



Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 / 10:30 AM

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**Action Item*

1. Call to Order	Jeff Franklin
2. Introductions	Jeff Franklin
3. Changes to the Agenda	Jeff Franklin
4. Approval of the December 10th, 2024 Meeting Minutes*	Jeff Franklin
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee Stay online after the MTPA meeting for the Education Committee meeting.	Jason Latham
7. FHWA / FTA Update	Christina Nicholaides
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Luke Walters
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
Load rating bridge inspection requirements, possible solutions and funding	Beckie Curtis
TPM Update	John Lanum
2020 NFC Review Update	David Fairchild
13. Other New Business	Jeff Franklin
Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21st (virtual)	Jeff Franklin
14. Adjournment	Jeff Franklin

Updates from FHWA to MTPA January 21, 2025

Grants - Key NOFO List

Application Deadlines Approaching for U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [January 30 – Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity \(RAISE\) Grant Program.](#)
- [February 24 – Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary Grant Program.](#)

Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriations Approved Through March 14, 2025

On December 21, 2024, the President signed a [continuing resolution](#) to approve Federal funding programs for fiscal year (FY) 2025 through March 14, 2025.

U.S. DOT Announces \$130 Million in Awards for SMART Grants Program

On December 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) more than \$130 million in awards from the [Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\) Grants Program](#). The U.S. DOT awarded \$54 million in Stage 1 Planning and Prototyping grants to 34 projects in 21 States, and \$85 million in Stage 2 Implementation grants to 8 projects in 10 States. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$125 Million in Awards for Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

On December 20, 2024, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [announced](#) \$125 million in awards from the [Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program](#). FHWA awarded grants to 16 projects in 16 States to improve safety for motorists and wildlife by reducing vehicle collisions with wildlife while also improving habitat connectivity and supporting the survival of threatened or endangered species. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$24 Million in Awards for Prioritization Process Pilot Program

On December 2, 2024, FHWA announced more than \$24 million in awards from the [Prioritization Process Pilot Program \(PPPP\)](#). FHWA awarded grants to 16 projects in 14 States for developing and implementing publicly accessible, transparent, data-driven prioritization processes for long-range transportation plans and near-term improvement programs. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$1.7 Million in Awards for Roadside Pollinator Program

On December 5, 2024, FHWA announced more than \$1.7 million in awards from the [Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway Rights-of-Way Program](#). FHWA awarded grants to 12 projects in 10 States and the District of Columbia for carrying out activities that benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$3 million in Awards for Highway Use Tax Evasion Program

On December 6, 2024, FHWA announced more than \$3 million in awards from the [Highway Use Tax Evasion \(HUTE\) Program](#). FHWA awarded grants to 7 projects in 6 States for identifying and combating the evasion of fuel taxes at the Federal and State level. More information is available [here](#).

EPA Initiates Two-Year Grace Period for MOVES5 Model

On December 11, 2024 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice in the Federal Register [[89 FR 99862](#)] to announce the availability of the latest major release of the MOtor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) model, MOVES5, for official purposes outside of California. EPA's announcement of the MOVES5 emissions model for state implementation plans and transportation conformity determinations in states other than California starts a two-year transportation conformity grace period that ends on December 11, 2026. After this date, MOVES5 will need to be used as the latest EPA emissions model for new transportation conformity analyses outside of California in both regional emissions analyses and in hot-spot analysis. More information is available [here](#).

New Resources and Publications from the U.S. DOT

The U.S. DOT recently published the following resources:

- [Action Plans for Implementing the U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization](#).
- [Connected, Automated, and Electric: Modeling Traffic and Traveler Choice Considering the Three Mega-Trends](#).
- [Every Day Counts Call for Ideas by February 4, 2025](#).
- [Exploring Risk Factors to Disparities in Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries](#).
- [Exploring the Effects of Vehicle Automation and Cooperative Messaging on Mixed Fleet Eco-Drive Interactions](#).
- [Final Rule for Transportation for Individuals With Disabilities; Adoption of Accessibility Standards for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way](#).
- [Future Effective Capacity: Assessing Traffic Flow Impacts for Variable Levels of Automation and Market Acceptance](#).
- [Making Good on the Potential of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Thought Leadership Series Final Report](#).
- [Request for Information on US DOT's Transportation Community Explorer \(TC Explorer\) Tool and Index Methodology](#).
- [Section 139 Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decisionmaking and One Federal Decision Interim Final Guidance](#).
- [Updated Implementation Guidance Under Section 11206 of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options \(November 22, 2024\)](#).

New Research from the National Cooperative Highway Research Program

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) recently published the following research:

- [Design Options to Reduce Conflicts Between Turning Motor Vehicles and Bicycles](#).
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