

B. USDOT ANNOUNCES INFRA GRANT PROGRAM

On June 29, 2017, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA)** discretionary grant program. The INFRA program replaces the **Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE)** program that was established in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 to fund critical freight and highway projects across the country. The INFRA program will make approximately \$1.5 billion (approximately \$710 million of FY 2017 funds and approximately \$810-\$885 million of FY 2018 funds) available to projects that are in line with the Trump Administration's principles to help rebuild America's infrastructure. The deadline for submitting INFRA grant applications is 8:00 p.m. EST on November 2, 2017.

HRTPO staff is evaluating INFRA program requirements and merit criteria to determine whether one or more of the Regional Priority Projects would be a good candidate for an INFRA grant. Staff will provide an update at the next HRTPO Board meeting.

More information on the INFRA Grant Program is available on the USDOT website at: <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/infragrants>.