#### TEA 21 Reauthorization

Where Are We Now?

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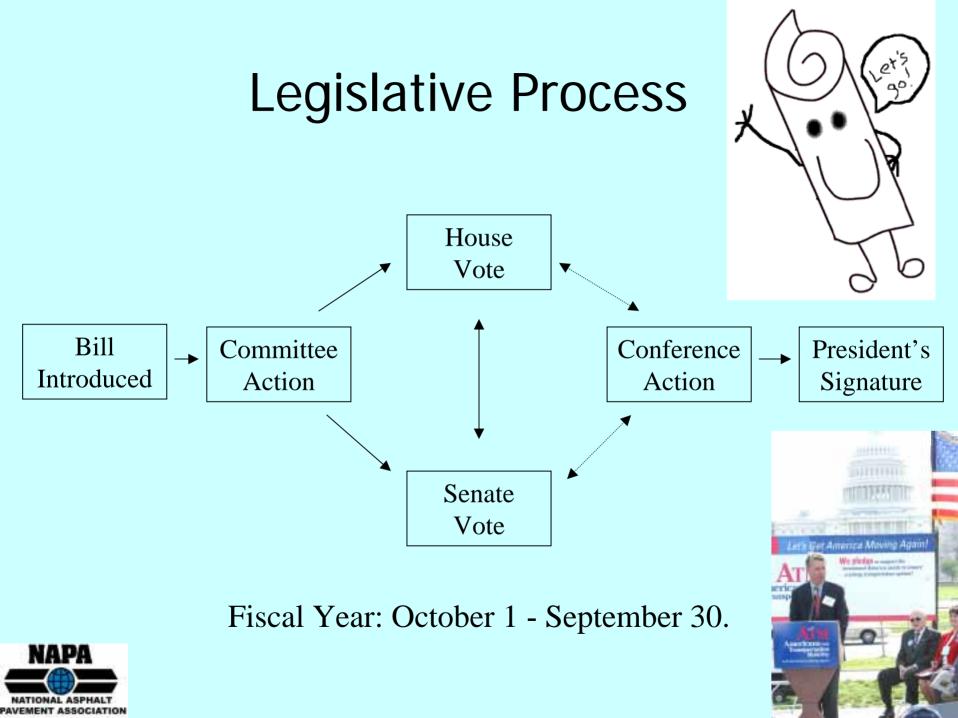
#### **Congress Impacts Your Business!**

Congress is interested in asphalt.

- Vision 100 Aviation bill.
- FY 2004 Transportation Appropriations bill.
- TEA-21 Reauthorization bills.
- Congress can grow or hurt your market.
- You need to Communicate with Congress!

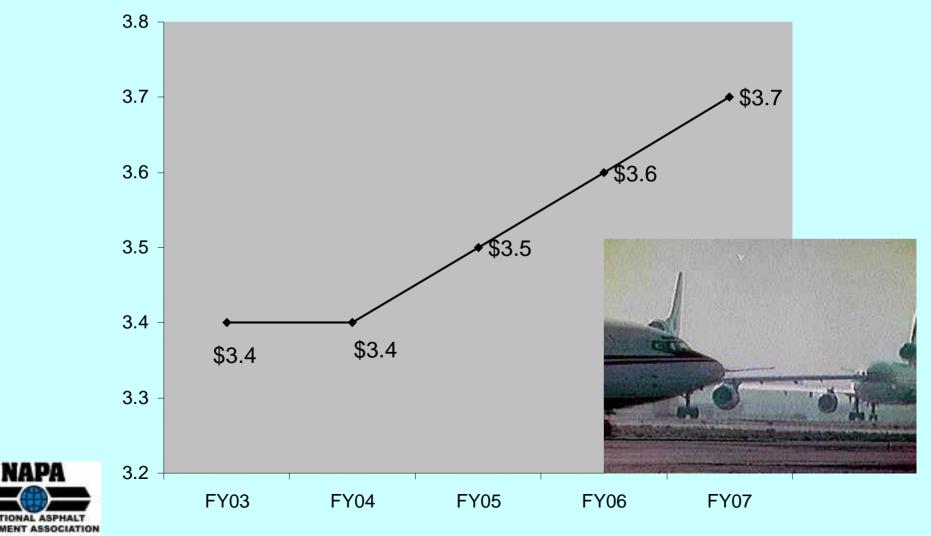






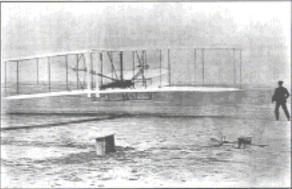
#### Vision 100 - Century of Aviation Act

#### Authorizes Airport Improvement Program.



#### Vision 100 - Century of Aviation Act

- Research Program for Asphalt Pavements
  - First-ever program.
  - \$2 million provided in FY 2004 Appropriation bill.
    - Superpave, SMA, Open Graded Mix.
- Revise Airfield Pavement Thickness Specs.
  - Review and revise standard to meet 20-year life requirement.





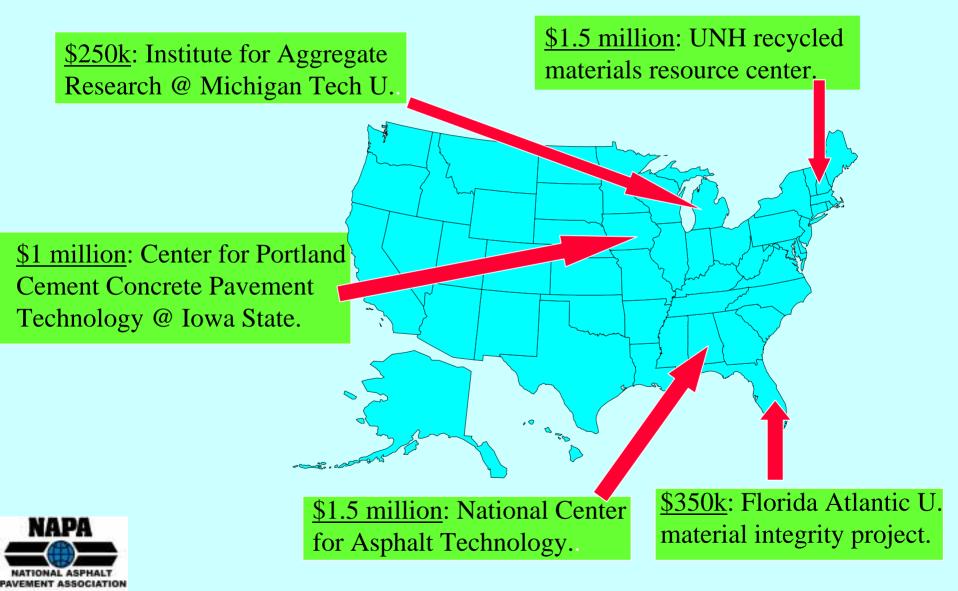
#### FY 2004 Omnibus Appropriation

- Highway funding: \$33.643 billion.
  - \$2.05 billion increase (+6.05%).
- Airport funding (AIP): \$3.38 billion.
- HMA research.
  - \$4 million for asphalt/concrete FAA research.
  - \$10 million for long term pavement program.
  - \$16 million for FHWA pavement research.





#### FY 2004 FHWA Research Earmarks



## FY 2004 Omnibus Appropriation

- Additional earmarks.
  - <u>\$500,000</u>: continue evaluating GSB-88 emulsified binder treatment application.
  - <u>\$5 million:</u> concrete research.
  - High performance/low emission asphalt test project.
    - Minimum 3-state study to evaluate PG 76-22 that conforms to AASHTO MP-1 and reduces emissions.





# PERFECT STORM

cyclone

Hurricane Grace

Cold Front

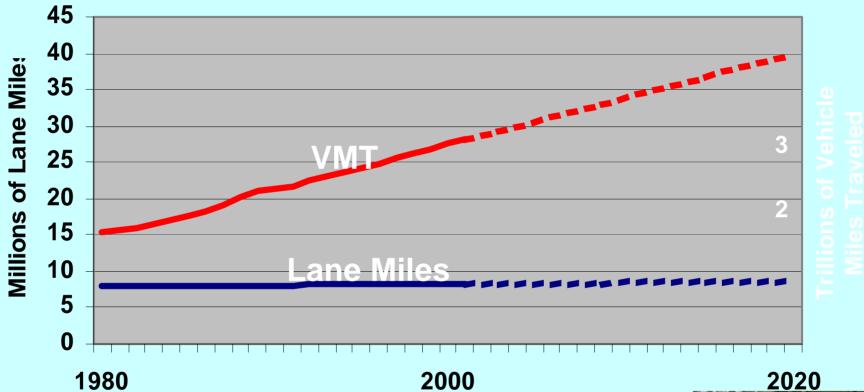
# PERFECT STORM

congestion

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Freight

# VMT Double 2020

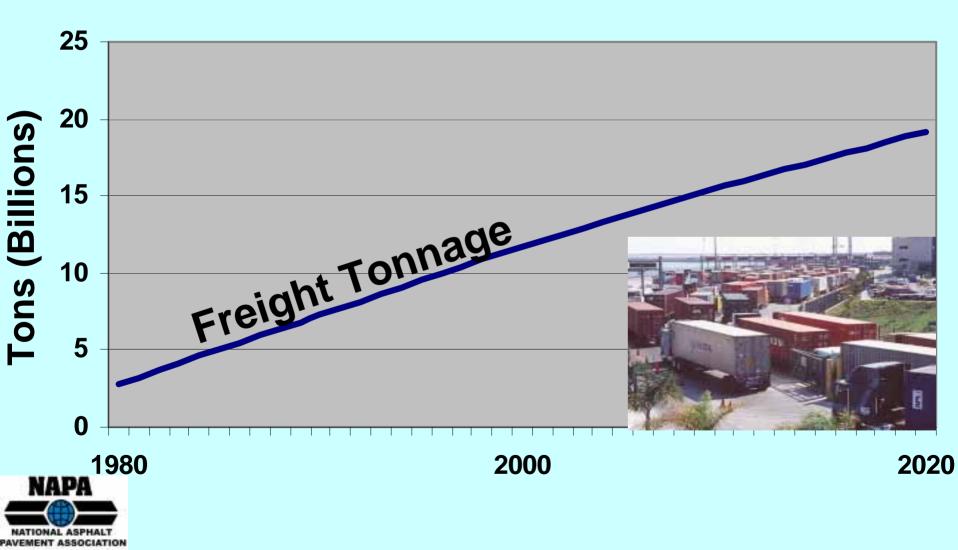


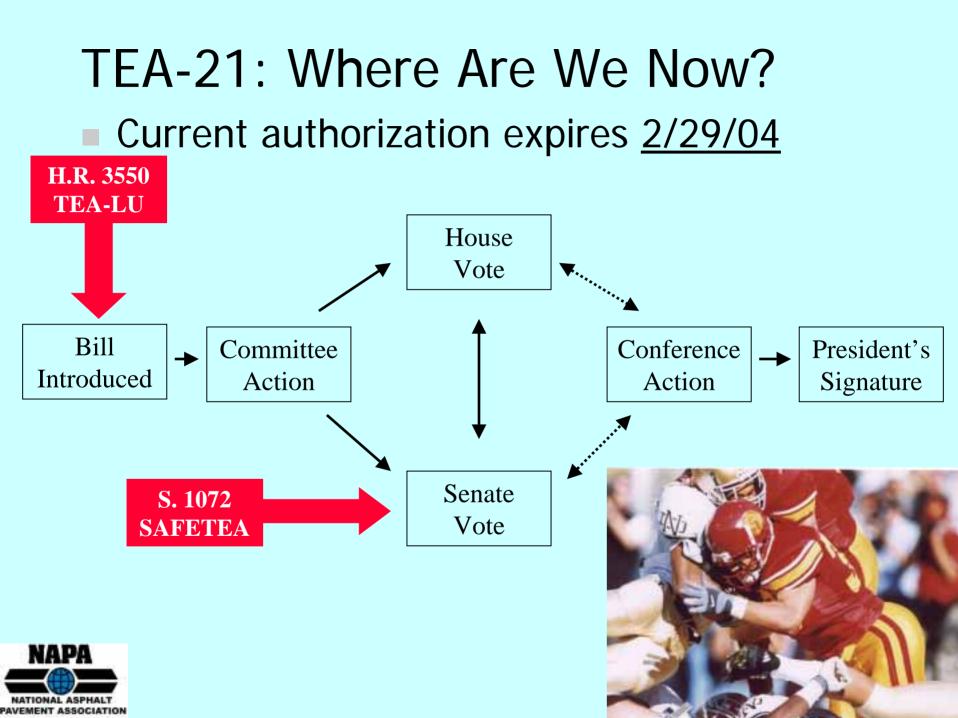




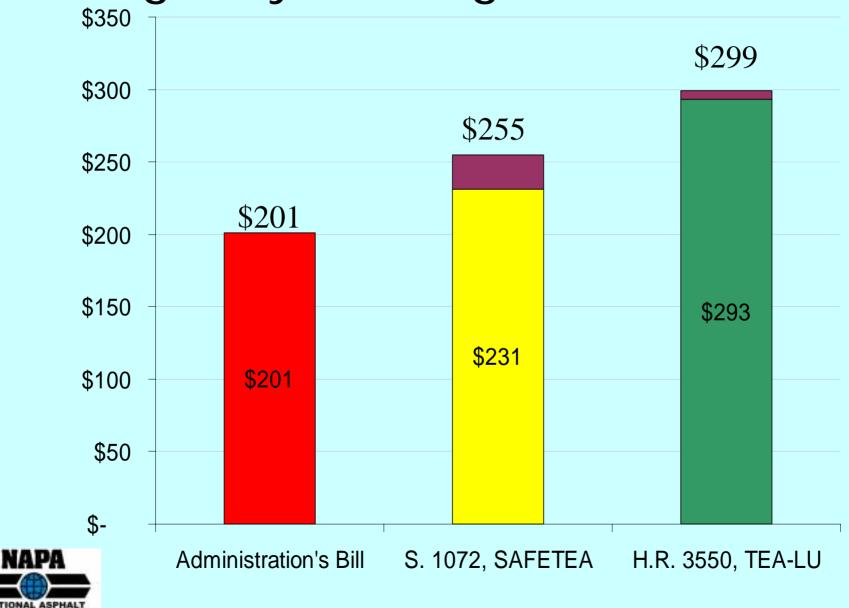
#### **Truck Tonnage**



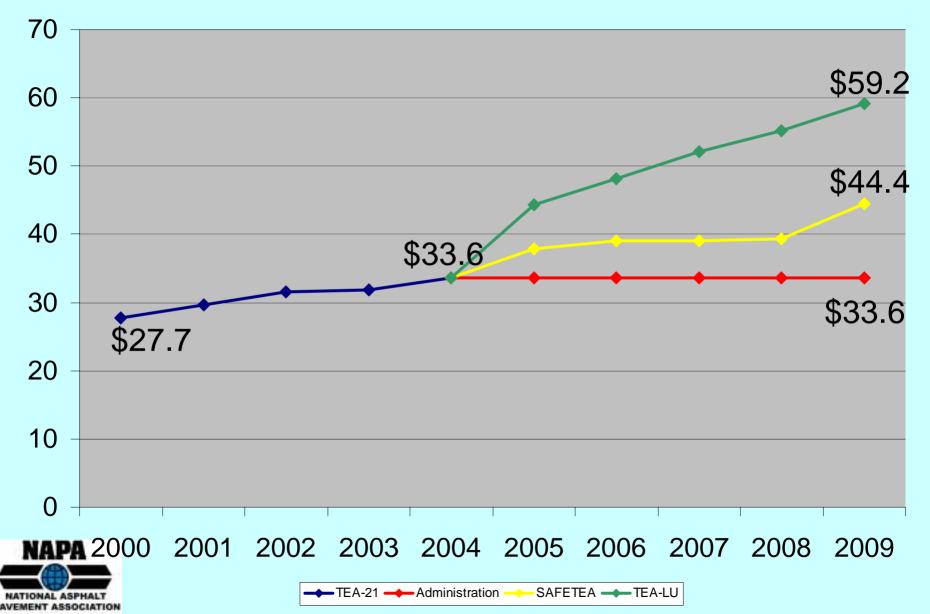




#### Highway Funding Scenarios.



#### Annual Funding for Highways



### **TEA-21** Financing

- Broad support for:
  - 6 year bill.
  - Maintaining sanctity of HTF & highway program.
  - Preserving funding guarantees.
  - More funding.
- No consensus on how to pay for increased funding above the President's bill.



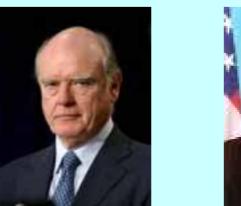


#### **TEA-21** Financing

#### Administration.

- Bill paid for with existing revenues into HTF.
  - Plus 2.5 cent ethanol transfer.
- Opposes increase gas tax, indexing, long-term bonding, and negative impacts to general fund (deficit).







## **TEA-21** Financing

#### S. 1072, SAFETEA.

- Paid for with existing revenues plus.
  - Fuel tax fraud crackdown (\$4 b).
  - Ethanol reforms 2.5/5.2 (\$14 b).
  - Pay interest on HTF (\$2 b).
  - Spend down HTF balance (\$6.5 b).
  - Discontinue refunds for HTF (8 billion).
    - To compensate GF bill provides a lot of little revenue raisers.





## S. 1072 Financing Issues

- Donor states.
  - Rate of increase from 90.5% to 95% not fast enough due to low funding level.
- Transit.
  - Transit funding low and not guaranteed.
- Deficit hawks.
  - 8 Senators call bill "irresponsible" and "biggest budgetbuster bill Senate will consider this year."
- Administration.
  - May veto Senate bill due to overall funding level and/or the revenue offsets.





#### Donor States: 90.5% → 95%





Rate of return based on state share of FY98-03 federal-aid highway program apportionments and allocations compared to state share of FY98-03 contributions to the Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund. Source: FHWA Table FE-221B

## H.R. 3550: Financing Issues

- \$62 billion highway funding gap.
  - Options:

NADA

- Raise user fee or index.
  - Most efficient way to grow the program.
- Dip into General Fund.
- Allow more bonding.
- Permit more tolling.
  - These would represent a paradigm shift in how the highway program is funded.
- Internal House GOP battle re: overall funding level.
- T&I committee markup postponed.



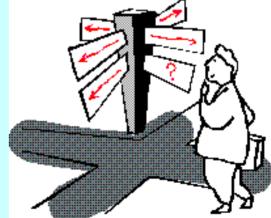






### **TEA-21 Choices for Industry**

- Keep trying to pass bills in House and Senate.
  - Less than 90 legislative days.
- Extensions.
  - 30 days, 1 year, 18 months, 2 years.
- Six-year bill at lower levels with a reopener after election.
  - Hope politics change.
- Six-year bill at lower levels.
  - Industry will never except.





#### Other TEA-21 Issues

Programs.

- Infrastructure Performance & Maintenance Program (\$12 b).
- High Risk Rural Road Safety Program (\$1.5 b).
- Dedicated Truck Lane Program (\$2 b).
- Highways for Life (\$750 m).
  - Demonstrate new pavement technologies.



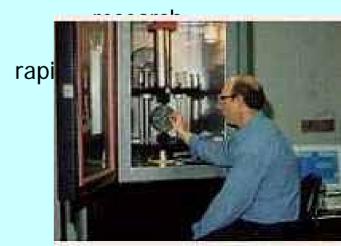


#### Other TEA-21 Issues

Research. 

- Congress wants to see fruits of prior research and is willing to increase funding in next bill.
  - F-SHRP (S&H-\$450m).
  - LTTP (S-\$90m) (H-\$180m).
  - Advanced High Risk Research (S \$162m).
  - UTC's (S-\$260m) (H-\$540m).
  - Research to improve NHS pavement (S-\$60m).
  - Surface Transportation Research Technology Advisory Committee.

Strong industry input into the agenda, peer review research, and





#### Amendment to H.R. 3550 Offered by Mr. Andrews

At the end of title I of the bill, add the following (and conform the table of contents of the bill accordingly):

#### 1 Subtitle H—Miscellaneous 2 Provisions

3 SEC. 1801. USE OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL IN FEDERAL-

AID HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.
(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 1 of title
23, United States Code, is further amended by adding at

7 the end the following:

% 167. Use of recyclable material in Federal-aid high way and bridge construction

"(a) DEFINITION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.—In
 11 this section, the following definitions apply:

12 "(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'recyclable mate 13 rial' means any material described in paragraph (2)

- 14 that is determined by the Secretary, in consultation15 with the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-







### Stay Informed/Keep Involved

- Congress can and will impact your market.
- Congress can and will impact your product.
- Join NAPA stay informed!
  - Read Actionews.
  - Attend the Legislative Fly-In.
    - February 23-24-25, 2004 in Washington.
      - Smithsonian America on the Move reception.
      - Legislative briefings.
      - Congressional visits.



