



# **FHWA Update**

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**Branson, MO**

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# Highlights

- Organizational Updates
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- Future Authorization

# Organizational Update

- Secretary of Transportation
- FHWA
- Office of Real Estate Services

The image shows the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C., featuring its iconic white dome and neoclassical architecture. The building is partially obscured by green trees in the foreground. The background is a clear blue sky.

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

- As of July 10, 2009
  - 47 States plus DC and Federal Lands
  - \$6.096 billion in obligated ARRA funds
- Updates at:  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/index.htm>

# Future Authorization





# Office of Real Estate Services Outdoor Advertising Control

- **Janis Gramatins**, Program Implementation Team Leader
- **Ed Kosola**
- **Cathy O’Hara**
- **Division Office Realty Staff**



# Office of Real Estate Services – Newsletter

- Quarterly publication
- Include Outdoor Advertising Control information
- Articles for consideration to be submitted to:  
[catherine.o'hara@dot.gov](mailto:catherine.o'hara@dot.gov)



# **Office of Real Estate Services –Excellence in OAC Award**

**Award presented to FHWA  
Division Realty person for  
their contribution to OAC.**



# **FHWA OAC Activities**

**STEP** : Surface Transportation  
Environment and Planning Cooperative  
Research Program

**OAC International Review**

**Pilot projects**

**OAC Training**



# **STEP : Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program**

## **Proposal Process**

- **Information and website to submit feedback:**  
**<http://knowledge.fhwa.dot.gov/cops/step.nsf/home>**
- **Deadline: To be determined**



# **STEP : Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program**

## **Three funded STEP projects:**

- **Support for partnering and outreach**
- **Commercial Electronic Variable Message Signs (CEVMS) Research**
- **Neutral assessment follow-up**

# Other OAC Research

- NCHRP 20-7 (256) (Jerry Wachtel)
- NCHRP 20-7(247) (Clyde Johnson)



# **FHWA OAC Activities**

## **OAC International Scan**



# **FHWA OAC Activities**

## **Pilot projects:**

- **South Carolina**
- **Florida**





# **FHWA OAC Activities**

- **Training**
  - **National Highway Institute (NHI) courses**
    - **Bonus States (23 States)**
    - **Non-bonus States (remaining States)**
  - **HEPR Core Training Modules**
  - **PEAR**



**Thank You**

**Office of Real Estate  
Services**

**FHWA Headquarter Staff  
And  
Division Offices**



**QUESTIONS?**