

State Transportation Commission

April 28, 2011

Director Kirk T. Steudle, P.E.
Michigan Department of Transportation

Today's Topics

- 2011 Federal Budget Update
- Complete Streets

2011 Federal Budget



2011 Federal Budget

- \$7 Billion cut from transportation for FY 2011
- Highways
 - ◆ Eliminates \$943 million in General Funds added to HTF
 - ◆ \$2.5 billion rescission of highway apportionments (\$65 M for Michigan)
 - ◆ Rescinds unspent funding for old earmarks
- Transit
 - ◆ Reduces fixed guideway funds
 - ◆ Reduces TIGGER program
- Rail
 - ◆ Eliminates funding for rail safety technology grants
 - ◆ Reduces rail line relocation program and Amtrak capital grants
 - ◆ No 2011 HSR funding; rescinds \$400 million in 2010 HSR
- Smaller TIGGER program
- 2012 could see cuts of up to \$12 B for highways and \$7 B for transit

Complete Streets



Public Act 135

Defines Complete Streets as:

“...roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.”



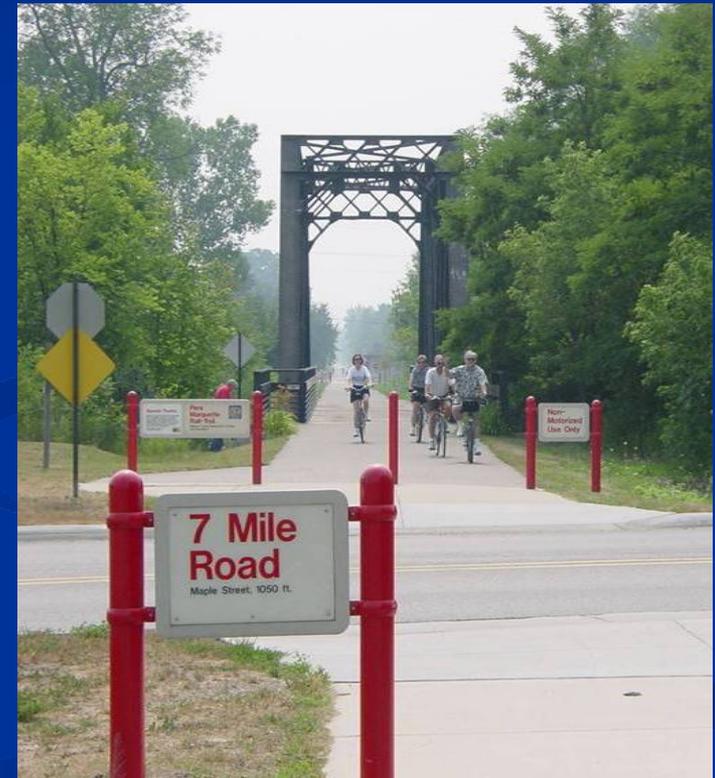
Not Really Something New

- 2003 Context Sensitive Solutions
 - ◆ Working with stakeholders to get to “yes”
- 2006 State Long Range Plan
 - ◆ Public input asking for alternatives
- 2010 STC
 - ◆ Did not “zero out” template categories



What P.A. 135 Does

- Requires STC complete streets policy by 2012
- Creates Advisory Council
- Formalizes collaboration among transportation agencies
- Five Year non-motorized plan – agency notification



What It Does Not Do

- Does not provide any additional funding
- Does not require local agencies to adopt a Complete Streets policy

Need “Complete Funding” to gain the most benefit from Complete Streets.



Complete Streets Policy

- Provide guidance for road construction or reconstruction that promotes complete streets and considers:
 - ◆ Varying needs of local context
 - ◆ Functional class
 - ◆ Project costs
 - ◆ Mobility needs of all legal users, all ages and abilities



Advisory Council

- First meeting April 27, 2011
- Elected officers
 - ◆ Suzanne Schulz, Chair
 - ◆ John Niemela, Vice-Chair
 - ◆ Andrea Brown, Secretary
- Next meeting last week of July



Thank you!