

# **Highways for LIFE:** A Progress Report

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# What I'll discuss...

- What is Highways for LIFE?
- What's new?

# What IS Highways for LIFE?

## ■ THE NEED:

- Much of the NHS is past its prime
- Current approaches are not the solution
- Need to build longer-lasting, higher quality, safer, highways and bridges

# What IS Highways for LIFE?

## ■ The SOLUTION:

- Innovations and new technologies which are already in use, but not in common practice

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## ■ The CHALLENGE:

- Get innovations into common use *faster* (“Leap not Creep”)
- Instill among the highway community a spirit of always seeking better solutions
- Focus on the driving public

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## ■ ULTIMATE GOAL:

- To Improve the American Driving Experience

# What IS Highways for LIFE?

## ■ PROPOSED FEATURES OF A HIGHWAYS FOR LIFE PROGRAM:

- Funds for innovative projects
- Technology Transfer
- Training
- Industry Partnerships
- Communication
- Evaluation

# Status of the Program

## ■ LEGISLATION:

- Included in the Administration's Package (SAFETEA) at \$1 Billion
- Included in the House version (TEALU) at \$295,000
- Not specifically mentioned in Senate version



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## ■ TECHNOLOGIES:

– FHWA has selected three “vanguard” technologies to gauge how well T2 efforts work -

- Prefabricated Bridge Elements
- Road Safety Audits
- Making Work Zones Work

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## ■ COMMUNICATION:

- Site on Worldwide Web is now available:
- <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/rnt4u/hfl.htm>