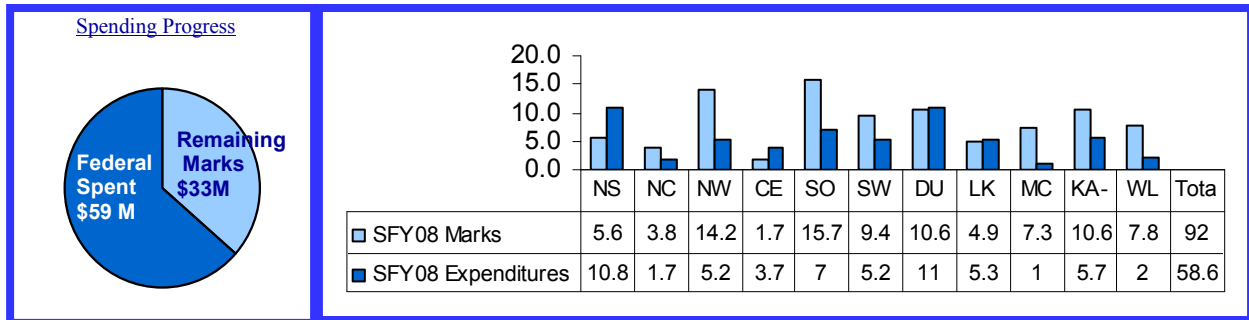


SFY 08 Suburban STP Expenditure Report

1.) The Councils have accomplished \$59 million in projects, leaving \$59 million of projects to carry over to the SFY09 program.



2.) If the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 09 appropriations are insufficient and/or we don't accomplish our projects we are at risk of losing an entire year's worth of federal STP funding.



3.) SAFETEA-LU ends in 2009. Unless Congress changes the law, a final rescission written in the law will take back substantial unobligated balances from all programs. If the region spends our federal funds by the end of SFY09, they may be protected.

So, We Need to Spend More to be Successful

Our Goals

- Meet our region's transportation needs
- Spend all STP funds by June 30, 2009
- Enter Federal Reauthorization with "0" balances
- Continue to spend all local funds each year

Our Strategies

- Mayors identify project priorities
- Councils develop programs slightly higher than marks, "overprogram"
- Planning Liaisons communicate regularly
- Use appropriations from other regions in the state

Potential Solutions

- Implement sunset clauses to spend money
- Use "reappropriated" funding from our region if the states appropriation is not sufficient
- Encourage legislators to appropriate funding at a level consistent with the amount of federal funds in SAFETEA-LU
- Fund regional priorities with Suburban STP dollars
- Advanced fund within council
- Program projects based on readiness
- Keep projects on schedule
- Communicate problems early and honestly
- Planning Liaisons communicate regularly

Our transportation needs and accomplishments highlight the absolute need for a significant, comprehensive, and transparent capital bill that is supported with new revenue and has funds set aside for planning.