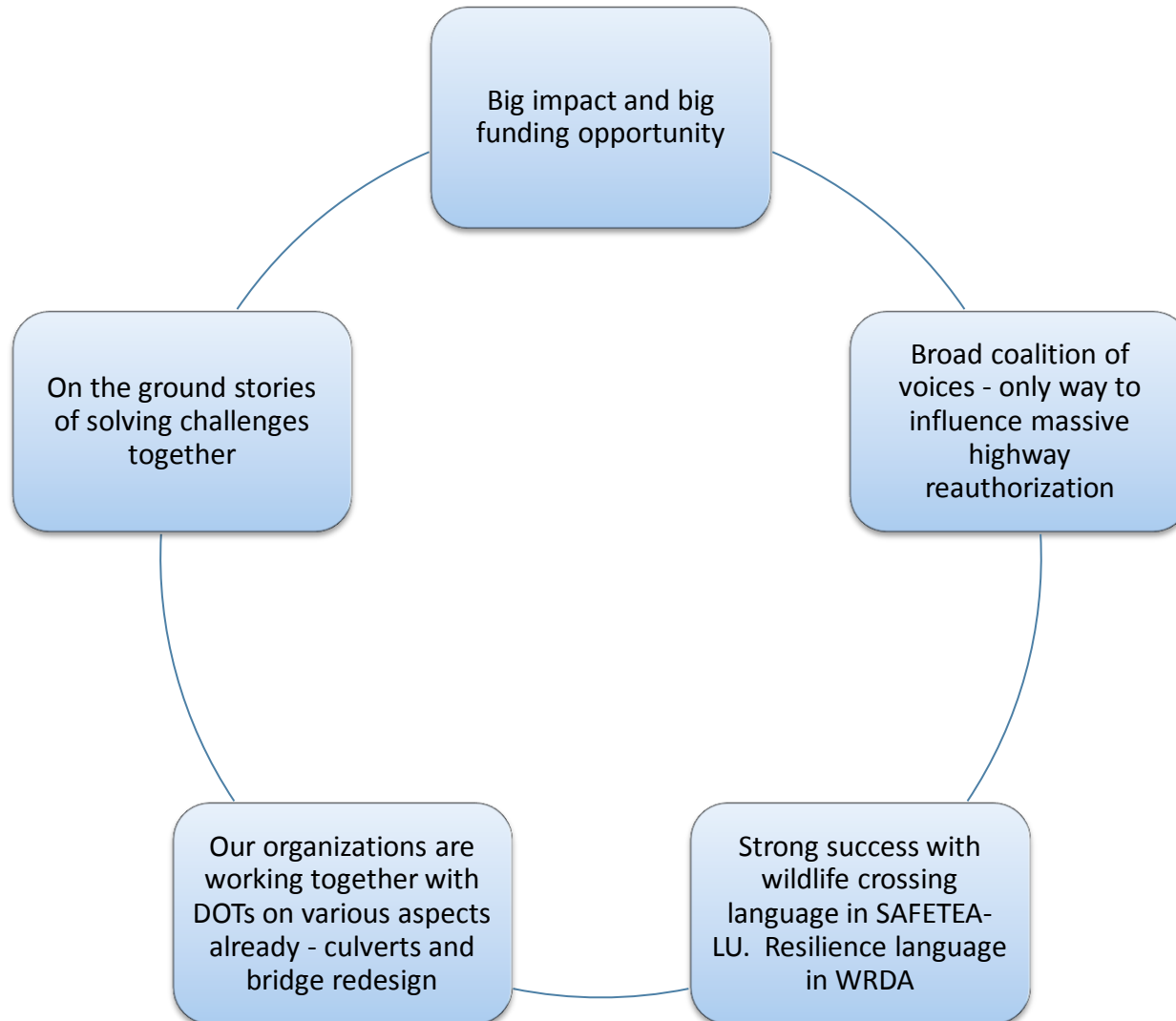




# TRANSPORTATION BILL REAUTHORIZATION

## The Road Forward for Conservation

# Why should the Conservation Community and state DOTs be engaged?



# The Nature Conservancy's 4 Priorities for the Reauthorization Bill



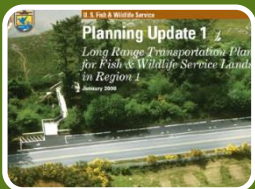
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# Habitat Connectivity

## TNC PLATFORM

- Focus on building upon wildlife crossing/connectivity language already included in statute.
- Enhances this to include habitat connectivity.
- Recommended language for state DOT and MPO “planning” and “performance” components of the statute.



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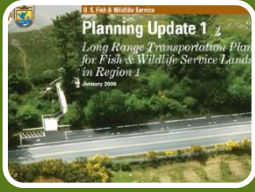
## TNC PLATFORM

- Focus on designing/reconstruction of highway projects - longer-lasting, better able to withstand storm events (flooding, storm surges) and integration with the environment.
- Long-term benefits at reduced costs over lifetime of the projects.
- Economic modeling (MA, NY, MD).
- Similar language included in WRDA.



# Mitigation

- MAP-21 authority provided for Regional Advanced Mitigation Projects (RAMP).
- Provides for better, long-term mitigation planning for scheduled transportation projects.
- Conservation banking, mitigation up-front with reimbursement potential.
- CA, AZ, FL - examples where RAMP is touching down on the ground.
- Current Focus - FHWA implementation of MAP-21 language.



# Federal Road Program

- Support for growing the funding pie for all federal land road programs - BLM, USFS, FWS & NPS
- NPCA and NWRA - Coalition-building efforts
- Support needed from Senate Finance Chair for funding
- Outcome - stronger levels of funding for habitat restoration and conservation work on federal lands in addition to support for construction/reconstruction projects.