



San Joaquin Valley

Regional Planning Agencies' Directors' Committee

Goods Movement Priorities for Surface Transportation Act Reauthorization

PROGRAM	REQUEST
High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System	Guaranteed \$2 billion annually for High Priority Corridors on the National Highway System with priority for Extreme 8-Hour Ozone nonattainment (1997) and PM2.5 nonattainment areas.
Create Freight Corridor Program	Guaranteed \$1 billion annually for freight corridors with priority for Extreme 8-Hour Ozone nonattainment (1997) and PM2.5 nonattainment areas.
Port Corridor Management Plans	- Include Port Corridor Management Planning in criteria for existing planning grants. - Redefine port funding as within 25-50 miles of a port and a port access corridor as within 300 miles of a port.
Freight Rail Line Notification and Protection	- Revise short-haul rail abandonment regulations to require short-haul rail line operators to notify transportation planning agencies and metropolitan planning organizations of their intent to abandon a segment of rail line. - Guaranteed \$1 billion annually for national short-haul rail program with priority for Extreme 8-Hour Ozone nonattainment (1997) and PM2.5 nonattainment areas. - Require short-haul rail line operators to file environmental and economic impact reports that address local and regional issues in accordance with NEPA.
NEPA Streamlining and Regulatory Reform	- Change federal NEPA regulations to set a specific review time in which Federal resources agencies are required to provide comments to the project sponsor. The time limit could be six (6) month or one (1) year as long as there is a defined time for review. - Permit integrating state and federal environmental impact studies, to avoid duplication without compromising environmental standards, to prevent or avert project cost increases that occur due to lengthy processes.

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