

# FHWA ANNUAL UPDATE

FTA Motor Fuel Tax Annual Meeting  
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# HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

- Shortfall in Trust Fund
- FY 2009 Funds
- New legislation
- Implications for future

# Intergovernmental Enforcement Efforts

- For FY 2008
  - 13 Proposals were selected for funding
    - 9 Proposals were from individual states
    - 4 Proposals were from the 4 FTA regions
  - Proposals include initiatives:
    - Work cooperatively with enforcement agencies
    - Work with Federal agencies
    - Track marine and rail movement of fuel
    - Increase testing of fuel for dyes and non-taxed blends

# Intergovernmental Enforcement Efforts

- 4 regional proposals will include requirements that will have the regional groups
  - Work on a project on an issue that involves all the states in a region
  - Forward information on operations to the Joint Operations Center for National Fuel Tax Compliance (JOC)

# Intergovernmental Enforcement Efforts

- All of the projects, including the individual state projects, have a requirement to file annual reports to FHWA
- There is a similar requirement for STP-funded projects

# Research Projects

## USING RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY TO COMBAT MOTOR FUEL TAX EVASION

- Forum held in Dallas, Texas     March 4 & 5, 2008
- Approximately 60 attendees
- Presentations:
  - Existing enforcement methods
  - New and Emerging Technologies
  - Impacts of Alternative Fuels
  - Future Trends and Challenges
- Materials distributed to attendees

# Research Projects

## Analysis and Development of Informational Tools to Support Motor Fuel Tax Compliance

- Website will have two interfaces
- General information open to the public
  - Definitions
  - Tax Rates
  - Contact Information
- Detailed information open to registered users
  - Evasion schemes
  - Historical information on cases
  - Outreach Materials

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