



Navigating MAP-21

The Safe Routes to School Edition

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MAP-21 Overview

MAP-21 – Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century

- Signed into law July 6, 2012
- Goes into effect October 1, 2012
- Until then current transportation law/funding in effect
- Lasts for two years
- Overall, provides level funding for states from FY12

Focus for today

- On impact of MAP-21 specific to Safe Routes to School
- See webinar 1 in this series for broader discussion:
www.advocacyadvance.org/MAP21#webinars
- Next webinar September 5 at 2pm





Transportation Alternatives

Consolidates bike/ped programs into new program and changes eligibilities. Includes:

- Recreational Trails
- Safe Routes to School (per current law)
- Transportation Alternatives (rename of Transportation Enhancements)
- Redevelopment of under-used highways to boulevards

All current TE eligibilities, except:

ADDS:

- Turnoffs, overlooks, viewing areas
- Safe routes for non-drivers
- ANY environmental mitigation

REMOVES:

- Tourist/welcome centers
- Museums
- Buying scenic/historic sites
- Streetscaping
- Bike/ped education

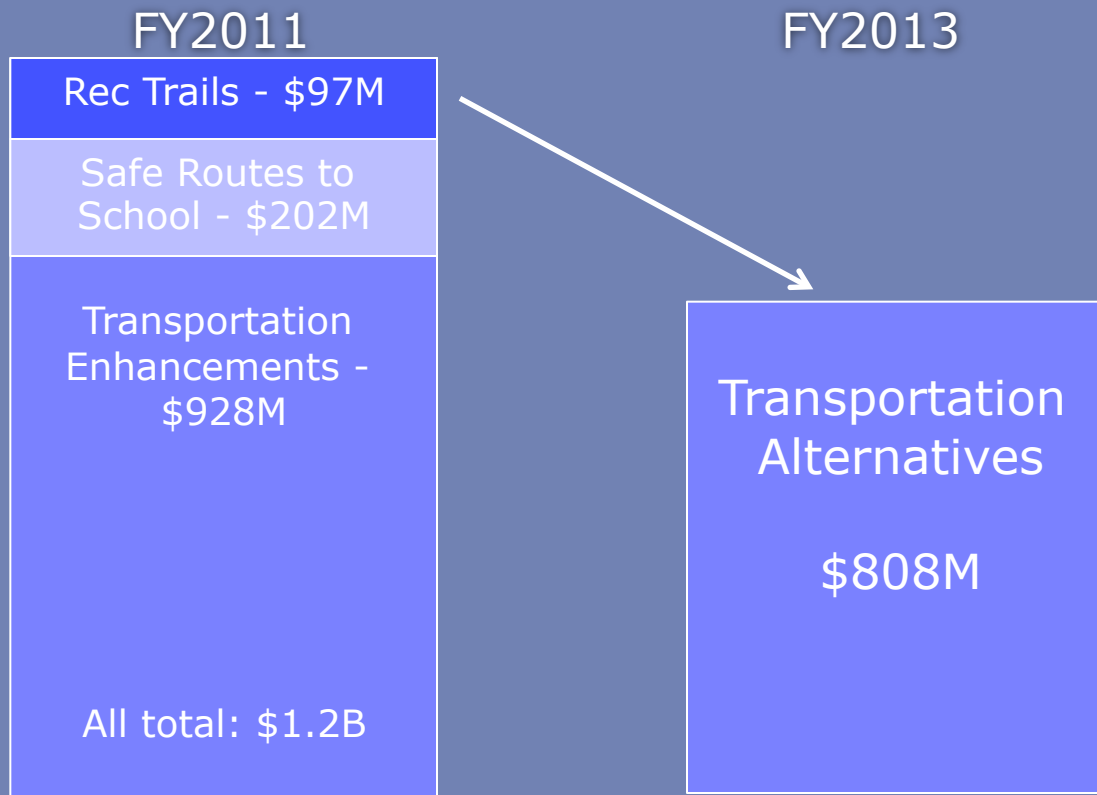




Transportation Alternatives

Funding is significantly reduced

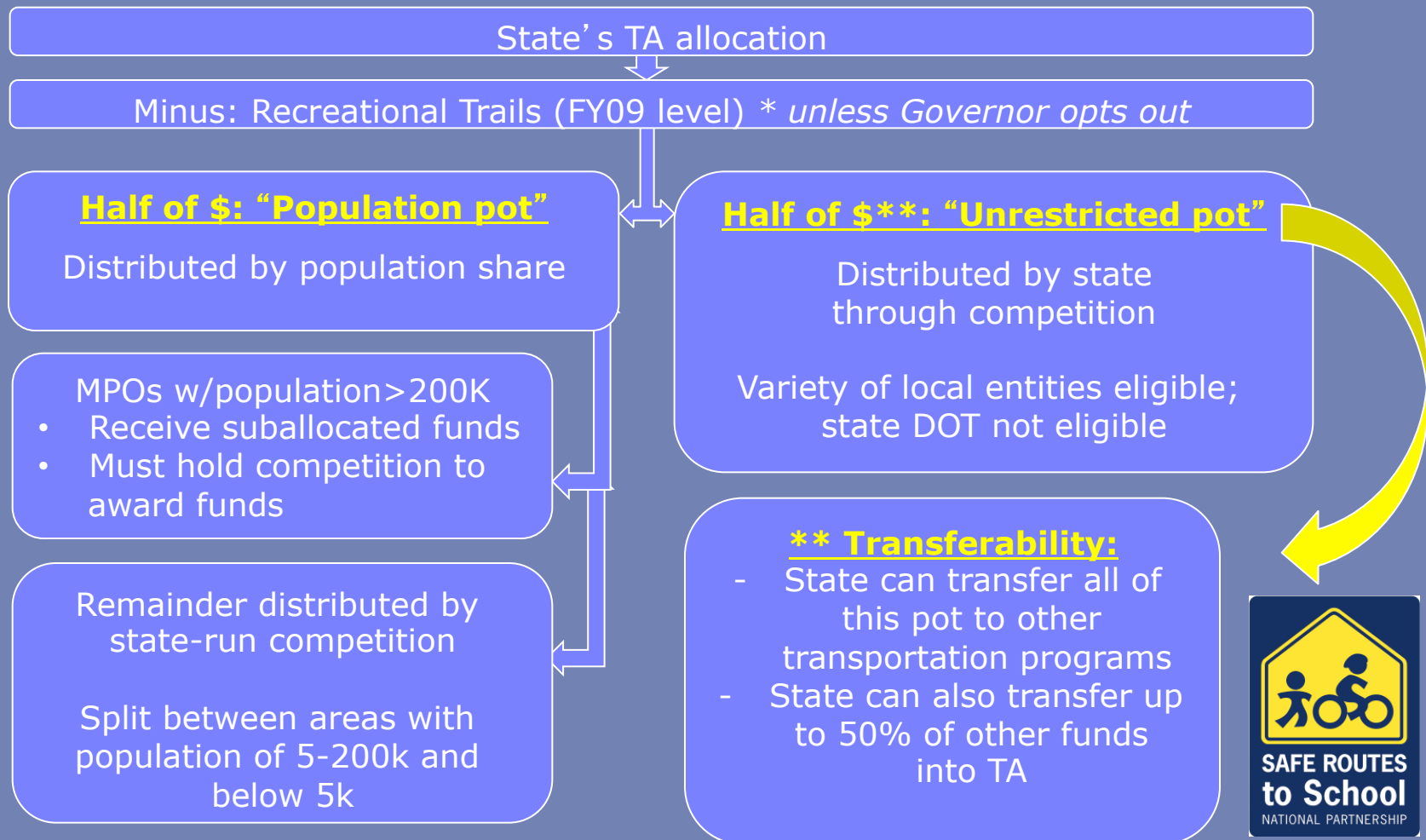
- Nationally approx. 30% cut
- State cuts range from 18% (GA) to 51% (VT)





Transportation Alternatives

Sets up a new funding structure with complicated funding flow.





Safe Routes to School Issues

Safe Routes to School language in MAP-21 references current law (Sec. 1404)

- Lack of clarity when Sec. 1404 conflicts w/MAP-21
- These issues will have to be resolved by USDOT

Federal Share/Local Match

- For rest of TA, it's 80% federal; 20% local dollars
- Safe Routes to School is 100% federally funded
- Our view: states should be able to fund SRTS projects at 100%

Infrastructure/Non-infrastructure

- Current law: states spend 10-30% on non-infrastructure
- NI definitely eligible, unclear how minimums could apply; Congress restricted most other TA uses to construction
- Our view: states should be encouraged to fund NI as comprehensive approach to Safe Routes to School





Safe Routes to School Issues

Safe Routes to School Coordinators

- Required by Sec. 1404, but tied to SRTS funding that is no longer being provided
- Thousands of SRTS projects still in pipeline; requires staffing to get projects built
- Our view: SRTS coordinators should be retained by all states



National Center for Safe Routes to School

- Was required to be funded out of SRTS administrative funds
- No funding set-aside provided in MAP-21
- Our view: National Center should be retained by USDOT

Structure of Program and Application Process

- Can retain their existing SRTS structure/process intact
- Can hold just one TA competition for all uses
- Our view: states have the flexibility to retain SRTS; work with advocates to retain the best elements of the program





Other Funding Opportunities

Safe Routes for Non-Drivers

- As a new eligibility in Transportation Alternatives, now also eligible for Surface Transportation Program funding
- Creates possible opening for your state to fund SRTS projects from the bigger STP pot

Highway Safety Improvement Program

- Still includes as eligible uses bike/ped safety improvements and signs and signals at bike/ped crossings and in school zones
- Now requires inclusion of bike/ped rep on planning and better bike/ped safety data collection



Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

- New eligibility for projects that shift traffic to non-peak hours or reduce demand for roads
- May provide opening for bike/ped/SRTS





Next Steps for the National Partnership

Federal guidance

- USDOT provides recommendations and interpretation of MAP-21 for states
- Will be critical to answering outstanding issues on Safe Routes to School
- Partnering with America Bikes to work with USDOT on our questions and concerns

Coordinator outreach

- Gathering intel from every state's SRTS coordinator
- Helping us understand which states are in good situation or in danger

State by state campaigns

- Working with Advocacy Advance (League of American Bicyclists and Alliance for Bicycling and Walking)
- Goal to ensure that EVERY state takes full advantage of its Transportation Alternatives campaign





State Transportation Alternatives Campaigns

Campaign Goals:

- *Fully fund* Transportation Alternatives:
 - Don't opt out of Recreational Trails
 - Don't transfer any funding out of TA
 - Transfer funding into TA to correct the funding shortfall
- *Fully staff* Transportation Alternatives: Retain the Safe Routes to School coordinators and other bike/ped coordinators
- *Fully implement* Transportation Alternatives: Work with advocates to create a good process and get funding out the door
- *Fully spend* all existing funds:
 - Nationally, states have \$300M left in unused Safe Routes funds.
 - They need to hold competitions this year to spend what's left
- *Fully maximize* other transportation funds for bike/ped: Make sure to use STP, HSIP, CMAQ for SRTS and bike/ped.





State Transportation Alternatives Campaigns

Campaign structure

- Lead person has been identified for nearly all states
- State leads are responsible for:
 - Gathering intel on the state DOT and determining the most effective ask and strategy
 - Coordinating with advocates to press the DOT/Governor (or other appropriate decision-maker) to fully support bicycling, walking and Safe Routes to School



Get involved

- Look up your state lead at www.bit.ly/MAP21stateleads
- Get in touch and see how you can help with the campaign
- Make sure Safe Routes to School is well-represented in the campaigns – loop in other SRTS advocates too
- Share intel on your state's Safe Routes to School situation with margo@saferoutespartnership.org





For More Information

- Visit our MAP-21 Resource Center at www.saferoutespartnership.org/national#map21resourcecenter

All our MAP-21 updates, blogs and resources are posted there, including funding charts, links to state leads, and our positions.

- Questions or comments? Contact me at margo@saferoutespartnership.org
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