



# Partners Outdoors 2013

## Integrating Recreation and Transportation Programs Within MAP-21 and Beyond

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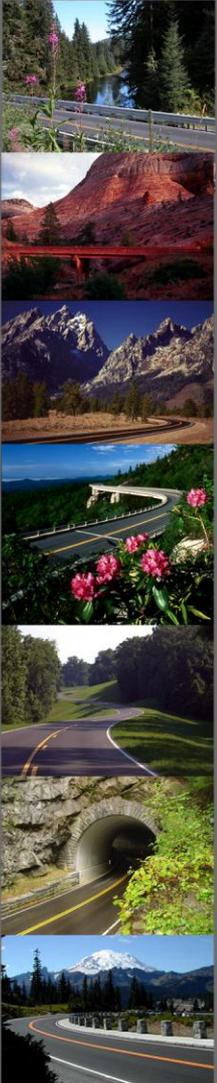


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# Overview

- Pre-MAP-21 Context – Telling our story
- Key MAP-21 Programs
- Preparing for the next bill



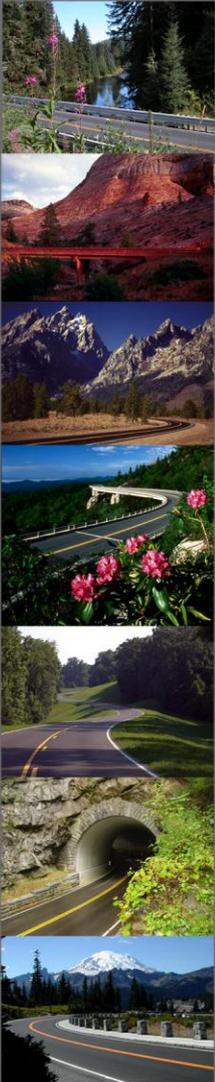
# Telling the Transportation Story

- Pre MAP-21
  - Funding shortfalls
  - What is the **Federal responsibility?**
  - Are programs **“nationally significant?”**
- Restructured Federal-aid programs for the States.
- Defended the Federal Lands program largely around RECREATION.



# Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21)

- SAFETEA-LU expired on 9/30/2009
- 10 extensions through 9/30/2012
- MAP-21
  - 27-month transportation bill
  - Expires September 30, 2014



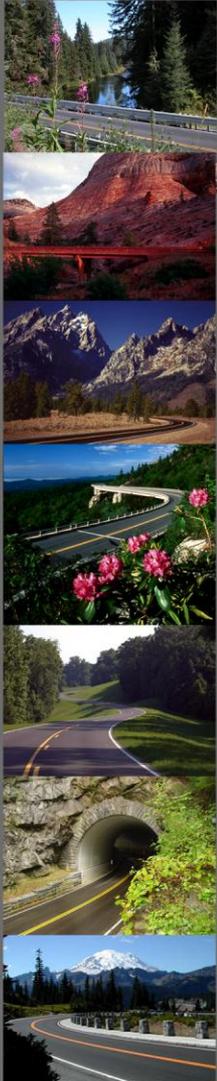
# MAP-21 Themes

- Strengthens America's highway and public transportation systems
- Creates jobs and supports economic growth
- Supports the Department's aggressive safety agenda



# MAP-21 Themes (cont.)

- Simplifies and focuses the Federal program
- Accelerates project delivery and promotes innovation
- Establishes a performance-based Federal program



# Federal Lands & Tribal Transportation Programs



		<u>Annual \$</u>
Federal Lands Transportation	-	\$300 million
Federal Lands Access Program	-	\$250 million
Tribal Transportation Program (new formula for distribution among tribes)	-	\$450 million



# Federal Lands Transportation Program (FLTP-\$300M)

- Improve access **within** the Federal estate
- 5 eligible agencies
- Requires all 5 agencies to designate an eligible inventory of roads, trails, and transit systems



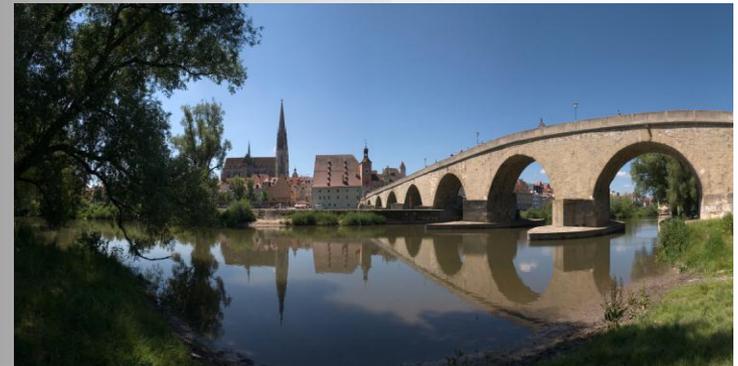
# Federal Lands Transportation Program (cont.)

- NPS & FWS funding \$240M and \$30M, respectively
- Remaining \$30M awarded competitively
- All 5 agencies must submit investment strategies



# Federal Lands Access Program (\$250M)

- Targeted for State/county owned roads accessing Federal lands
- Distributed by formula
- 80% of funds go to 12 Western States with  $\geq 1.5\%$  of total public land
- Requirement for local match (20% or less)



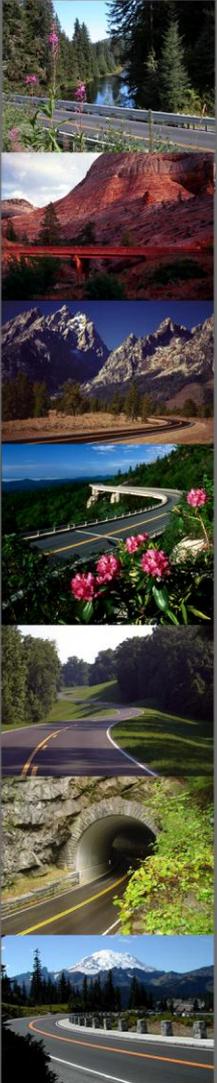
# Tribal Transportation Program (\$450M)

- For projects improving access to and within Tribal lands
- 565 nationally recognized
- Eligibilities similar to the Indian Reservations Roads Program



# Federal-aid Highway Program (\$37.5B)

- Targeted for National Highway System and other major highways and bridges.
- Distributed by formula to the States.
- Requirement for State or local match (usually 20%; less in Federal Lands States).
- Programs consolidated.



# Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

- Funding
  - FY 2013: \$808,760,000
  - FY 2014: \$819,900,000
- Funded set-aside from States' formula programs.
- Projects selected thru competitive processes from eligible entities.
- Includes natural resource and public lands agencies.

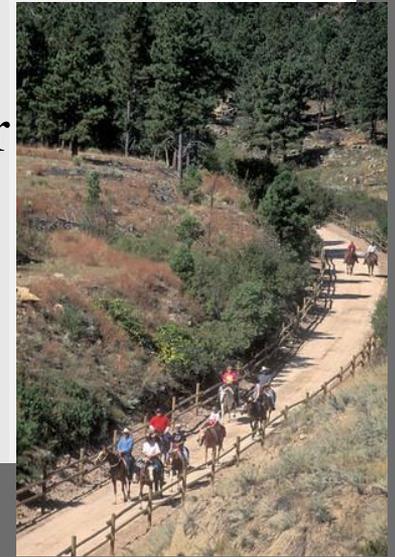


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# Many TAP Eligible Activities –

- Planning, design, and construction of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Convert abandoned railroad corridors for trails.
- Construct turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas.
- Historic transportation facilities.
- Environmental mitigation for stormwater and wildlife.
- TAP projects eligible for STP funds.
- Some TE projects no longer eligible.



# Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Eligibility

- TAP provides a set-aside of funds for the RTP.
  - Funds at FY 2009 levels (up to \$85 million).
  - States may opt out.
- RTP is for all kinds of recreational trails.
- RTP usually administered by a State resource agency.
- **RTP provisions and requirements apply.**
- Recreational trails projects also are eligible under TAP and STP.



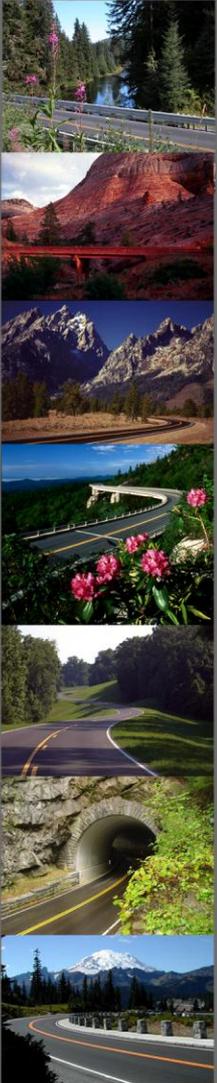
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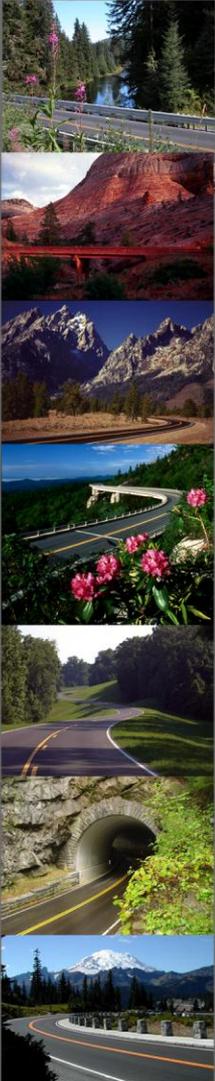
- MAP-21 Implementation
  - Work out the kinks
  - Compile lessons learned
  - Update guidance



# Next Steps: After MAP-21

- Preparing for next surface transportation bill.
- Outreach with partners.





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