



WVDOH/FHWA Non-Traditional Transportation Grant Programs



Transportation Enhancements Wheeling Suspension Bridge

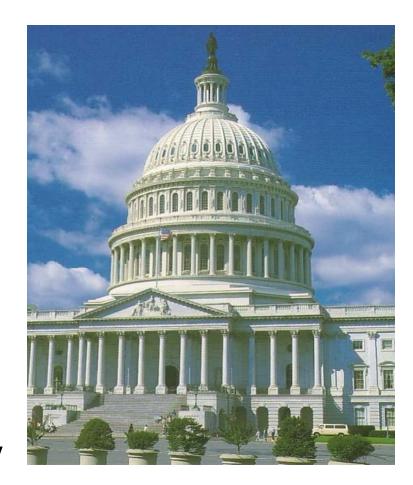
National Scenic Byways Highland Scenic Highway

 Non-traditional transportation grant programs have been around since 1991

 WVDOH receives over \$8 million a year in Federal funding for the four core grant programs for "non-traditional" transportation projects

- Additional grant funding is received through other programs
- WVDOH receives four times as many applications for projects than can be funded

- Congress initiated reimbursable transportation grant programs in 1991
- Designed to enhance America's "Livable Communities" through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA)



- Continued and expanded by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)
- August 10, 2005 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)



- Projects are designed and dedicated to provide for "more-livable communities"
- Through means other than road or bridge construction
- Projects must have a transportation link
 - cannot be "that the project is adjacent to the roadway"
 - exception of landscaping & beautification projects

Core programs

- 1) Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)
- 2) Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- 3) National Scenic Byways Program (NSBP)
- 4) Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

Additional funding programs

- 5) Transportation and Community and System Preservation (TCSP)
- 6) Congressional Appropriations/Line Items

 Each program has its own identity and own guidelines

No WV State funds involved

 Projects funded either with 100%
 Federal funds or 80% Federal funds and 20% Sponsor matching funds

- WVDOH works with Sponsors -Governmental bodies and in some cases non-profit organizations
- Usually takes 3-4 years to complete a project
 - from funding award to completion
- Over 250 grant projects underway at any time

 Normally, grant funding cannot be used for general improvements or maintenance of roadways or vehicular bridges.

However, ...

Three programs have a roadway element:

- Congressional Appropriations & Transportation and Community and System Preservation
 - Improve unsafe road conditions, improve transportation efficiency, and only in specified instances
- Scenic Byways
 - Safety improvements, turnoffs, pull offs, and improvements necessary to accommodate the type of vehicles and increased traffic

Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicyclists



Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists



 Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites (including historic battlefields);



 Scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)



Midland Trail Welcome Center, South Charleston, Kanawha County

Landscaping and other scenic beautification



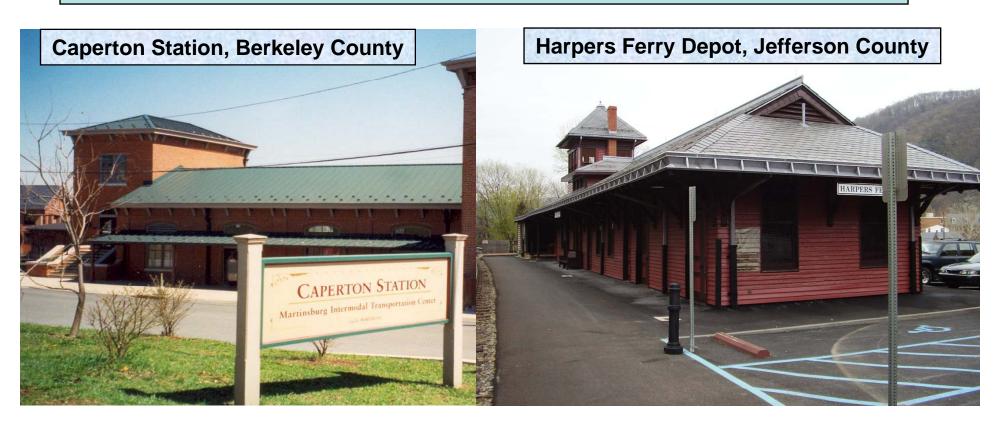


Historic preservation



Cockayne Farm House, Glen Dale, Marshall County

 Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)



 Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)

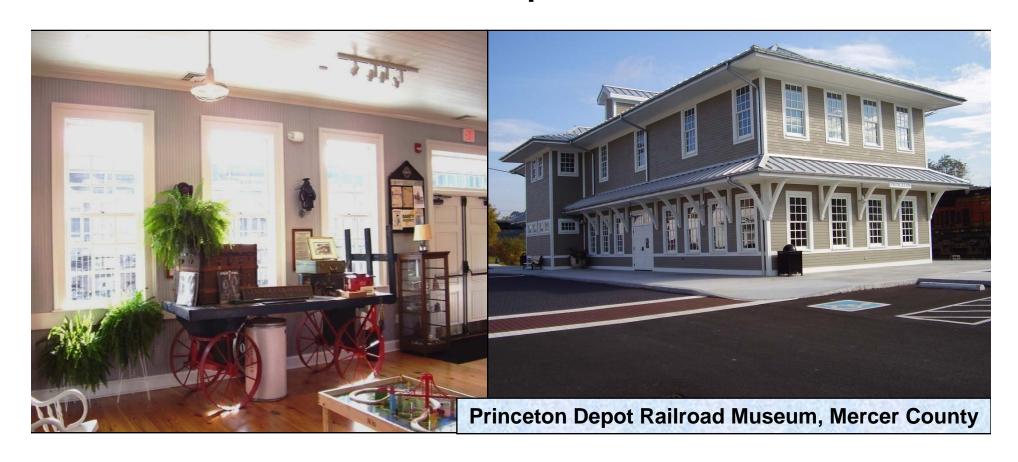


Montana Mines, Marion County

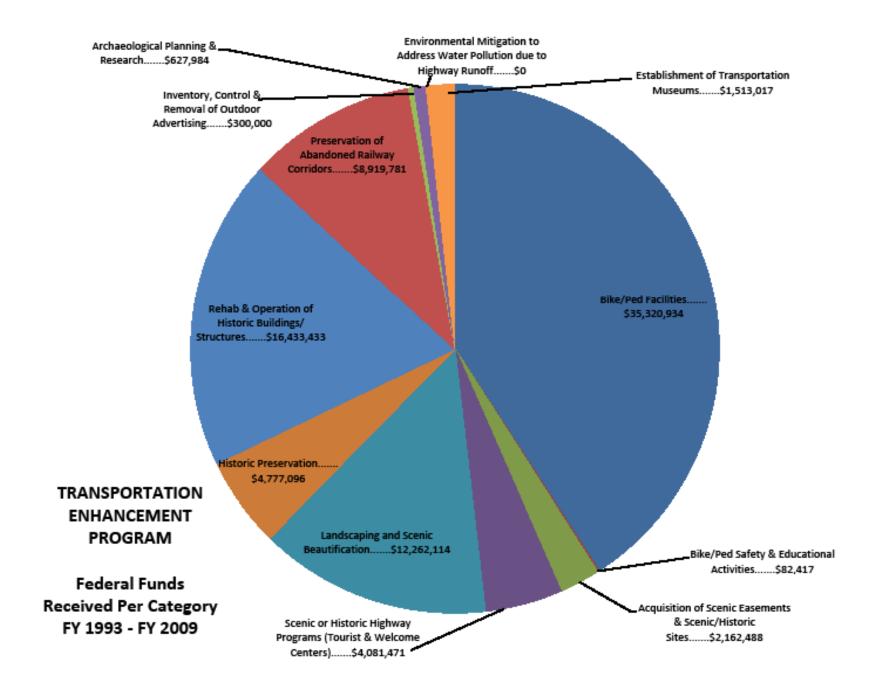
Archaeological planning and research

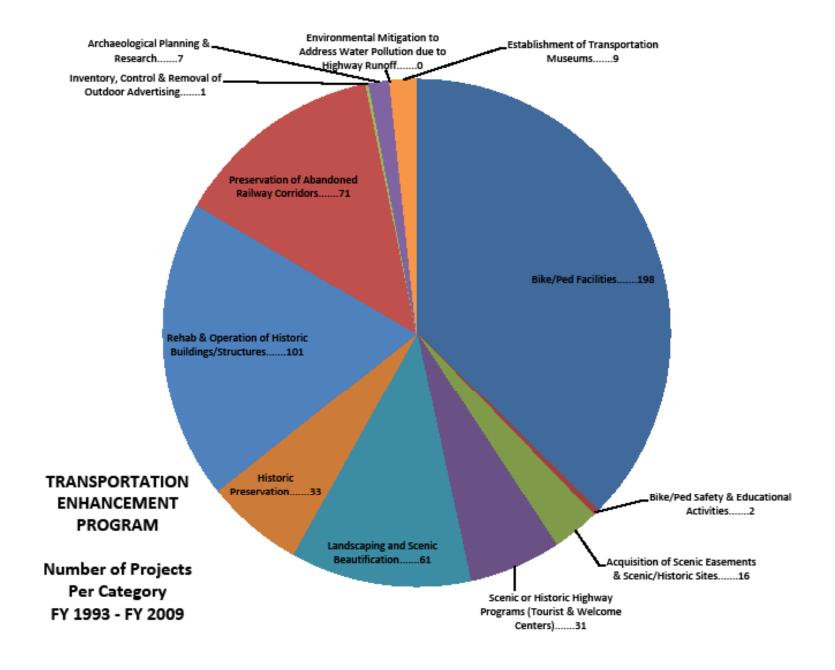


Establishment of transportation museums

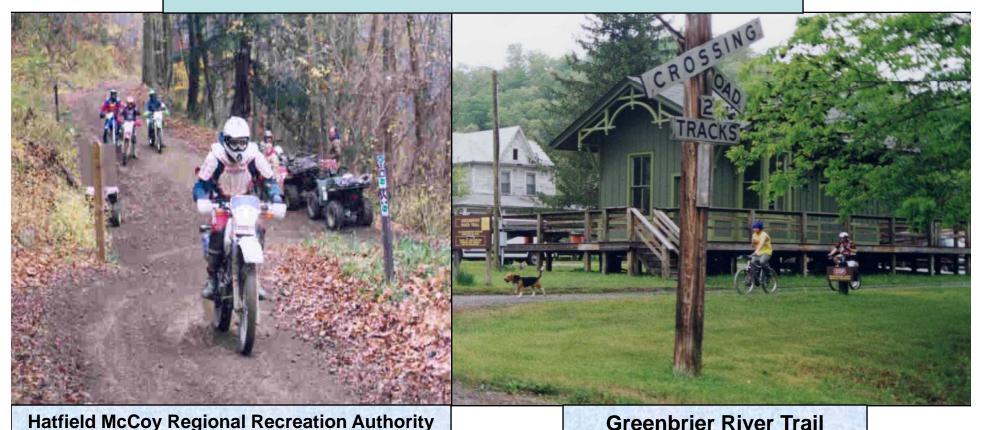


- Inventory, control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity; and





 Available for the construction, upgrade or maintenance of both motorized and nonmotorized recreational trails



- Construction of new trails
- Restoration or maintenance of trails



Clay County Park Trail

Beech Fork State Park, Wayne County

 Assessment or construction of trails for the physically challenged

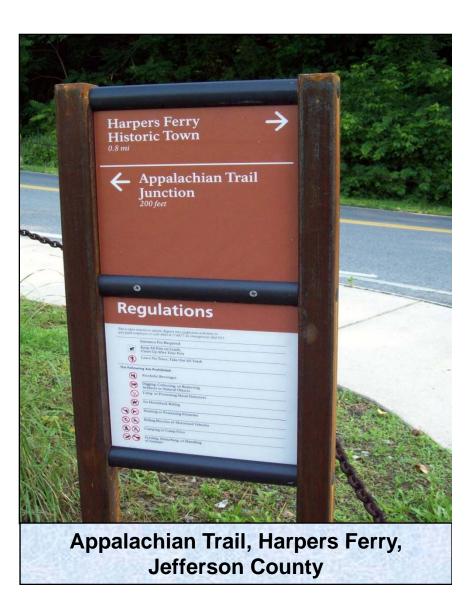


MacTrail, Fairmont, Marion County

 Construction of trails and/or trailhead facilities such as parking, bridges, signage



Tuscarora Trail, Morgan County



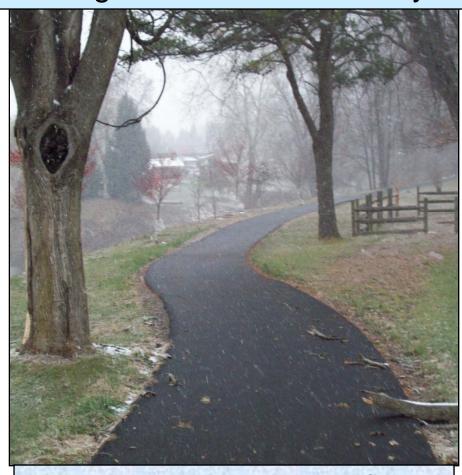
 Purchase of trail construction or maintenance equipment



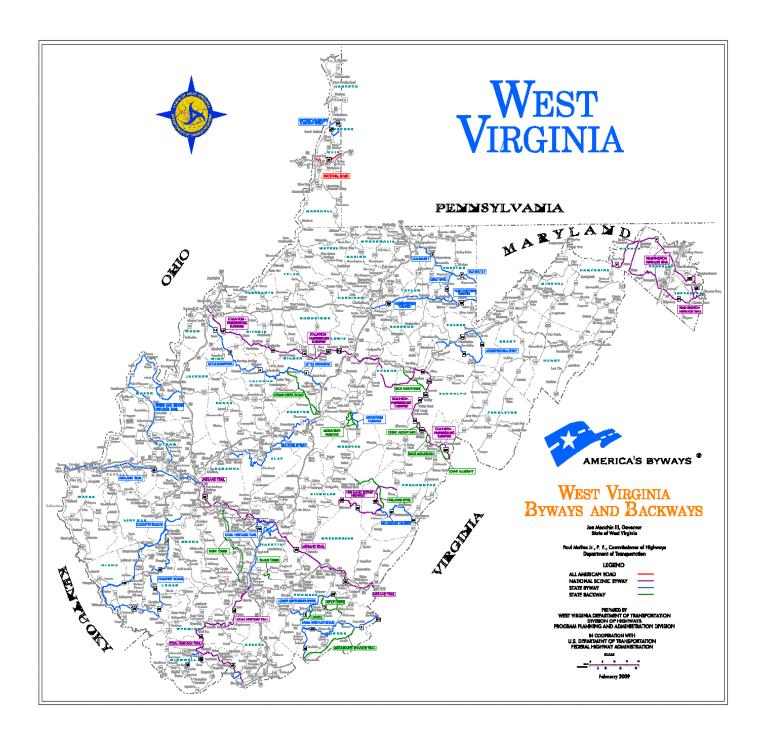
 Can be used for: horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, snowmobiling, ATV and off-highway motorcycles, inline skating, canoe or water trails, and other motorized or non-motorized trail uses



- Over 190 projects in West Virginia
- Funding Available: \$1 million/year



Buckhannon River Trail, Upshur County



National Scenic Byways

 Program goal is the development, protection and preservation of the intrinsic qualities (recreational, archaeological, natural, cultural, historic, and scenic along the designated byway)



Coal Heritage Trail, Bramwell, Mercer County

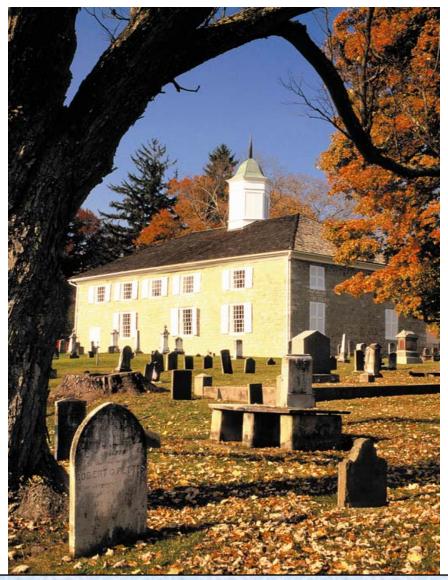
Rich Mountain Backway

National Scenic Byways

- A byway is a route which offers an alternative to high speed linear travel
- Opens up vistas that we might not otherwise see



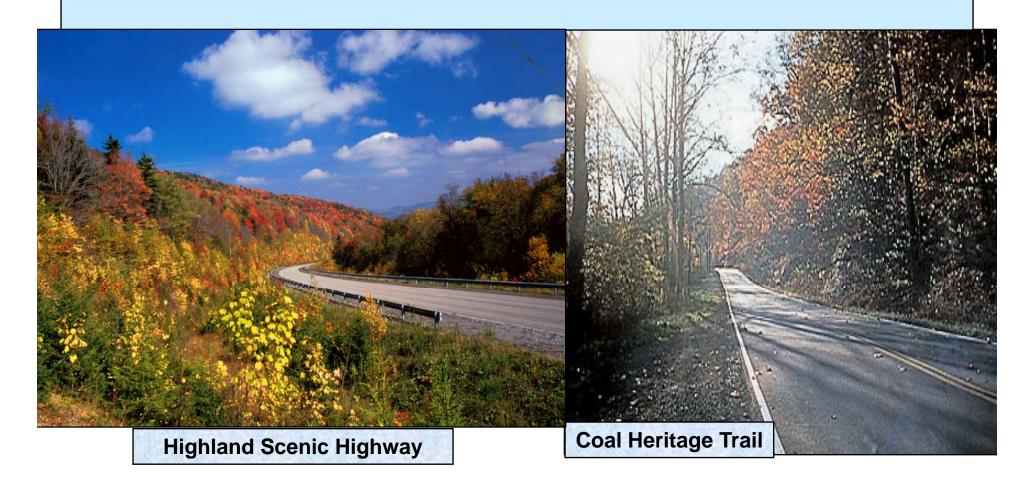
National Scenic Byways



Old Stone Church, Lewisburg, Midland Trail

National Scenic Byways

- "Byways" may be State-designated or Federally-designated
- We have 1 All American Road, 5 National Scenic Byways,
 14 State Byways, and 12 State Backways



National Scenic Byways

Eligible Projects

- Corridor Management Plans
- Safety Improvements
- Byways Facilities Construction
- Access Improvements
- Protection of Scenic, Historical, Recreational, Cultural, Natural and Archaeological Resources
- Tourist Information
- Marketing Program



National Scenic Byways

- Projects are selected by USDOT at Washington, DC level
- Usually \$500,000 to \$1 million





Transportation and Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP)

- Funds projects that improve the efficiency of the transportation system
- Reduce environmental impacts of transportation
- Ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade
- Examine, develop and identify strategies to achieve these goals

Other Congressional Appropriations/Line Items

- Grant funding is made available from a line item in federal legislation
- Should have transportation link and be eligible under one of the transportation grant programs

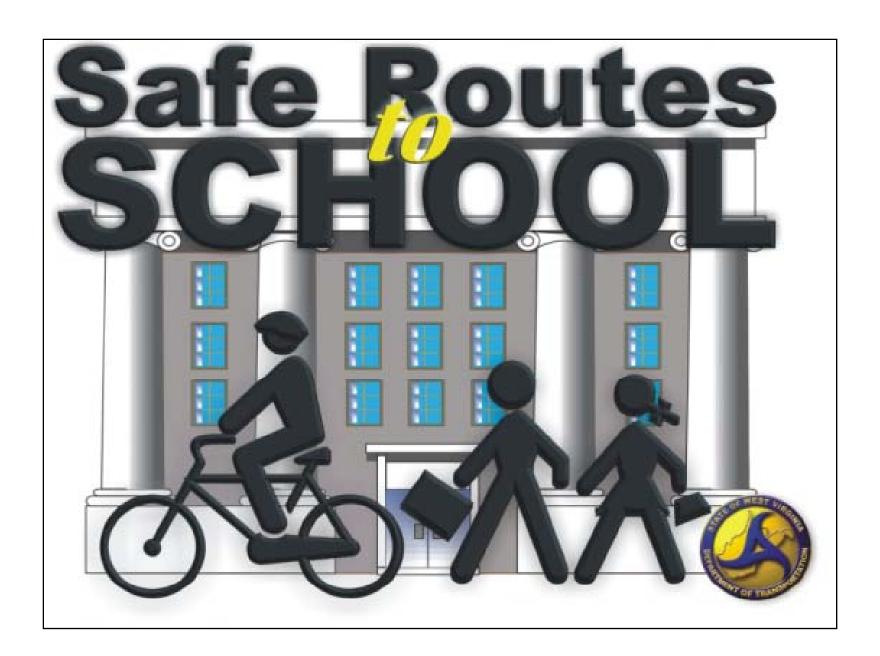
Other Congressional Appropriations/Line Items

- Funding is discretionary and no set application period
- No annual set aside for each state and varies widely from year to year
- Proposals are submitted to US Congressional Delegation and projects are selected at a national level

Other Congressional Appropriations/Line Items

New TCSP Projects

Elkins Rail Yard Project	\$	950,000
Kanawha Trestle Rail Trail	\$1	,900,000
Potomac Street Improvement		
Harpers Ferry	\$1	,425,000
Raleigh County Airport	\$1	,045,000
Tabler Station Business Park	. \$	332,500





 To substantially improve the ability of primary and middle school students (Grades K-8) to walk and bicycle to school safely;



 To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;

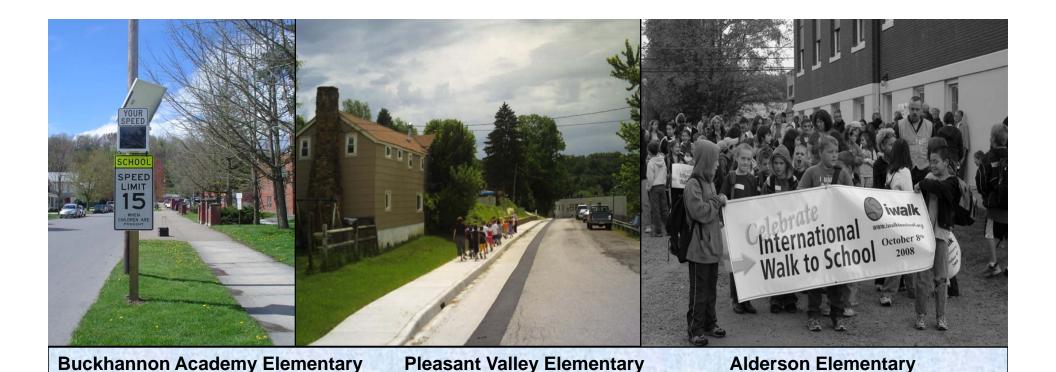


Piedmont Elementary, Kanawha County, 2007

 To make walking and bicycling to school a safer and more appealing transportation choice, which will encourage a healthy, active lifestyle starting at an early age; and



To facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety, and reduce traffic fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity (approximately two miles) of primary and middle schools.



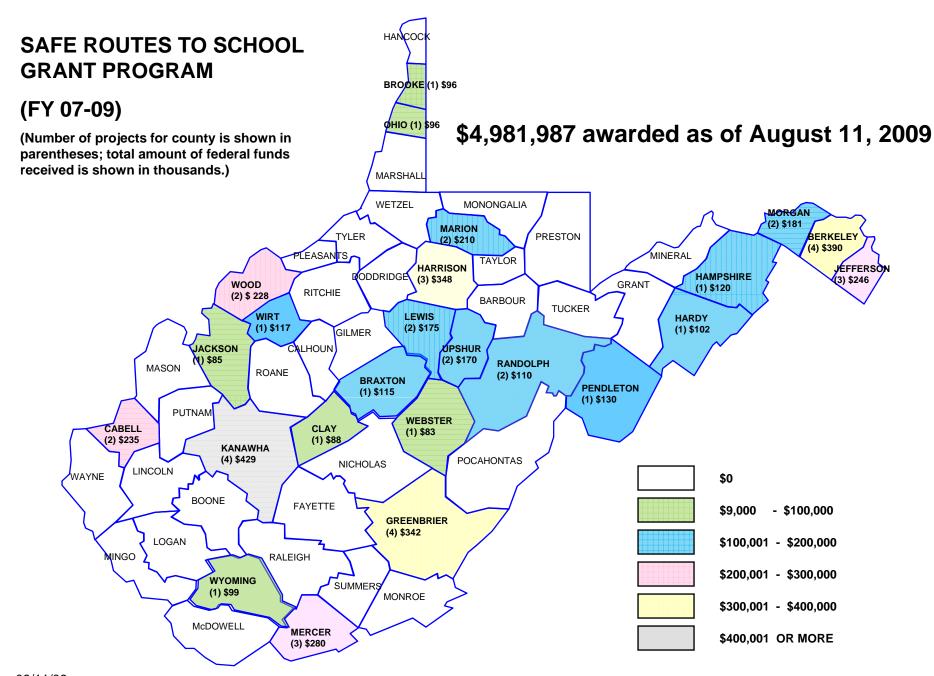
West Virginia has received \$4,990,000 in Safe
 Routes to School grant funding

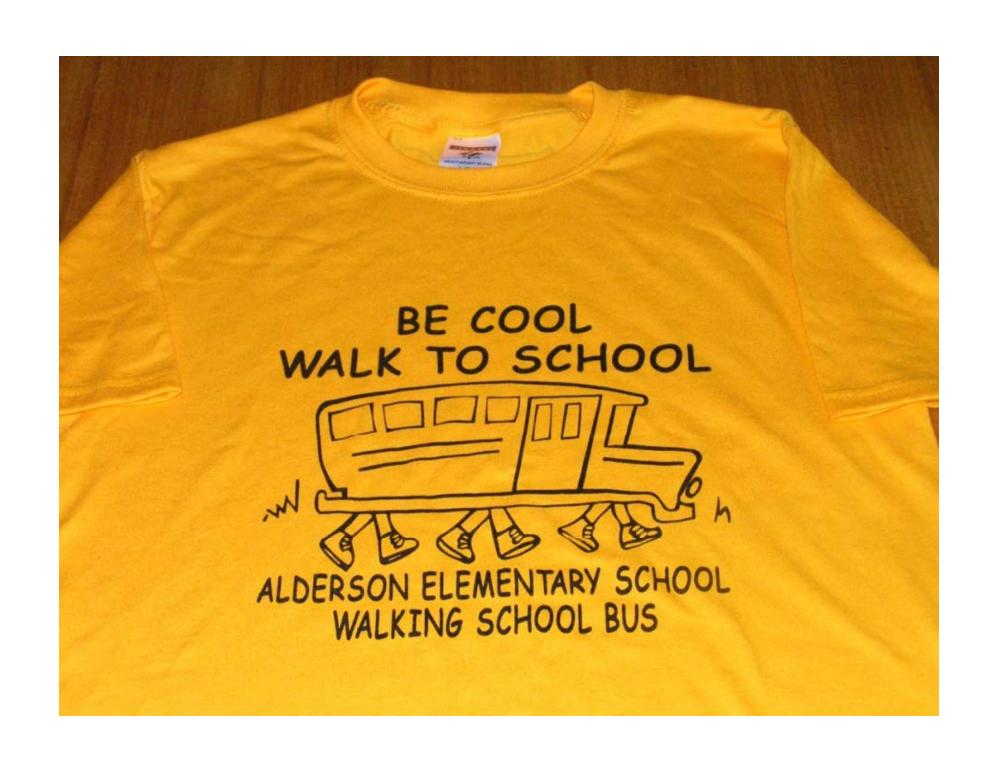
Greenbrier County

Marion County

Upshur County

- 47 projects and activities awarded by Governor Manchin
- Affects 24,000 students at 54 elementary and middle schools in 23 counties





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