



# Transportation Friday

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The Draft Statewide Freight Plan is now available (*See MPO Updates*). The US DOT has announced reprogramming of funding for several old projects (*See Legislative Updates*). There are webinars coming up on how to complete applications for TIGER Grants, Recreational Trails Grants, Fastlane Grants (*See Funding Opportunities*), and there is lots of interesting *Transportation Research* going on. Don't forget to sign up for the Crepe Myrtle Trail Ride (*See in the News*).

Have a great weekend!

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## Mobile MPO Updates

### FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

States and MPO's have been asked to review all roads classified as principal arterials that existed on October 1, 2012, and identifying any necessary functional classification changes to rural and urban principal arterials. For your jurisdiction please [review your Principle Arterials](#) and if there should any changes. If you have any questions, please call staff.

Functional Classification Manual,

[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway\\_functional\\_classifications/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway_functional_classifications/)

NHS Maps and Procedures,

[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national\\_highway\\_system/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/national_highway_system/)

NHS Questions and Answers,

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/qandas/qanhs.cfm>

At some point in the near future staff will be prepared to have a conversation with each local government in the Mobile Urbanized Area about the Functional Classification of their roads. Please stay tuned...

### The 2016 Alabama Statewide Freight plan is now available in DRAFT.

The Purpose of the Freight Plan is to:

- Assess existing and projected freight conditions to identify needs and significant project to meet those needs
- Align Alabama's freight policy with federal and related guidance
- Provide guidance to MPO's for freight planning.

Previous Efforts

- 2010 Alabama Statewide Freight Study and Action Plan
- 2013 Alabama Rail Plan and Rail Directory

## 2016 Alabama Statewide Freight Plan



## Projects Within Region Let March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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### **Mobile County**

for constructing the Intersection Improvements (Grade, Drain, Base, Pave, Additional Lanes, and Utilities Relocation) on CR-70 (Tanner Williams Road) at CR-523 (Eliza Jordan Road) west of Mobile. Length 0.367 mi.

for constructing the Widening, Resurfacing, Guardrail Replacement, and Traffic Stripe on CR-33 (Dawes Road) from the junction of CR-32 (Three Notch Road) to the pavement joint 350 feet south of the intersection of Scott Dairy Loop Road South in Dawes. Length 1.864 mi.

### **Baldwin County**

No projects scheduled to be let at this time.

### **Escambia County**

for constructing the Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on SR-3 (US-31) from the pavement joint just south of the Escambia County Line (MP 81.196) to the junction of SR-12 (US-84) near Evergreen. Length 11.673 mi.

[What's Under Construction?](#)

## Legislative Updates

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### **USDOT Announces Reprogramming of \$2B in Earmarks**

USDOT announced this week that \$2 billion in old, unspent earmarks can be used by states for new projects. USDOT released guidance about how this reprogramming will occur, along with a list of frequently asked questions and lists of earmarks that are eligible for reprogramming. This move was spurred by a provision in last year's omnibus appropriation bill. The guidance and lists of projects are available [HERE](#). There are projects in our region included in these lists.

You are encouraged to look at the lists of projects for your state to ensure an active project is not included for reprogramming, and let USDOT know if there are projects that should be eligible for reprogramming that are not listed. If a local government in your region previously received an earmark that is scheduled for reprogramming, they should work directly with your State DOT to ensure they have a say as to what project the funds are committed.

### **FAA Reauthorization Update**

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) released an [extension](#) for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs today. This extension pushes the March 31 reauthorization expiration date to July 15, giving lawmakers more time to produce a final bill.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has announced their [Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act of 2016](#). The bill only funds programs through the end of FY2017 and does not include the controversial privatization of the air traffic control system provision that the House bill introduced. This short authorization is intended to give lawmakers time to address the air traffic control issue, airport passenger facility charges, and other pressing issues. The Senate bill includes a multitude of consumer protections from airlines, such as automatic fee refunds for lost luggage, better communication for flight cancellations, and seat choice fees. It also furthers drone regulations and calls for a study to inform legislation on drone privacy. The committee will mark up the bill on March 16.

## Funding Opportunities

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### **U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$500 Million in Eighth Round of TIGER Funding (Due April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016)**

WASHINGTON –Today, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of the highly successful Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program.

"The TIGER program funds vital transportation projects that provide real benefits to communities all across the country. Every year, we see hundreds of compelling applications that have the potential to improve people's access to economic opportunities, make people safer, and improve their well-being." said Secretary Foxx. "I am proud that for seven rounds, TIGER has been able to make a valuable contribution to improving our nation's transportation infrastructure, and I look forward to this year's competition."

Like the first seven rounds, FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

The 2016 TIGER grant program will continue to make transformative surface transportation investments by providing improvements over existing conditions. The grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development

and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, does not provide dedicated funding for the planning, preparation, or design of capital projects; however, these activities may be funded as part of an overall construction project. Continue [HERE](#)

### **How to Compete for TIGER Grants – Rural and Tribal**

March 22, 1:30 – 3:30 PM ET

On February 23, 2016, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx announced the availability of \$500 million for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program. TIGER applications are due April 29, 2016. This is an explanatory [webinar](#) on how to apply for TIGER funding and is intended for all applicants.

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### **Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Application Workshop**

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is sponsoring a RTP application workshop on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016**, at the Center for Commerce, 401 Adams Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama in the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 12 noon. Participants can access the Center for Commerce parking deck from the South Decatur Street entrance by entering the code 3308#. Everyone interested in competing for RTP grant assistance during this funding cycle is encouraged to attend.

**Registration is required.** To register, please call Kim Martin at (334) 353-3151 or email her at [kim.martin@adeca.alabama.gov](mailto:kim.martin@adeca.alabama.gov) by Friday, March 11, 2016. Please provide the name(s) of the workshop attendees and the organization they will be representing. The maximum capacity for the meeting location is 100. Should registration exceed 100, a second workshop will be scheduled.

The workshop will be accessible to all persons. If you have a disability that requires special services, materials, or assistance, please notify Ms. Martin when you preregister. We look forward to working with you during the next funding cycle.

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### **USDOT Opens Applications for \$800 Million in New “FASTLANE” Freight Grants Program**

The U.S. Department of Transportation [began soliciting applications for \\$800 million in freight project grants for fiscal 2016](#) that were authorized in the FAST Act, setting in motion the process for state departments of transportation and other agencies to tap this new funding program.

"Our nation needs a strong multimodal freight system to both compete in the global economy and meet the needs of consumers and industry," Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx said in announcing the grant applications Feb. 26. "We now have an opportunity to fund high-impact projects that address key challenges affecting the movement of people and freight."

Deputy Transportation Secretary Victor Mendez had told state agency CEOs at the AASHTO Washington Briefing on Feb. 24 to soon expect [that formal notice of funding opportunity](#), which would activate the initial round of what will be five years of freight-related competitive grants.

The department also issued a three-page [set of fact sheets](#) that sum up how the program works.

While state project planners knew the grant pool would be available under the new surface transportation law, they could not actively seek the funds until the notice was issued that opened applications and spelled out the details.

That notice also comes days after the department opened applications for [this year's separate TIGER infrastructure grants program](#), which provides a \$500 million grant pool in 2016 and can help fund a wider array of projects.

The FAST Act called the new program "Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects." The department is calling them FASTLANE grants, an acronym that stands for "Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies."

It is the first program in the USDOT's 50-year history that establishes broad, multiyear eligibilities for freight infrastructure projects including intermodal.

The USDOT announcement said FASTLANE applications will be due by 8 p.m. eastern time on April 14, and more information will be included in a series of webinars on the <https://www.transportation.gov/fastlanegrants/webinar-series>

Those eligible to seek the grants include state DOTs, metropolitan planning organizations, port authorities, tribal governments and other agencies. Eligible project categories, the notice said, include various freight-related types of work plus projects that add capacity and mobility to the interstate highway system in a national scenic area.

Of the \$800 million in available 2016 funding, 25 percent or \$190 million is reserved for rural projects and 10 percent or \$76 million for smaller ones. Over the five years of the FAST Act, the program will provide \$4.5 billion in project grants.

The USDOT said the FASTLANE grants will fund large projects equal to the lesser of \$100 million or a certain specified statutory percentage of the project state's fiscal 2015 apportionment that are eligible for a minimum award of \$25 million. Smaller projects below the minimum large-project size are eligible for awards of at least \$5 million.

### **2016 FASTLANE Grant Program Webinars**

[How to Compete for FASTLANE Grants](#) – March 17, 1:00 – 3:00 PM ET

The FAST Act established the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program to provide Federal financial assistance to projects of national or regional significance. The FASTLANE program (see earlier article for more details) is authorized at \$4.5 billion for fiscal years 2016 to 2020, including \$800 million for fiscal year 2016. FASTLANE applications for

2016 funding are due April 14, 2016. This is an explanatory webinar on how to apply for FASTLANE funding and is intended for all applicants.

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### **2015 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Program**

Approx. Grant Amount: \$155,000

The DERA program provides public and/or private on-road and off-road diesel fleet owners and operators funding to help reduce diesel emissions within the State of Alabama. Reducing diesel emissions, such as carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and particulate matter will help improve air quality and human health in Alabama. We would like to partner with fleet owners/managers to retrofit 2006 or older on-road diesel engines and 2009 or older off-road engines with diesel emissions control devices and/or anti-idling systems.

Diesel Emissions Exhaust Control Devices and Anti-Idling Systems Used in Previous Projects:

- Diesel Oxidation Catalysts (DOC)
- Closed Crankcase Ventilation (CCV)
- ZTR Smartstart II (Locomotive Anti-idling System)
- Tri-Pac (Long Haul Truck Anti-idling System)
- Arctic Breeze (Long Haul Truck Anti-idling System)

All devices and systems must be EPA and/or CARB-certified.

Entities awarded funding under this program must secure vendors and contractors through a competitive bidding process required by the U.S. EPA and the State of Alabama.

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### **EDA releases FY 2016 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Funding Opportunity, announces new grant process to stream application process**

EDA recently released the Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) notice announcing the availability of funding through the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs. The Public Works program is designed to provide funding for design, construction, or renovation of critical public infrastructure needed to create or retain jobs in a locality. The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides resources for both design, construction and renovation as well as technical assistance to support long-term job creation/retention in cases of sudden and severe economic events.

This funding solicitation also announced that EDA is moving towards a two-step application process where applicants can submit a proposal at any time to determine alignment with EDA priorities before submitting a full application. This means there are **no longer any quarterly deadlines for the Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact EDA's state representative to develop their project and EDA application. To learn more about EDA's grant programs and opportunities, please feel free to contact Diane Burnett at [dburnett@sarpc.org](mailto:dburnett@sarpc.org).

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### **Industrial Access Road and Bridge**

Industrial access funds are intended to provide adequate public access to new or expanding distribution, manufacturing and industrial firms. The industry must be committed to new investment and the creation of new jobs. The new access must be on public right of way for public use (state, city or county) and the project sponsor (city or county) must maintain the completed facility unless the facility consists of turn lanes, crossovers, etc., that are located on state highways. Industrial access funds are limited to construction, construction engineering and inspection costs. The project sponsor is responsible for all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation costs.

Prior to the date the qualifying (new or expanding) project is "placed in service," the sponsoring entity or its local development agency must notify the Alabama Department of Commerce of its intent to claim the incentives under Section 41-9-202.1, Code of Alabama 1975. Effective October 9, 2008, the Industrial Access Road and Bridge Corporation application submittal should include the notification acknowledgment letter from the Secretary of Commerce. For more info, see [HERE](#)

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## **Just For Fun**

WHEN ELON MUSK proposed his wild idea for the Hyperloop almost four years ago, he billed it as an unbelievably cool way to get from San Francisco to Los Angeles in 30 minutes. But the first place to adopt the futuristic tech might in fact be ... Slovakia. <http://www.wired.com/2016/03/slovakia-great-first-stop-hyperloop-no-joke/>

## In the News

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### Mobile United and other local groups to host the third Crepe Myrtle Trail Bike Ride along Mobile Bay

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#### When and Where?

- WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2016; 8:00 a.m. registration; 8:30 a.m. ride
- WHERE: Starts at Arlington Park, 1814 15<sup>th</sup> Street South, Mobile

MOBILE, Ala. -- The Crepe Myrtle Trail Bike Ride, presented by Mobile United, is planned for 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2016, beginning in Arlington Park near downtown Mobile. This event offers an historic opportunity to ride the Mobile Bay-side of the Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley.

This ride is special because it is the only time during the year that people on bikes have access to the proposed Crepe Myrtle Trail. Thanks to the Mobile Airport Authority, the USA Foundation and Mobile Area Water & Sewer Service, for access to the Brookley by the Bay and Airport property, and other portions of the trail are granted for the event.

Fun and educational talks about the Crepe Myrtle Trail and other important environmental topics will be featured during this fun event. While the ride is free and open to the public, **registration is required**. To register before the event online, visit [www.crepemyrtleride.com](http://www.crepemyrtleride.com) through March 31, 2016. Registration will also be available starting at 8:00 am on the morning of the ride.

The 185+ participants who took part in the 12-mile group ride last year said it was a unique experience that offered beautiful views of Mobile Bay. The ride is expected to run from 8:30 to 11 a.m. \*No training wheels will be allowed.\* Children should be experienced riders and be able enough to ride the full 12 miles in potentially warm weather. Helmets are strongly encouraged for adults and required on riders under 16.

Mobile United's Natural Resource Committee organized the inaugural ride in 2014 in an effort to draw awareness to the proposed Crepe Myrtle Trail Bike and Pedestrian Path. The Crepe Myrtle Trail is an integral part of the Mobile Greenway Initiative, a multi-use waterfront trail stretching from the University of South Alabama and Langan Park along Three Mile Creek to Dog River and eventually, Dauphin Island.

This ride is made possible by Mobile United, Delta Bike Project, Alabama Coastal Foundation, Keep Mobile Beautiful, Mobile Airport Authority, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Mobile Baykeeper, Partners for Environmental Progress (PEP), Dog River Clearwater Revival, Mobile County Health Department, Bicyclemobile.org, Downtown Mobile Alliance, USA Foundation, Mobile County Sheriff's Office, National Park Service, Mobile Area Water & Sewer System (MAWSS), The Peninsula of Mobile, Brookley By the Bay, the City of Mobile, Wrico Signs and other partners.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the ride at Arlington Park. For more information, call Casi Callaway, Chair of Mobile United's Natural Resources Committee at 433-4229 or Katherine Pitman, Mobile United Executive Director, 432-1638.

#### Bike Ride info:

COST: Free, with required registration [www.crepemyrtleride.com](http://www.crepemyrtleride.com)

LENGTH: 12 miles

SPEED: Beginner friendly pace, 8-12 mph

WHEN: Saturday, April 2, 2016; 8:00 a.m. registration; 8:30 a.m. ride

WHERE: Starts at Arlington Park, 1814 15<sup>th</sup> Street South, Mobile

DIRECTIONS: From I-10, south on Broad Street for 0.8 miles, then left into Arlington Park

Notes: No training wheels allowed. T-shirts are \$20 before the event and \$25 on April 2.

# CREPE MYRTLE TRAIL

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**BRING YOUR HELMET!**

**Steve Perry Memorial Ride**



REGISTER AT:

**[crepemyrtyleride.com](http://crepemyrtyleride.com)**



### FHWA Guidance Allows State DOTs to Tap \$1.15B in 2016 Formula-Based Freight Funds

The Federal Highway Administration issued formal implementing guidance Feb. 29 that allows state departments of transportation to begin drawing on \$1.15 billion for this year that was [apportioned to them for freight-related projects](#) under the new FAST Act.

That funding stream is the first infusion of money for the new National Highway Freight Program. The five-year highway authorization law also provides \$1.1 billion for this program in fiscal 2017 that begins Oct. 1; then it will grow in the final three years of the FAST Act to \$1.2 billion, \$1.35 billion and \$1.5 billion.

The NHFP funding is also a much larger amount of freight-directed money than the U.S. Department of Transportation will award

this year under its [separate \\$800 million competitive grant program](#) for freight projects. It opened the process Feb. 26 for would-be applicants to seek those grant funds.

Another benefit to state DOTs of their larger NHFP freight funding stream is that the money is apportioned to them under the same formula as their regular highway program allocations from the Highway Trust Fund. State agencies can plug this funding into their construction plans for the coming year as long as the projects it supports meet NHFP eligibility requirements.

While they knew that money was coming ever since President Obama signed the FAST Act into law Dec. 4, states still needed the formal FHWA guidance to be able to tap it and know its program details. Along with the implantation guidance, the agency posted a series of [questions and answers about the program](#).

"Most of the increased highway program funding in the FAST Act was directed into the National Highway Freight Program and the competitive freight grants," said AASHTO Executive Director Bud Wright. "With both of those accounts now activated, state agencies will soon be using those funds to make important infrastructure improvements that will strengthen the economy and make highways safer."

The FHWA said that after subtracting a set-aside amount as required in the FAST Act for a Metropolitan Planning Program, it estimates states will receive more than \$1.14 billion this year.

The guidance document spells out which types of road miles qualify for freight project spending, and what types of projects are eligible. "Eligible projects shall contribute to the efficient movement of freight on the NHFN, and be identified in a freight investment plan," the notice said.

Some examples of how state DOTs can spend the NHFP funds are for road projects that separate passenger vehicles from commercial trucks, or for the flyover bridges that eliminate rail crossings by lifting road traffic over train tracks. Others could be truck-only highway lanes, truck parking facilities, electronic screening and border security technologies.

The project list includes more traditional road and bridge capacity projects as well, if they address highway freight bottlenecks and improve truck movement.

States can also use up to 10 percent of the NHFP funds to improve cargo flow in and out of freight intermodal, marine port or freight rail facilities.

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### **Bicycling and Walking in the United States Benchmarking Report**

The Alliance for Biking and Walking released their [2016 benchmarking report](#) that examines biking and walking across the U.S. The report takes an in-depth look at biking and walking statistics from the fifty most populous cities, eighteen additional cities, and each state. Topping [the large city list](#) are Boston and Washington, D.C., each with 16.7 percent of commuters biking or walking to work. The report also considers how to make the case for investing in biking and walking and provides demographic information about who is using these modes.

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## **Transportation Research**

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### **Health in Transportation Corridor Planning Framework**

A new [FHWA framework](#) is designed to help transportation agencies incorporate health into corridor planning studies. The guide includes step-by-step instructions and examples from state DOTs, MPOs, and local transportation agencies. FHWA is hosting a [webinar](#) on March 22 to describe the framework in more detail.

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### **Building Healthy Places Toolkit**

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) released [Building Healthy Places Toolkit: Strategies for Enhancing Health in the Built Environment](#) to provide guidance on creating healthy, vibrant communities. The toolkit builds on previous ULI efforts, including the [Building Healthy Places Initiative](#) and [Healthy Corridors Project](#).

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### **USDOT Launches National Transit Map Initiative**

USDOT has launched a new [initiative](#) asking transit agencies to voluntarily allow them to collect data from their websites to create a [National Transit Map](#). This map will display important information such as stops, routes, and schedules for all



participating transit agencies and will be used to identify gaps in access to public transportation. The first version of the National Transit Map will be released this summer.

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[See the Future of Transportation](#)