Federal Transportation Grants: Changes on the Horizon

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The FAST Act

<u>KYTC's Involvement with Grants Up</u> to Now

- Coordinated by the Division of Program Management
- Centered on two primary USDOT Grant Programs
 - INFRA
 - TIGER/BUILD/RAISE
- Program Management responsibilities
 - Align NOFOs with projects
 - Coordinate and submit applications
 - Successful Projects: Monitoring and Close Out

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

<u>The New Law is Changing the</u> <u>Grant Landscape</u>

- More than a dozen new USDOT Programs and Pilots
- 60,000 new potential grant partners for USDOT
- Grant Programs of special interest to KYTC
 - INFRA
 - TIGER/BUILD/RAISE
 - National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Mega Projects)
 - Rural Surface Transportation Program
 - Bridge Investment Program
 - Congestion Relief Program
 - PROTECT (Resilience)
 - EV Charging Program

Our Challenge

Program Management Responsibilities Will Change

- Align NOFOs with broader spectrum of projects
- Coordinate and submit KYTC applications, assist local understanding
- Successful Projects: Monitor and close out a greater number of projects

The Effort to Generate Grant Funding Must Evolve

- Projects must meet USDOT expectations
- Local Projects will be weighed equally by USDOT
- KYTC will need to staff the effort appropriately

Our Actions

Created a

"Federal Grants Working Group"

- Susan Oatman, Working Group Lead
- Working Group Members: Amanda Spencer, Stephen De Witte, Beth Niemann, and Dave Heil

Accomplishments to Date

- Conducted in-depth review of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Identified individual grant program eligibilities
- Developed a "Grants Matrix" for ease of reference
- Developed a form for obtaining District grant project recommendations
- Shared Federal Grants Working Group outputs with DOH Leadership

Engaging the Process in 2022

- The Division of Program Management will continue its coordination role
- KYTC anticipates more Federal Grant activity than ever before
- KYTC must accept its role as both a grant applicant and a resource for others
- The best projects for a particular grant category may be Local projects
- KYTC assistance with Individual Grant administration, if requested and necessary



Questions?