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Will your Next TEA come from a Mega Region?

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The SAFETEA-LU legislation came to an end September 30, 2009. The Federal Transportation programs are in the process of being reauthorized. At the time that this abstract was submitted, it appeared that Congress might work on a short term extension with a more comprehensive bill to be developed later.

One of the ideas that might influence this future legislation is the concept that the country is developing Mega-Regions. This presentation will talk about some of the concepts and how they may interact with the Transportation Programs.

What is a Mega Region?

What are the alternatives?

How might their boundaries be defined?

How might they impact transportation programs?

How would we collect data for or model a Mega Region?

New Census urban boundaries definition & MPO definition