





## Sustainability & Resilience Task Force Meeting

August 1, 2022

## Today's Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Upcoming Events
- 3. U.S. Federal Program Updates
- 4. Noteworthy U.S. State News
- 5. International Updates
- 6. Coordination with the IBTTA International Committee
- 7. Preview of Austin Session Track: Environment and Climate



## **Upcoming Events**













August 4, 2022 7pm ET





## **PROTECT Formula Program Announcement**

## **Program Fact Sheet:**

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/sustainability/resilience/policy and guidance/protect formula.pdf

## **Program Guidance:**

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/protect fact sheet.cfm

- New program in IIJA with \$7.3 B apportioned to States by formula.
- Project eligibility includes highway, transit, and certain port/intermodal facilities.
- Eligible costs include planning, resilience improvements, community resilience/evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure.
  - not more than 40% for construction of new capacity
  - not more than 10% for development phase activities
- Higher Federal share if the State develops a resilience improvement plan and incorporates it into its long-range transportation plan.
- Liberal transferability among formula fund programs:
  - Transfers ≤ 50% of PROTECT Formula funds allowed to any other State apportionment (National Highway Performance Program, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Highway Safety Improvement Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, National Highway Freight Program, Carbon Reduction Program.



## Supreme Court vs. USDOT on Climate Agenda

## Supreme Court Decision

- Ruling that EPA does not have broad authority to curb pollution from power plants.
  - ➤ SCOTUS ruled 15 years ago that EPA has regulatory authority over CO₂ and other types of pollution.
  - Now SCOTUS ruled EPA power to limit carbon pollution is relatively limited.
- Potential impact to other regulations seeking to use older statutes to address social problems (e.g., health care, telecommunications, finance)

## FHWA Proposed Rule

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-07-15/pdf/2022-14679.pdf

- FHWA proposed rule would require states/MPOs to track on-road CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the NHS and set reduction goals for net zero emissions by 2050.
- States/MPOs may have flexibility in target setting that work with their respective climate policies.
- Progress reports would be required.
- First decade compliance estimated to cost \$12.9 B.
- Much is not under the control of state DOTs (e.g., land use), fueling questions of USDOT authority.
- Comments on or before October 13, 2022.

Republican leaders and transportation industry groups criticized the proposal (Sen. Capito, ARTBA, WSJ editorial).

## National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program

## **Proposed Minimum Standards**

https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-06-22/pdf/2022-12704.pdf

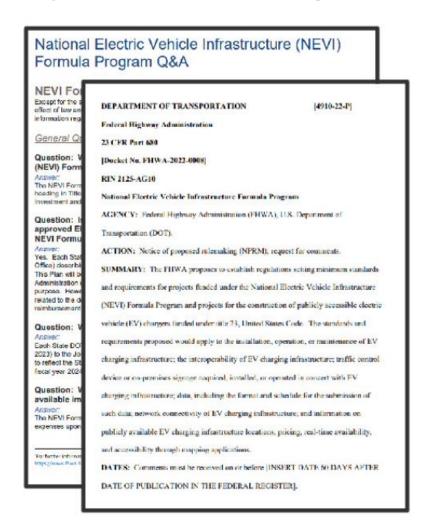
- NPRM issued on June 22, with comments accepted through August 22, 2022.
- Proposed minimum standards include
  - CCS connector required
  - Plug and charge (ISO 15118) protocol
  - > Data reporting requirements
  - > > 97% uptime

## Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative\_fuel\_corridors/resources/nevi\_program\_faqs.pdf

- Eligible program costs
- Guidance for including disadvantaged communities in planning and development
- Exception requests for station locations

## https:/driveelectric.gov





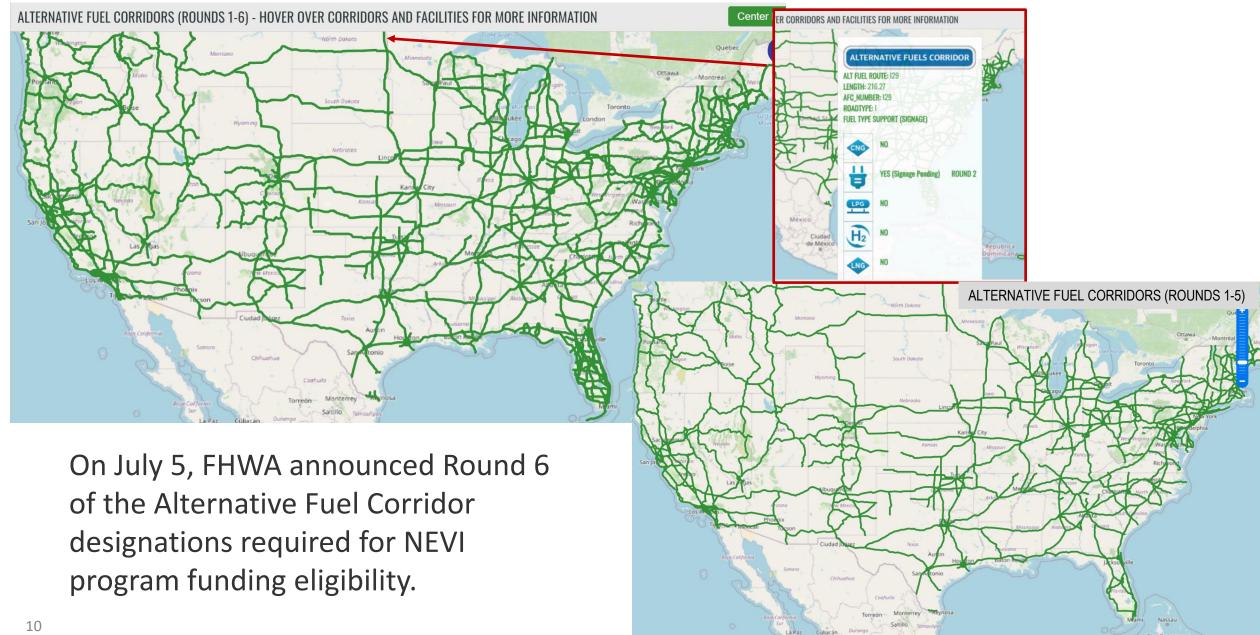
## National Highway Institute (NHI) Resilience Training Courses

- Four one-hour web-based courses focused on resilience to climate change and extreme weather events.
- Introductory understanding and awareness.
- Target audiences include: engineering, project planning, and environmental staff
- Training also relevant for: regional planners, asset managers, and others seeking to integrate climate change considerations into their practices.
- 1. FHWA-NHI-142081 Understanding Past, Current and Future Climate Conditions
- 2. <u>FHWA-NHI-142082 Introduction to Temperature and Precipitation Projections</u>
- 3. FHWA-NHI-142083 Systems Level Vulnerability Assessments
- 4. FHWA-NHI-142084 Adaptation Analysis for Project Decision Making



# **Updated Federal Resources in** TollMiner

## **TollMiner** Updated Alternative Fuel Corridor Layer



## **TollMiner** – North Carolina Examples

ibtta.org/content/ibtta-tollminer-tool/government-affairs/alternative-fuel





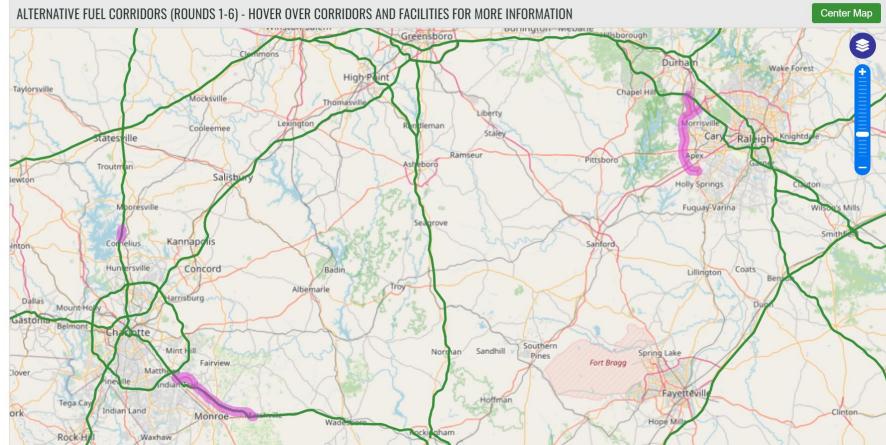


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FEEDBACK

GENERAL FACTS COLLECTION METHODS PRICED MANAGED LANES TRAFFIC AND REVENUE FACILITIES VIEW OPERATORS VIEW **US FEDERAL RESOURCES** 

TOLLI	NG FACILITIES (SELECT TO D	ISPLAY (	ON MAP)		
	Bayonne Bridge	**	New York	1.09	^
	Goethals Bridge	**	New York	1.38	
	Lincoln Tunnel	$\overline{\Pi}$	New York	1.55	
	Outerbridge Crossing Bridge	**	New York	1.70	
	Thousand Islands Bridge	4	New York	4.25	
	I-77 Express	A	North Carolina	26.00	
	Triangle Expressway	A	North Carolina	18.80	
	Monroe Expressway	A	North Carolina	18.00	
	Ohio Turnpike	A	Ohio	241.00	
	Cherokee Turnpike	A	Oklahoma	32.80	
	Chickasaw Turnpike	A	Oklahoma	13.30	
	Cimarron Turnpike	A	Oklahoma	68.00	
	Creek Turnpike	A	Oklahoma	34.40	
	H.E. Bailey Turnpike	A	Oklahoma	94.60	
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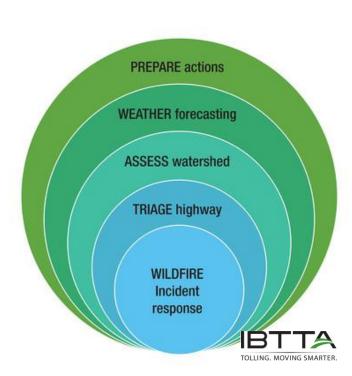


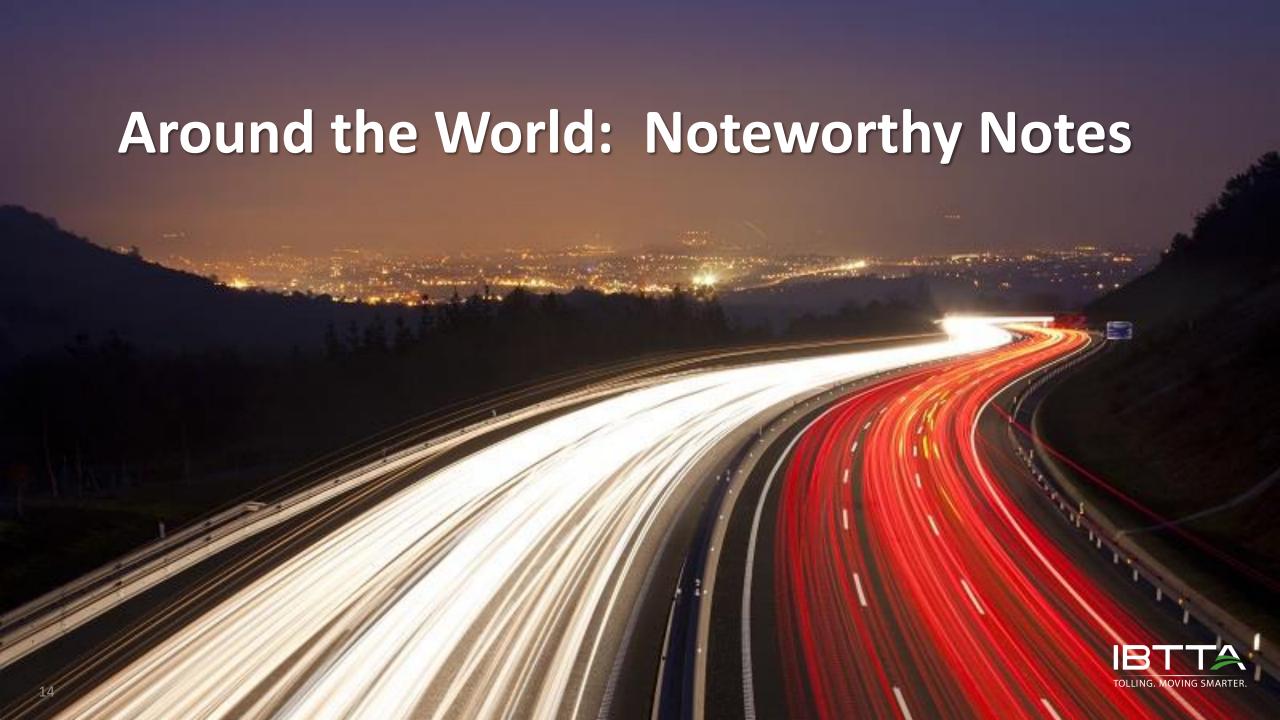
## State-Level Best Practices: Caltrans Wildfire Transportation Response

- Eight of the ten largest wildfires in California have occurred in the last five years.
- Interagency collaboration has become essential to coordinate preparation and response activities.
- Caltrans PREPARE methodology preemptively determines when to close State highways in burn scar areas.
- PREPARE is a risk-based framework of pre-authorized actions by local/state/federal partners when rainfall prediction may trigger post-fire debris flow, flooding, rockfall, bridge scour, and dangerous road conditions.
- PREPARE shortened time between adverse weather predictions and road weather management decisions.

### Methodology:

- 1. Incident Response: Coordination with lead agency for emergency ingress/egress for responders and general traffic flow
- 2. Triage Highway: Deploy expert team to identify impacts outside ROW and determine funding qualification.
- 3. Assess Watershed: Evaluate risks/impacts beyond the highway, including watershed damage assessment.
- 4. Weather Forecasting: Work with NWS to get precipitation forecasts with smaller time intervals and geographies to preemptively begin detours, closures, and other proactive measures to protect motorists.
- 5. PREPARE Actions: During and after an event, including road closures, patrols, EOC activation, and real-time massaging. Support long-term recovery as vegetation regrows with geospatial mapping and other tolls to manage future risks.





## Inflation Relief Delays Austrian Carbon Tax Start

- The Austrian government announced relief measures inflationary price increases, including a delay of carbon pricing from 1 July 2022 to 1 October 2022.
- The new carbon tax will be € 30 per ton of CO<sub>2</sub> and added to consumer bills by companies.
   The tax is planned to be € 55 per ton by 2025, translating to increases in gas and diesel prices by 13 to 15 cents per liter.



- Twenty-seven other countries have carbon taxes, including the UK, Canada, and Japan, but the U.S. is one of the few industrialized nation holdouts.
- Some of the Austrian taxes will be returned to residents in the form of a "climate bonus" of € 100 € 200 per year depending on where you live, with more returned to rural residents.





## Joint Activities with the International Committee

## **Proposed Joint Meeting on October 6, 11am-12:30pm EDT**

- Committee and Task Force Members and Invited Guests
- Presentations with discussion

## Revival of the IBTTA International Tolling Newsletter

- Proposed semi-annual blog format focused on a specific topic
- Planning initial focus on climate change, sustainability, and the green mobility agenda



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## AUSTIN-2022 90TH ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITION

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A Look Ahead to the 2022 Annual Meeting





Sunday, Sept 18, 2:00 – 3:30 PM CDT BREAKOUT SESSION-Environment & Climate: A Green New World-Sustainable Future of Transportation

ESG considerations and the global toll industry's new wave of green infrastructure, operations, and business practices.

John Davis, TollPlus LLC

John Medina, Moody's Investors Service

Alyssa Staley, ITR Concession Company

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT BREAKOUT SESSION-Environment & Climate – Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way!

Tools, technologies and implementations that enable a more connected mobility experience, while improving the employee, customer, or community environment.

**Franco Caruso**, Brisa-Autoestradas De Portugal **Bill Halkias**, Attikes Diadromes, HELLASTRON **Michelle Maikisch**, Central Florida Expressway Authority **René Moser**, ASFINAG

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT

## **BREAKOUT SESSION-Environment & Climate – Congestion Mitigation Strategies**

Strategies of active traffic management, high-occupancy or transit options, pricing strategies, and lane capacity expansion are explored for their congestion mitigation and GHG reduction benefits.

Simon Dixon, Deloitte Consulting LLP
Tsjerk-Friso Roelfzema, Verra Mobility
David Ungemah, WSP



Emanuela Stocchi, AISCAT

## **Discussion**

- ➤ Next Meeting Date Reschedule from Labor Day (9/5) to the following week (9/12)?
- Northwest Parkway resiliency risk analysis
- VTA visit to Southern California and exploration of hydrogen-fueled transit vehicles
- Networking and introduction to EV charging infrastructure firms

