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Brownfield Guidance Update



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Background

- Brownfields are abandoned, idle or underutilized industrial and commercial property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination from hazardous substances



Background (cont.)

- Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.
- Less polluted than Superfund sites



USDOT /FHWA Brownfields Policy

- In 1998, USDOT revised its long-standing policy that required transportation agencies to avoid contaminated properties
- USDOT, FHWA, and FTA now permit state and local transportation agencies and MPO's the flexibility to consider brownfields redevelopment in their transportation planning



USDOT Brownfields Policy (Continued)

- **No separate DOT funding source for brownfields-related transportation projects**
- State DOT's may use some of their Federal transportation funding for site clean-up and construction



New Brownfields Legislation

- The Brownfields Reform and Small Business Liability Relief Act
- Encourage brownfield and redevelopment
- Provides liability relief and protection



Brownfields Guidance- What's New?

- Combined Guidance
- Detailed Eligibility and Funding Resources
- Clarity on Procedures
- Summary of National/State Legislative and Regulatory Information



FHWA Brownfield Activities

- Research
- What's Next?



Summary

- Encourage reuse of brownfields
- Meet DOT commitments to Action Agenda
- Provide more technical assistance



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