**The FAST Act:**

**Increasing Transportation Choices and Opportunities**

**The FAST Act includes provisions are intended to improve transportation options, redevelop communities and to expand employment opportunities, particularly for low-income individuals, minorities, and persons with disabilities.** Specifically, the Act:

* *Makes transit-oriented development projects* eligible for financing under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and the Railroad Rehabilitation & Improvement Financing (RRIF) programs.
* *Provides $2.2 billion for Buses and Bus Facilities formula grants* *and $1.5 billion in discretionary grants for bus and bus facilities*.
* *Expands access to public transportation workforce opportunities* *through training, educational programs, technical assistance grants.* The employment training program includes specific outreach to increase employment for veterans, females, individuals with disabilities, and minorities.
* *Establishes a Pilot Program to support projects that improve transportation coordination for the transportation disadvantaged, including seniors and individuals with disabilities.*
* *Expands design flexibility and local control* by opening an option for certain local governments to use a design guide for their street network that differs from their State’s adopted design guide.
* *Supports efforts to increase connectivity* *by improving bicycle and pedestrian networks.*