Funding Portfolios
for Freight Focused Projects

Case Study:
FAST Corridor and TATS

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The Port of Tacoma Experience

• FAST Corridor
  ▫ Brief History
  ▫ Current Status
• Lessons Learned
• Our latest approach...
  ▫ TATS
FAST Corridor

• Early 1990s regional concerns:
  ▫ Increasing international freight movements
  ▫ Increasing volumes on mainline rail corridor
  ▫ Road and Rail congestion

• Freight Action Strategy
• 26 Regional Partners
• Formed in 1996
• Focus on:
  ▫ International trade
  ▫ Mainline rail velocity
  ▫ Port access
  ▫ Economic Development
FAST Phase 1

- 15 Projects
- +$500M total partnership investment
- Focus on grade separations

Summary of Immediate-Priority Projects: Grade Separations and Port Access

- California St., Port of Everett: $10.0 M
- E. Marine View Dr., Everett: 6.1 M
- Riverfront Parkway, Everett: 16.0 M
- Spokane St., Seattle: 45.0 M
- Royal Brougham/SR 519, Seattle: 100.2 M
- East Marginal Way, Seattle: 19.0 M
- S. 180th St., Tukwila: 12.0 M
- S. 277th St., Kent/Auburn: 24.0 M
- 3rd St. SW/BNSF, Auburn: 22.0 M
- 8th St/BNSF, Pierce County: 10.0 M
- Shaw Rd. Extension, Puyallup: 15.0 M
- Canyon Rd. Extension, Pierce County: 6.0 M
- ‘D’ St., Tacoma: 22.5 M
- Port of Tacoma Rd., Port of Tacoma: 22.2 M
- SR 167 (Right of Way only), Tacoma: 24.4 M

TOTAL: $354.4 million
FAST: Funding

- Referendum 49 Approved (1998)
  - Authorized State transportation funding via State Excise Tax
- Initiative 695 Approved (1999)
  - Repealed State Excise Tax
- MPO (Puget Sound Regional Council) intervenes to fill funding gap
  - $95M reallocated to projects
  - $35.9M of which FAST 1
FAST Phase 2

- 10 Projects
- ~$300M Total Partnership Investment
- Various Project Types
  - Widening
  - Arterial Connections
  - Grade Separations
  - ITS Initiatives
FAST: Current Status

- **25 Original Projects**
  - First project completed 2001
    - Port of Tacoma Road Grade Separation
  - 13 Complete
  - 5 Under Construction
  - 3 Funded, awaiting construction
  - 4 Unfunded, in design or suspended
- Total FAST program: ~$870M
180th Street Grade Separation, Tukwila
Lake Tapps Parkway Grade Separation, Pierce County
3rd Street SW Grade Separation, Auburn
41st Street/Riverfront Parkway, Everett
South 277th Street, Auburn/Kent
D Street Grade Separation, Tacoma
California Street Overcrossing, Everett
Port of Tacoma Road Grade Separation, Tacoma
Lincoln Avenue Grade Separation, Port of Tacoma

Currently Under Construction!
Applying the FAST Lessons: Tideflats Area Transportation Study
TATS
Tideflats Area Transportation Study

- Coalition of 8 public and private sector funding partners
- Diverse stakeholder group
  - Trucking community
  - BCOs
  - Railroads
- Focus on goods movement in the Tideflats Area
- Traffic Demand modeled at the subregion
  - Integrates with the regional Traffic Demand Model (TDM)
- Projects identified but un-prioritized
  - Purpose and Need content
  - Schematic drawings
  - Cost estimates
  - Leave the prioritization to individual municipalities (TIP)
- Objective:
  Demonstrate coalition concensus for priority projects and develop defensible content for competitive funding applications.
Recent Guidance
TATS Approach

- Identify common content needs for competitive grant applications
  - Purpose and Need
  - Traffic counts and operational analysis
  - Schematic Plans, all phases
  - Cost Estimates
  - Benefit/Cost Analysis
  - Partnerships
  - Coordination with local and regional plans
Stay tuned...

- Track our progress
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  - Study completion anticipated Q1 2011

- Track our performance
  - Projects funded and constructed
  - Tideflats Area competitive advantage for economic development
Thank you!

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