

FHWA & Green Borders

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Where to start?

- New Administration
- New goals
- New opportunities
- New Initiatives

New Administration



Barrack Obama
elected as 44th
President of the
United States

New USDOT/FHWA Leadership

- Ray LaHood – Secretary of Transportation
- Victor Mendez – FHWA Administrator
- Greg Nadeau Deputy Administrator Federal Highway Administration



New Goals!

- Safety
- Economic Competitiveness
- Sustainable Transportation
- Livable Communities

New Opportunities!

Partnership for Sustainable Communities six livability principles: A foundation for interagency coordination:

1. Provide more transportation choices
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing
3. Enhance economic competitiveness
4. Support existing communities
5. Coordinate policies and leverage investment
6. Value communities and neighborhoods

New Challenges

- New Transportation Bill Authorization?
- SAFETEA-LU Extension?
- Coordinated Border Infrastructure Funding?

Green Border Team

- EPA, GSA, CBP, OST, and FHWA met in May, 2009 to discuss Green Border Inventory
- Agreed to submit inventory of environmental efforts/projects that have Green Border implications

Inventory Results

- EPA – 10
- GSA – 7
- CBP – 4
- FHWA – 3
- Miscellaneous (non federal agencies) - 6

Examples

- EPA – Diesel retrofit demonstration projects U.S. – Mexican Border to improve public health from reduced diesel emissions
- GSA – Geothermal source heat pump system to heat and cool U.S. and Canadian at Oroville/Osoyoos LPOE
- FHWA – JWC/TBWG Green Border Workshop

Next Steps?

- Track current Green Border programs
- Use their successes to develop more Green Border programs
- Document best practices
- Use research funding to enhance Green Border initiatives
- Peer Exchange/Workshop in 2010

Thank You!

Questions?

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