Part-Time Shoulder Use Guide

- Developed w/ State and local input
- Synthesis of practices based on latest research
- Provides interim approaches while agencies further study corridor for permanent solutions
- It is **not** a standard
- FHWA **not** advocating removing shoulders
Achieving Multimodal Networks

- Help practitioners build multimodal networks
- Highlights design flexibility
- Addresses common design challenges
- Focuses on reducing multimodal conflicts
Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act
FAST Act 1404 & 1442 - Highway Design

• On NHS, design "shall consider" (previously “may take into account”)—
  • constructed/natural environment
  • environ., scenic, aesthetic, historic, community, & preservation impacts
  • access for other modes
  • cost savings via flexibility in current design guidance/regulations

• DOT to consider AASHTO Highway Safety Manual, NACTO Urban Street Design Guide

• Encouragement for States/MPOs to adopt standards for Fed. projects that accommodate motorized and non-motorized users

• Locality may use different roadway publication than State (with State approval) in certain circumstances
FAST Act 1404(b)

(b) DESIGN STANDARD FLEXIBILITY.—Notwithstanding section 109(o) of title 23, United States Code, a State may allow a local jurisdiction to use a roadway design publication that is different from the roadway design publication used by the State in which the local jurisdiction is located for the design of a project on a roadway under the ownership of the local jurisdiction (other than a highway on the Interstate System) if—

• (1) the local jurisdiction is a direct recipient of Federal funds for the project;

• (2) the roadway design publication—
  • (A) is recognized by the Federal Highway Administration; and
  • (B) is adopted by the local jurisdiction; and

• (3) the design complies with all other applicable Federal laws.
Questions we intend to answer…

• How do agencies consider cost savings?
• Do agencies have to document the cost savings on every design on the NHS?
• How will FHWA ‘consider’ the NACTO and HSM when developing design criteria for the NHS?
• What are the requirements for using a local design standard?
Questions we intend to answer…

• How does a State allow a local to use a different design publication?

• What constitutes ‘recognition’ of a design publication by FHWA?

• Who are direct recipients of Federal funds?

• Can a local jurisdiction use its design publication, to design roads on the NHS in its jurisdiction?
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