



# **FHWA Update**

**Janis Gramatins  
Office of Real Estate Services**

**2010 NAHBA Conference  
Madison, WI  
August 15-18, 2010**

# Organizational Update

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



# **Office of Real Estate Services Outdoor Advertising Control**

- Janis Gramatins, Acting Director**
- Cathy O’Hara**
- Mary Jane Daluge**
- Division Office Realty Staff**



# FHWA Highlights

- Every day Counts
- Realty Learning Modules
- Realty Competency Building (RCB) Navigator



# FHWA Highlights



## SHORTENING Project Delivery



# FHWA Highlights

## Realty Learning Modules

- Eighteen web-based ROW Training Modules  
Include: Uniform Act, Appraisal / Appraisal Review, Design/Build, Relocation, OAC, Federal Land Transfers, Environmental Justice



# **FHWA Highlights**

- **Realty Competency Building (RCB) Navigator**

Learning tool to find resources for various roles within Realty



# 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.**



# **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: September 30, 2010**



# **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**



# **FHWA OAC Activities**

- **OAC International Scan**
- **Pilot projects**
- **Commercial Electronic Variable Message Signs Research**
- **Neutral assessment follow-up**
- **Guidance -Destroyed Sign**
- **Guidance –Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs**



# **FHWA OAC Activities**

**International Scan – Review of  
OAC Practices in Australia,  
Denmark, Finland, Japan,  
Sweden, the Netherlands,  
United Kingdom**

**March 11-28, 2010**



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## **Neutral Assessment follow-up**

### **Guidance on Destroyed Signs**

- Date issued: September 9, 2009
- **Location of guidance:**
  - <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/guiddessign.htm>
- (Handout provided)



# **FHWA OAC Activities**

## **Neutral Assessment follow-up**

### **Guidance on Customary Maintenance of Nonconforming Signs**

- Customary Maintenance collaboration - State/Federal Workshop – November 17-18, 2009, Denver
- OAC Technical Council Teleconference - June 22, 2010
- NAHBA teleconference - July 27, 2010
- NAHBA conference – August 16-18, 2010



# **FHWA OAC Training**

- **National Highway Institute (NHI) courses**
  - **Bonus States (23 States)**
  - **Non-bonus States (remaining States)**  
(Handouts provided)
- **HEPR Core Training Modules**
- **Contact Division offices**



**Thank You**

**Office of Real Estate  
Services**

**FHWA Headquarter Staff  
And  
Division Offices**

# QUESTIONS?

