

FREIGHT PROVISIONS OF THE FAST ACT



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- **The FAST Act includes several provisions to improve the condition and performance of the national freight network, and to support investment in freight-related surface transportation projects.**
 - **National Freight Strategic Plan**
 - **Multimodal Freight Network**
 - **Dedicated funding sources**

- **U.S. DOT released the draft National Freight Strategic Plan in October 2015.**
 - **Describes the freight transportation system, including major corridors and gateways.**
 - **Assesses the physical, institutional, and financial barriers to improvement.**
 - **Highlights strategies to help support the system through improved planning, dedicated funding streams, and innovative technologies.**
 - **Comments due by April 25th.**



<https://www.transportation.gov/freight/NFSP>

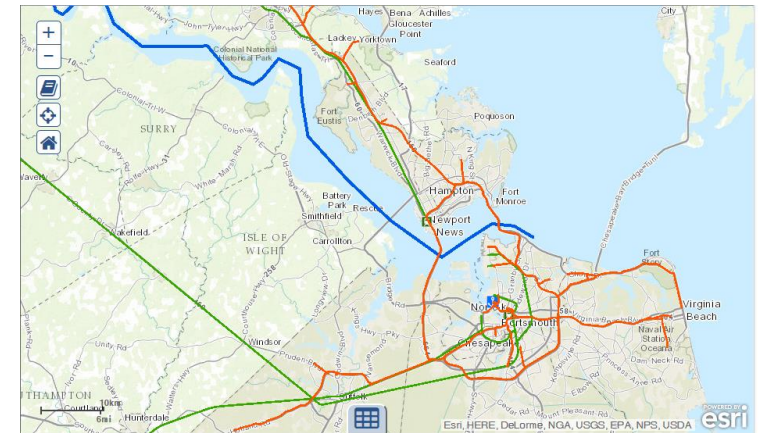
MULTIMODAL FREIGHT NETWORK

- **Includes highways, railroads, waterways, pipelines, seaports, airports, and intermodal facilities**
- **National Highway Freight Network will be established, including Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors**
- **Guidance still to come...**

Multimodal Freight Network - Draft Representation



Notes for information on symbology used for feature selection in this map please see U.S. Department of Transportation, National Freight Strategic Plan, Appendix D, 2015.



- **The FAST Act created dedicated funding sources for freight projects**
 - **Formula-based National Highway Freight Program (\$6.2 billion over five years)**
 - **Virginia estimated apportionment is \$162 million**
 - **FASTLANE grant-based program (\$4.5 billion over five years)**

- **Dedicated funding to invest in freight projects on the National Highway Freight Network (NHFN)**
- **Generally, funds must**
 - **Contribute to the efficient movement of freight on the NHFN**
 - **Be identified in a freight investment plan included in the State's freight plan**
- **Guidance still to come...**

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/fastact/factsheets/nhfpfs.cfm>

- **Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-Term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) Grants.**
- **\$4.5 billion authorized for the FASTLANE Grant Program through FY 2020, including \$800 million in FY 2016.**
 - **25% for rural projects,**
 - **10% for small projects**
- **Not more than \$500 million can be used for freight rail, ports, or intermodal projects.**

<https://www.transportation.gov/FASTLANEgrants>

- **Eligible applicants include:**
 - **States**
 - **MPOs**
 - **Local Governments**
 - **Political subdivisions of State/Local government**
 - **Public authorities**
 - **Federal land management agencies applying jointly with a state**
 - **Tribal government/consortiums**
 - **Multi-state or multi-jurisdictional groups of public entities**

- **Eligible projects include:**
 - **Highway freight projects on the National Highway Freight Network**
 - **Highway or bridge projects on the NHS**
 - **Grade crossing or grade separation projects**
 - **Intermodal/rail freight projects**
 - **Projects within the boundaries of a public/private freight rail, maritime, or intermodal facility**

- **Minimum FASTLANE Grants**
 - **\$25 million for large* projects**
 - **\$5 million for small projects**
 - **Cost share up to 60% for FASTLANE grants, and up to 80% total federal funds**

* - Large projects are defined as the lesser of \$100 million, 30% of the states FY 2015 apportionment, or 50% of larger participating states apportionment if projects is located in more than one state.

- **Project applications are due by April 14th**
- **Hampton Roads submittals:**
 - **Hampton Roads Western Freight Gateway (VPA)**
 - **US Route 58 Hampton Roads Intermodal Corridor (Suffolk)**

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