

# ***Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century-MAP-21***

## ***Getting Preservation into Transportation Legislation***

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# *Presentation Outline*

- **What is FP<sup>2</sup> Inc.?**
- **What do we do?**
- **The need to codify pavement preservation**
- **The legislative process in the United States at the national level**
- **Case study**



## *What is FP<sup>2</sup> Inc.?*

- **An industry-supported trade association**
- **Purpose of FP<sup>2</sup> Inc.**
  - *To promote the importance of protecting and preserving the huge investment in our nation's pavement infrastructure*



# *Supporters*

- **Who supports FP<sup>2</sup> Inc.?**
  - **Sponsoring associations**
  - **AEMA, AI,ARRA, ISSA,NAPA, IGGA**
  - **Contractors, material suppliers, equipment manufacturers, chemical and polymer suppliers**



# *What do we do?*

- **Purpose**

- *Advocacy*: educate public officials at all levels.
- *Promotion*: sponsor key events, publish the Pavement Preservation Journal, distribute educational materials
- *Research*: promote the U.S. Federal Highway Administration System (FHWA) Preservation Roadmap; serve on several Transportation Research Board (TRB) committees



# *What do we do?*

- **FP<sup>2</sup> Inc. financially supports:**



- **FP<sup>2</sup> Inc. works closely with:**
  - **Regional preservation centers in California and Texas**
  - **Four Regional Preservation Partnerships throughout the United States**
  - **U.S. Federal Highway Administration**



# *Current and Future Activities*

- **Conference sponsorship**



- **Second International Conference on Pavement Preservation, Paris, France, 2015**



# *Why the Need to Codify Preservation*

- **Preservation not found in law, but memo from FHWA**
- **Effect on industry**
  - **Federal funding not available in all areas**
  - **Uncertainty of funding - difficult for planning**





# *Why the Need to Codify Preservation*

- **Personnel changes could affect interpretation**
- **Language in statute removes uncertainty**
- **Statutory clarification needed**



# *The Legislative Process*

- **The re-authorization of SAFETEA-LU** which was enacted in 2005, set to expire in 2009-provided an opportunity
- ***THE MISSION: get preservation language inserted in the legislation***



# *The Legislative Process*

- **FP<sup>2</sup> Inc. created in July 2009 from the Foundation for Pavement Preservation- among its many objectives was to recognize pavement preservation in statutory language.**
- **Develop broad industry coalition to support (FP2) and quell any potential opposition**
- **Create a solution that simultaneously benefits industry and government**



# *The Legislative Process*

- **Broad, continued communication by coalition members to Congress and Administration**
- **Over 130 meetings from October 2009 to December 2011**



# *The Legislative Process*

- **Met with House and Senate staffers directly working on the bill**
- **Senate bill introduced in late fall 2011 contained our preservation language**
- **House bill introduced in January 2012 contained our preservation language**



# *The Legislative Process*

- **From January-May great uncertainty about status of the Bill**
- **Conference Committee formed with House and Senate representatives in early May 2012**



# *Timing*

- **Senate bill, MAP-21, was used as the vehicle for compromises.**
- **Conference report issued June 27, 2012**
- **Bill passed both houses on June 28, 2012**
  - **Strong bi-partisan vote in both Chambers**
- **Bill signed by the President on July 6, 2012**



# *The Result*

- **Pavement Preservation language is included in the policy and definition sections of the statute**
- **Pavement Preservation projects are now eligible to receive federal funds**
- **Framed the debate for Asset Management and Pavement Preservation**





# *Benefits*

- **Increased federal, state and local funding opportunities**
- **Longer-term certainty for industry as well as federal, state and local agencies to utilize pavement preservation in their asset management plans and use Federal funding for these activities**
- **Creates cost savings and flexibility to planning agencies by providing an additional option for transportation infrastructure management**



# *What's Next*

- **600 page 27 month reauthorization bill passed in July**
- **125 rulemakings statutorily mandated by Congress**
- **Many other changes to law which Agency must analyze....more rulemakings**



# *What's Next*

- **The Agency is in the process of reviewing and the interpreting the new law.**
- **FP2 will remain engaged in this process to ensure that outcomes remain at intended.**



# *Handout*

- **As you leave, there is a handout in the back of the room that identifies the various areas in the law where Asset Management and Pavement Preservation appear**
- **Thanks you for your attention and enjoy the rest of the meeting**





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