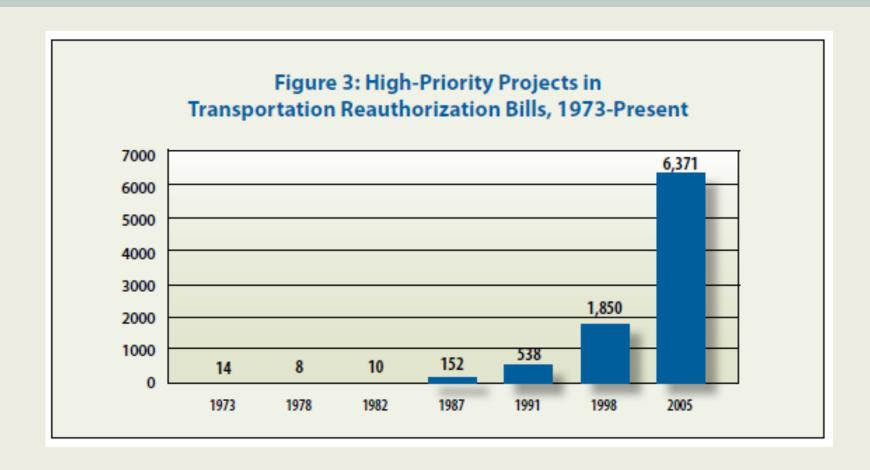
Current System



Spending Under Current Program

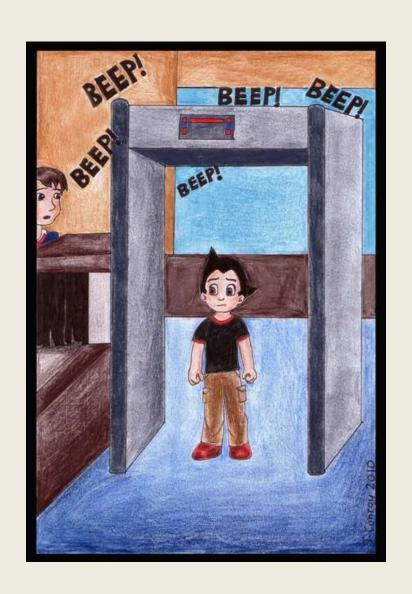


Growth in "Pork"



What is on the table as far as next steps?

Expectations have Diminished



Reasons for Inaction

Funding

Policy

Diminishing Revenues

No Tax Increases

Need National Goals

Need Performance Measures

No Agreement on Federal Role

Proposals on the Table

House

- HR 7 rejected
- 18-month bill rejected
- New bill with mass transit forthcoming
- Huge challenge to pass anything

Administration

- Instrumental in formulation of EPW bill
- No official proposal other than budget

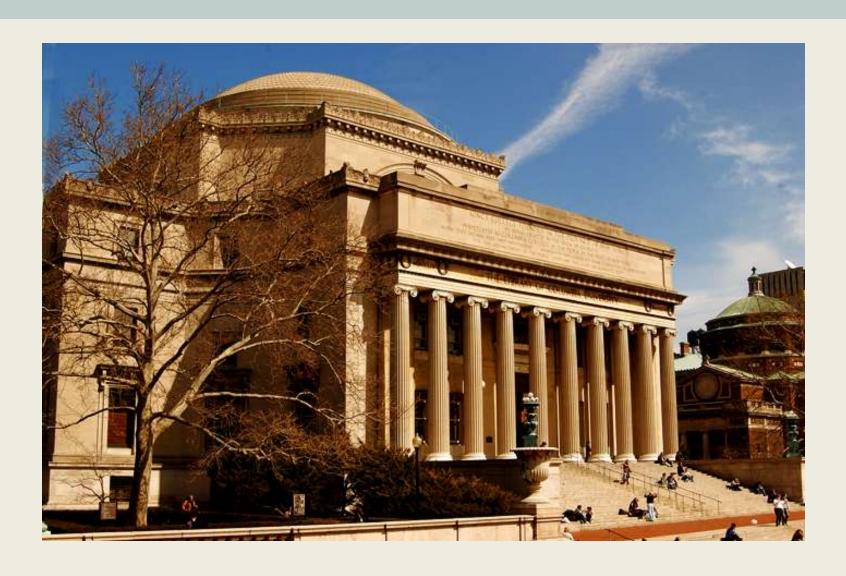
Approach to Federal Policy Changes

Senate

- Bill gets us to September 2013
- Trust fund will run out of money
- Evidence of bipartisanship

What is likely to happen?

Columbia and the ADA



Federal Program Cannot Survive if Only About Money

- House is in an impossible position
- Senate bill only gets us to next year
- Program runs the risk of dying a slow death
- Optimism for greater bipartisanship next year

What can be done about it?

Max and the Packers



Think Clean Slate

- Worry less about the money and more about the policy change
- Refuse to engage in traditional fights (transit versus highways, metro versus rural, donor versus donee)
- Engage in the fight over national goals and performance measures

Proposed National Performance Measures

Economic Growth

Energy & Environmental Protection

Safety

Metropolitan Accessibility

- Access to jobs and labor
- Access to non-work activities

Petroleum consumption

Fatalities and injuries per capita

National Connectivity

- Network utility
- Corridor congestion

• CO₂ emissions

Fatalities and injuries per Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

Immediate Asks

- Articulation of national goals as part of any new authorization bill
- Develop a plan to tie funding to performance over time
- At a minimum begin with research, data, and pilot programs

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