

Local Roads & Streets Council Future Directions

LRSC Meeting
June 26, 2008
Wisconsin Rapids

Background

- ◆ June 2006, Executive Committee:
 - Reviewed the Council's work
 - Made recommendations

- ◆ May-June 2008, Executive Committee & Full Council
 - Need to assess & re-energize
 - Good time to review recent successes
 - Chart a course for immediate & mid-range future

LRSC Future Conversation

◆ Discussion

◆ Summary

◆ Recommendations

Federal Program Updates

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Topics

- ◆ FHWA Local Program Review
- ◆ Local Force Account (LFA) Update
- ◆ Managing the Local Program
- ◆ Getting Ready for 2011-2014 Program Cycle

WisDOT Local Program

Organizational Structure Refinements

- ◆ DTIM Local Transportation Programs & Finance Section (CO)
 - Regional Local Program Managers (DTSD Planning Sections)
- ◆ DTSD Local Project Delivery Section (CO)
 - Regional Local Project Managers (CO)

FHWA Local Program Review

- ◆ National priority, state by state
- ◆ Wisconsin in relatively good shape
- ◆ Mary & Brian meeting monthly with FHWA

FHWA Local Program Review

Three CY2008 Reviews:

- ◆ Real Estate follow-up
- ◆ Construction Administration
- ◆ Local Financial Accountability

Local Force Account Update

◆ See related presentation

Local Program Goals

- ◆ Ensure Chapter 20 is spent annually
- ◆ Enough projects are in development to ensure future years' funding successfully utilized
- ◆ Not our projects – important to balance need & timing of moving projects with local priorities

Local Program Tracking

- ◆ When compared to overall schedule, local projects are relatively minor in:
 - Number of projects
 - Size of improvements

- ◆ Typical for local programs to be overscheduled in first half of FY

Local Program Tracking

- ◆ Historically, first real examination took place in Jan/Feb
- ◆ Multi-modal projects typically local lets
 - Impact Chapter 20
 - Impact non-let schedule

SFY 2008

- ◆ Fall CY2007, comprehensive review completed statewide
- ◆ Provided better, earlier picture of annual schedule
- ◆ Schedule, financial system updated accordingly

SFY 2008

- ◆ Did not substantively impact ultimate number of local projects delivered
- ◆ Did provide important touchdown with locals on their improvements
- ◆ Improved accuracy of local program delivery projections earlier in SFY

SFY 2009

- ◆ Local project review will be conducted annually, beginning this fall
 - Early September, with results by early October

- ◆ Lets and Non-lets

- ◆ Results will be used to:
 - Assess local program throughout SFY2009
 - Manage out years (SFYs 2010-2012)

2011-2014 Federal Programs

Kick-off in January 2009

- STP-Urban
- STP-Rural
- Local Bridge

Federal Program Preview

◆ Funding assumption challenges

- ✓ New Administration/Congress
- ✓ Expiration of Current Act (SAFETEA-LU)
- ✓ Future of Highway Trust Fund

◆ FHWA local program review

Federal Program (cont.)

- ◆ Encourage statewide consistency, maximize use of federal funds
 - Program management/reporting tools
 - Project tracking

2009 Regional Local Symposia

- ◆ DTSD committed to conduct statewide local symposia, one per region, by early Winter 2009
- ◆ Last biennium, SE & NC had meetings developed under two different models

2009 Regional Local Symposia

◆ Structure:

- Common Agenda Items
- Regional Flavor

◆ Major program elements should be conducted by WisDOT Local Program Management & Local Project Delivery staff

◆ Follow-up with Planning Managers

Federal Program (cont.)

- ◆ Program guidelines and scoping tools being developed this summer/early fall
- ◆ Keep LRSC and local associations apprised of progress