Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act

Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group

Public Meeting

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General Information – FAST Act

• Signed by the President on December 4, 2015
• First long-term surface transportation authorization act in a decade
• Five years of funding certainty for infrastructure planning and investment (FY 16 – 20)
• Authorizes $305 B (all modes) over FY 16 – 20
Structural Changes – FAST Act

• Continues focus on accelerating project delivery
• New freight formula; expands freight network
• Adds new discretionary program for nationally significant freight and highway projects
• Adds port performance to existing performance measurement requirements for highways and transit
Secretary Foxx’s Priorities

- Project Delivery
- Freight
- Innovative Finance Bureau
- TIFIA
- Safety
- Transit
- Ladders of Opportunity
- Research and Innovation
Freight Data and Planning

Planning (§1201-1202)

• More consultation and participation
  – Enables participation by ports, private providers
  – Encourages MPO consultation with other planning activities

• Other changes to planning and performance
  – TIPs/STIPs/long-range plans must include facilities that support intercity transportation
  – Long-range State plan must describe performance measures and targets
Port Performance Freight Statistics Program (49 USC 6314)

In General

BTS Director shall:

• Provide **nationally consistent** measures of performance at the Nation’s:
  – Top 25 ports by tonnage
  – Top 25 ports by TEU
  – Top 25 ports by dry bulk

• Collect performance measures for **each of these ports**
Port Performance Freight Statistics Program (49 USC 6314) - continued

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• Obtain recommendations for:
  – Specifications and data measurements for port performance measures
  – Process for collecting timely and consistent data

Report to Congress

• BTS Director shall submit an annual report:
  – Including statistics on capacity and throughput at each port
  – By January 15