



U.S. Department
of Transportation


Federal Highway
Administration

Memorandum

Subject: **ACTION:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Border
State Infrastructure Designation

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From: 
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To: Division Administrators
of International Border States

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform Governors of States that share a land border with Canada or Mexico of the procedures to designate up to 5 percent of their FY 2016 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area) funds available under section 133(d)(1)(B) of title 23, United States Code (U.S.C.), for use on border infrastructure projects.

Pursuant to section 1437(a) of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), after consultation with relevant transportation planning organizations, the Governor of a State that shares a land border with Canada or Mexico may designate for a fiscal year not more than 5 percent of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area) funds made available to the State under section 133(d)(1)(B) of title 23, U.S.C., for border infrastructure projects eligible under section 1303 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) Act.

For the purposes of this provision, land border States are: Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Texas, Vermont, and Washington.

Pursuant to section 1437(c) of the FAST Act, before making a designation, the Governor shall certify that the designation is consistent with transportation planning requirements under title 23, U.S.C. In addition, pursuant to section 1437(f) of the FAST Act, a designation for a fiscal year shall remain in effect until the Governor of the State notifies the Secretary of the termination of the designation.

Any land border State that desires to designate a portion of their section 133(d)(1)(B) of title 23, U.S.C., funds for use on border infrastructure projects for FY 2016 shall notify FHWA via e-mail, with a letter signed by the Governor or the Governor's designee indicating the designated percentage of funds to be set-aside (up to 5 percent) under this provision, to the FHWA Office of Budget's official mailbox (BudDiv@dot.gov) no later than January 29, 2016.

Division Administrators should ensure that copies of this memorandum are provided to the State departments of transportation and the State's office of the Governor.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brust at 202-366-3017 or Valentina Raptis at 202-366-3906.