



Walking FAST

Building walkable communities under
the new federal transportation law

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Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act

Five years, \$305 billion

- Modest dedicated active transportation pot
 - Transportation Alternatives: \$850 million (+\$15-30M/year)
- Continued eligibility for bigger programs
- Financing program reformed to make accessible to smaller projects



Transportation Alternatives Program

Largely *status quo...*



Transportation Alternatives:

- +3% over MAP-21, decoupled from highway funding
- structural changes symbolic, functions same (STPBG set aside)
- urban regions can shift \$ to other uses

Recreational Trails: level funding, state opt-out retained

Safe Routes to School: non-profits can apply

Suballocation of Funds

RTP, then...

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By Population



Any Area of State

>200,000

<5,000

5,000-200,000

Regional Competitive Grants

Sub-allocated by population to Transportation Management Areas

State Competitive Grants

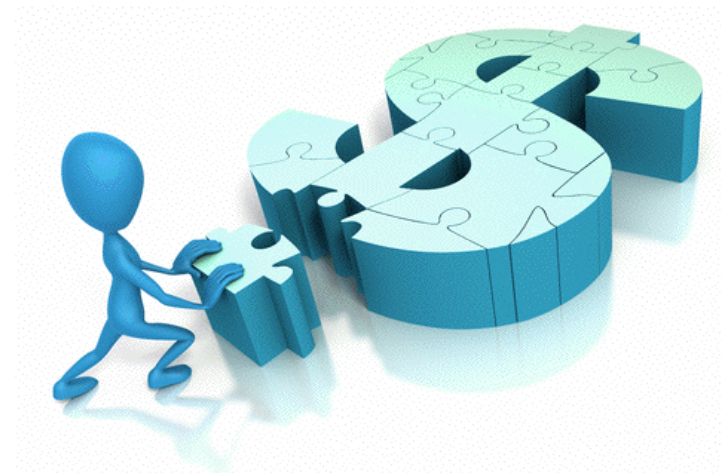
Retain eligibility for big programs

- Surface Transportation Program (Block Grants)
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- Highway Safety Improvement Program

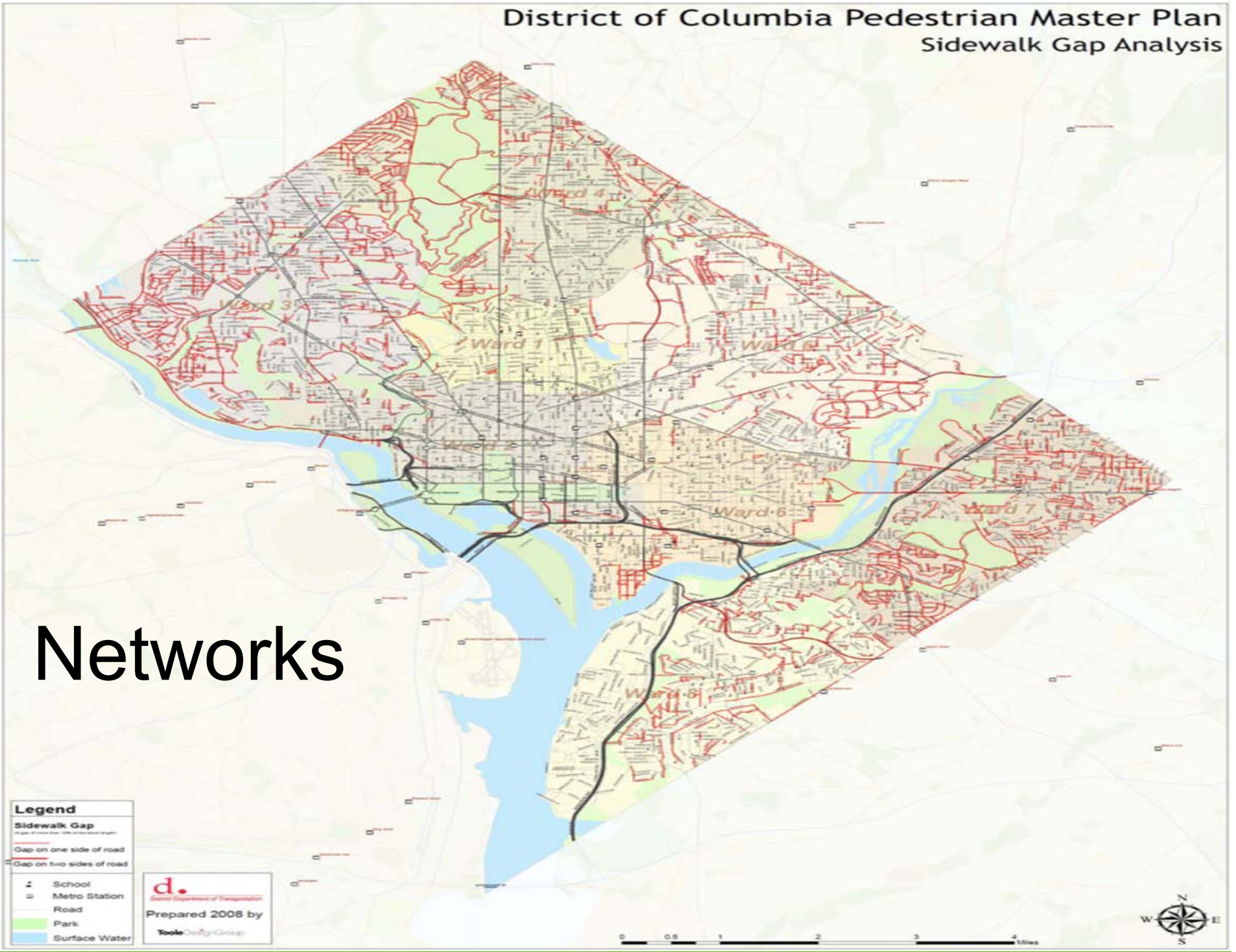


Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA): Reforms

- Threshold reduced to \$10M
 - Local Government & Transit-Oriented Development
- Bundling of projects
- Streamlining
- Application fee waivers
- Loans to lenders



District of Columbia Pedestrian Master Plan Sidewalk Gap Analysis



Networks

Legend	
Sidewalk Gap	
	Gap on one side of road
	Gap on two sides of road
	School
	Metro Station
	Road
	Park
	Surface Water

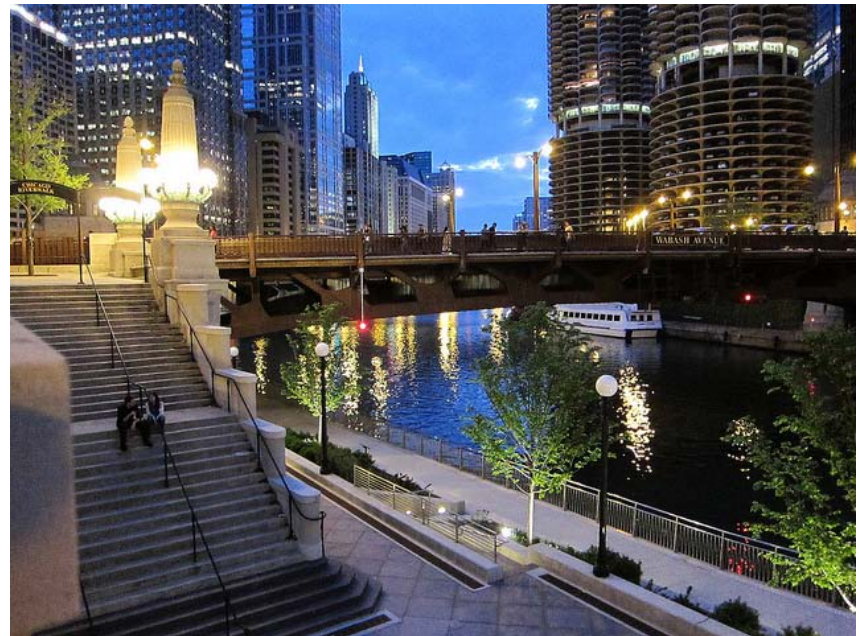
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TIFIA in Action

- Share of project cost
- Transaction costs
- Technical assistance



Walk-Friendly Policies

Safe Streets: compromise



National Complete Streets Coalition

No Vision Zero



Transit

Not transformational, but...

- Increased funding:
 - For bus and bus facility grants
 - To maintain bus & rail in state of good repair
- First recognition of intercity passenger rail



Bridging to a Walkable America



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