



Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

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Our mission is to ***Keep Alaska Moving*** through service and infrastructure.

Transportation Funding in Alaska

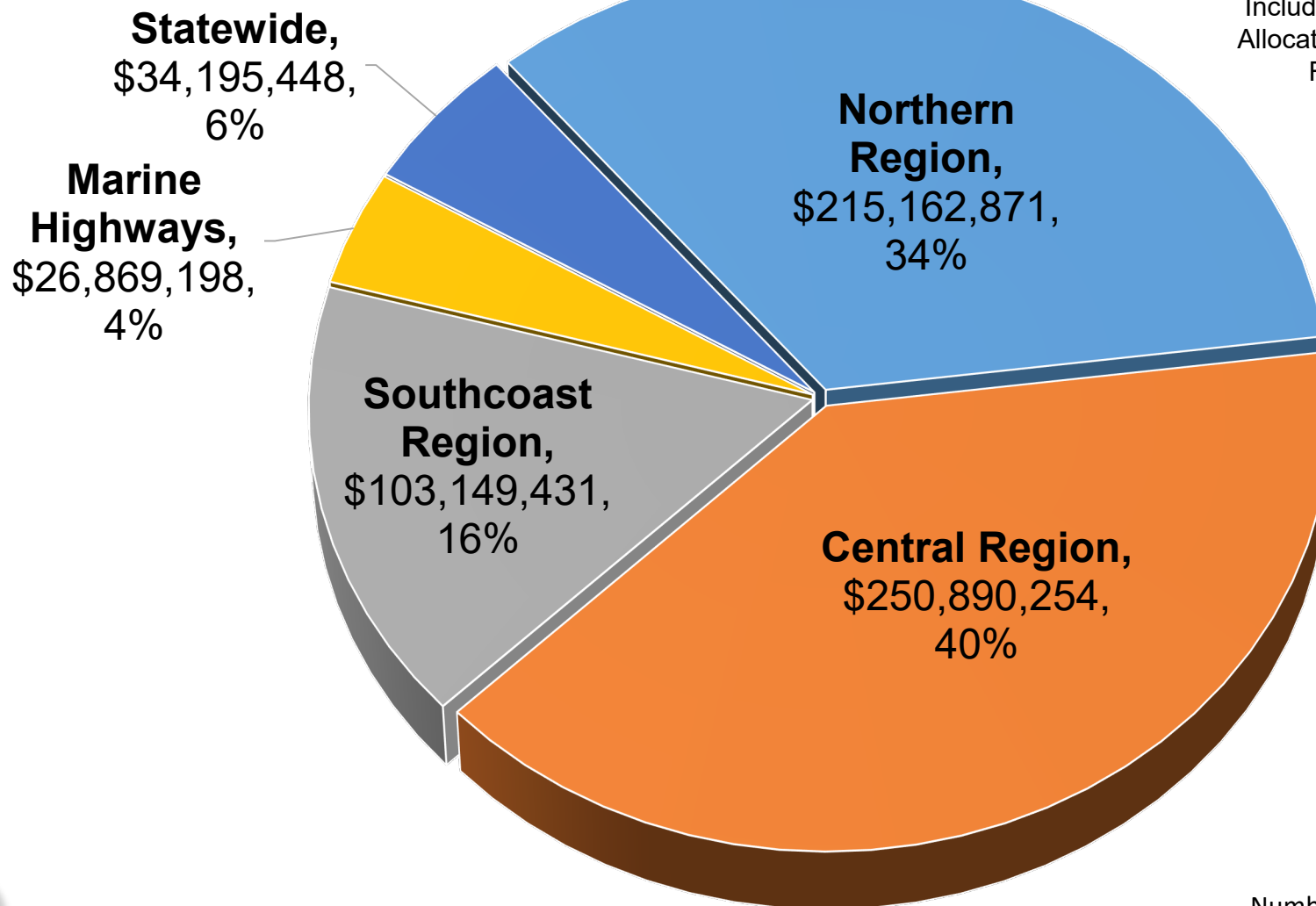
- According to a White House report in 2018 28% of highway investment across the US is federally funded.
- In Alaska we are reliant on federal funds with 85-90% of our highway investment is federal.
- Lowest state gas tax in the country
\$1:~\$5 Highway Trust Fund return

FFY2019 Obligation's by Region

Federal Obligations + Advanced Construction

\$630.28M

Includes Formula Limitation,
Allocated Funds, Emergency
Relief, Earmarks, et al.

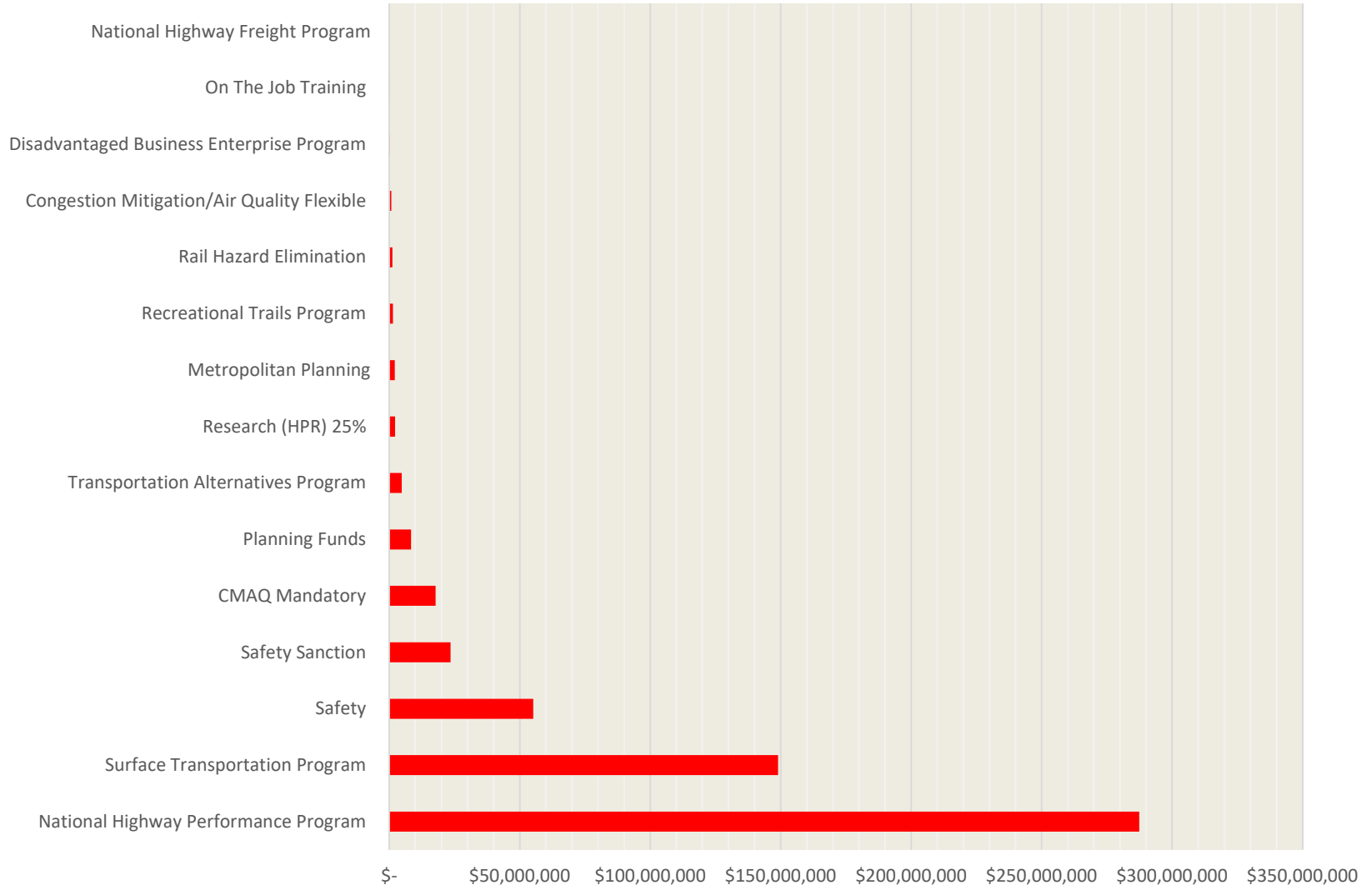


Numbers are in whole dollars



FFY2020 FAST Act Funding for Alaska

Final Year of the FAST Act



FAST Act Funding Continued

- **Other Sources of federal funding:**
 - Earmarks = \$67.9M
- **Dedicated programs:**
 - Ferry Boat Program = \$20.3M
 - Federal Lands Access Program = \$10M
- **Transit Funding**
 - Total Transit funding in Alaska = \$63.4M





Discretionary Grants

U.S. DOT has been providing additional federal funding for needed infrastructure projects through competitive grant programs.

- **Competitive Bridge Grant Program**

- Alaska received \$11.5M in 2019 for a bridge project on the Seward Highway.

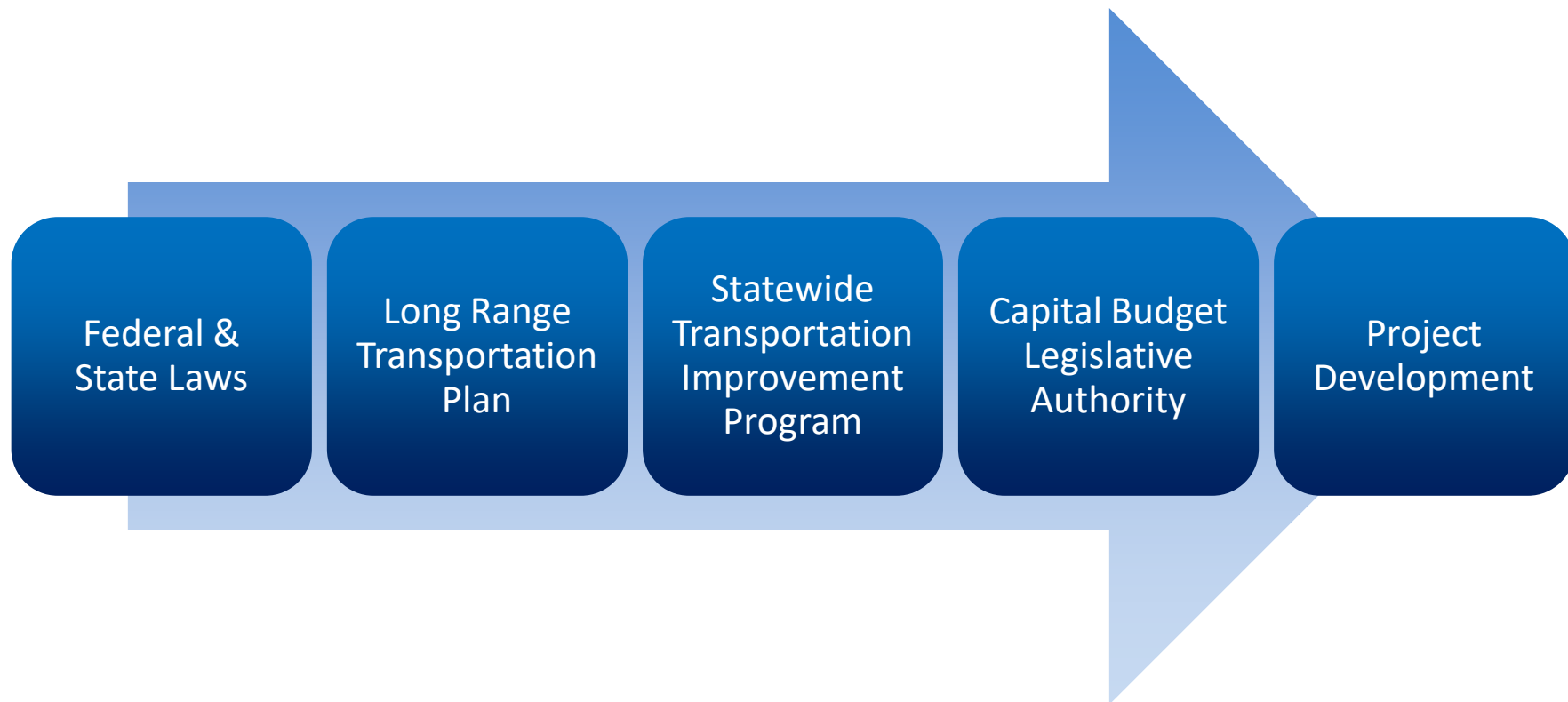
- **INFRA Grants**

- Alaska has applied for \$105M for Sterling Highway Milepost 45-60.

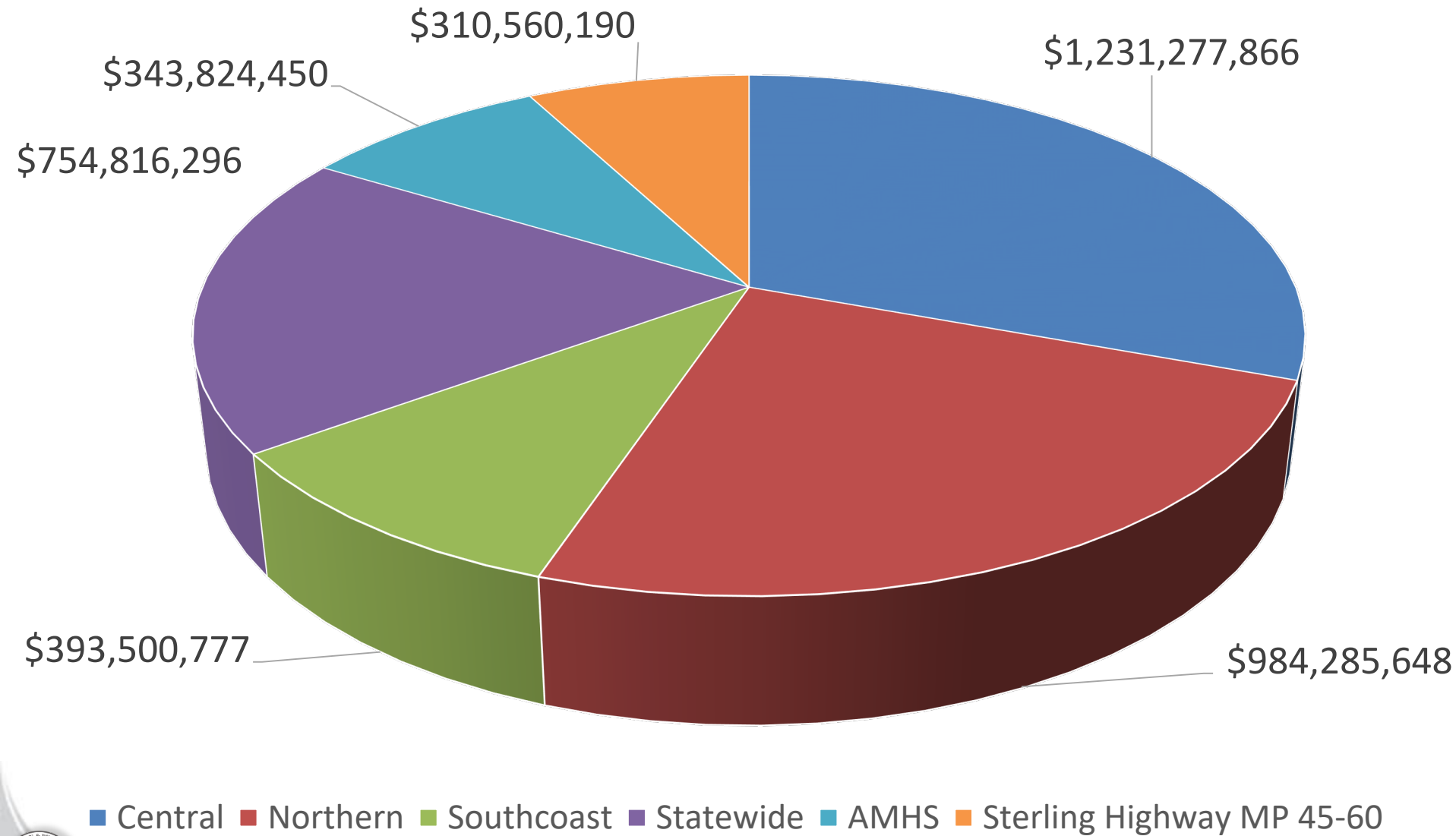
- **BUILD Grants**

- Alaska is currently working on 2020 project applications.

Programming the STIP



Draft 2020-2023 STIP Distribution





Community Transportation Program

- The Community Transportation Program (CTP) is a competitive program for communities to nominate projects for funding
- Uses Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG/STP) funding.
- Projects are scored through a Project Evaluation Board (PEB).
- Project awards will be made Spring 2020 of ~\$50M for project designs to start in FFY2023 with construction in FFY2025.



Advance Construction

- Advance Construction (AC) is just one of several federal-aid fund management tools that allows greater flexibility in managing federal-aid funds.
- AC is a project authorization technique that allows the Federal Highway Administration to authorize a project without obligating federal funds.
- The department uses federal receipt authority to incur expenditures while the project is in AC status.
- Federal funds are converted at a later date to payback AC.