

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

OVERVIEW

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides grant funding to State, local, and Tribal governments, public and private transit operators, and other recipients to support public transit infrastructure and operations. The FY 2014 President's budget request of \$10.9 billion will be used for grants to construct new public transit systems; oversee transit safety; purchase and maintain transit vehicles and equipment; support regional transportation planning efforts; and, improve the technology and service methods used in the delivery of public transportation services.

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DOLLARS IN
MILLIONS

ACCOUNTS	FY 2012 ACTUAL	FY 2014 PRES. BUD.
Formula and Bus (TF) ¹	\$8,360.6	\$8,595.0
Capital Investment Grants (GF) ^{2/3}	\$1,955.0	\$1,981.5
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) (GF)	\$150.0	\$150.0
Administrative Expenses (GF)	\$98.7	\$109.9
Research and University Research Centers (GF) ⁴	\$44.0	–
Research, Development, Demonstration, and Deployment (GF)	–	\$30.0
Transit Cooperative Research (GF)	–	\$7.0
Technical Assistance and Standards Development (GF)	–	\$7.0
Human Resources and Training (GF)	–	\$5.0
Public Transportation Emergency Relief (GF)	–	\$25.0
Subtotal	\$10,608.3	\$10,910.4
Immediate Transportation Investments:		
Transit Capital Assistance (M)	–	\$2,500.0
Transit Core Capacity Improvement (M)	–	\$500.0
State of Good Repair (M)	–	\$6,000.0
Total	\$10,608.3	\$19,910.4
Rescission	–\$58.5	–
Direct FTE	562	596

TF=Trust Fund, GF=General Fund

¹ Does not include flexible funding from Federal Highways of approximately \$1.5 billion in FY 2012 and is estimated to total \$1.3 billion in FY 2014.

² Does not include the Denali Commission transfer (\$5 million), or the Alaska and Hawaii transfer to MARAD (\$5.1 million).

³ Does not include \$151 million of prior year unobligated balances proposed in the budget for Capital Investment Grants for a FY 2014 total of \$2.132 billion.

⁴ Under MAP-21 the Research and University Research Centers account was restructured into four accounts.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The President requests **\$10.9 billion in FY 2014 to strengthen transit safety oversight, bring bus and rail transit infrastructure into a state of good repair, and provide new and expanded transit systems in communities nationwide.** This is an increase of the \$302.1 million above the FY 2012 enacted level. The President's request is a strong commitment to effective implementation of the new surface transportation authorization law MAP-21. MAP-21 places new emphasis on improving the efficiency of grant program operations through consolidation of some programs; streamlines some grant processes; and renews focus on improved public transportation access, conditions, and safety.

- ▶ **FORMULAGRANTS:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests \$8.6 billion to provide grants that support capital investment, state of good repair, safety, planning, bus and railcar purchases and maintenance, facility repair and construction, and operating expenses. FTA's formula grant programs are funded from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund.
- ▶ **CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests about \$2 billion in new budget authority to support the construction of major capital projects that provide new and expanded transit service. This funding, coupled with \$151 million in prior year unobligated balances, will provide approximately \$2.1 billion for Capital Investment Grants projects in FY 2014. MAP-21 creates a new category of projects, Core Capacity grants. These projects improve the capacity of existing fixed-guideway transit services.
- ▶ **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA):** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests \$150 million to address WMATA's reinvestment and maintenance backlog to improve the

safety and reliability of service and to expand existing system capacity to meet growing demand. This funding is a continuation of the ten-year \$3 billion capital improvement program in which federal funding is matched by local and state support.

- ▶ **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests \$109.9 million to provide financial resources to fund FTA's ongoing core operations that support its grant making and related activities, implement FTA's new safety authority through its Office of Safety and Oversight, and bring transit systems into a state of good repair through the Transit Asset Management activities required by MAP-21.
- ▶ **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND DEPLOYMENT:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests \$30 million to support research activities that improve the safety, reliability, efficiency, and sustainability of the public transportation industry by investing in the development, testing, and deployment of innovative technologies, materials, and processes. FTA's research program includes activities related to low and no emission buses and bus facilities.
- ▶ **TRANSIT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests \$7 million to provide funds to the National Academy of Sciences to conduct investigative research on subjects related to public transportation.
- ▶ **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests \$7 million to provide technical assistance to the public transportation industry and sponsor the development of voluntary and consensus-based standards.

- ▶ **HUMAN RESOURCES AND TRAINING:** The FY 2014 President’s Budget requests \$5 million to carry out human resource and training activities, as well as establish a competitive workforce development grant program.
- ▶ **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF:** The FY 2014 President’s Budget requests \$25 million to provide capital and operating assistance to help transit agencies restore needed transportation services immediately following disaster events. Through this new program authorized by MAP-21, FTA administers the \$10.9 billion in Hurricane Sandy relief and recovery grants provided by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act, 2013 (Public Law 113-2). This was a one-time appropriation related to Hurricane Sandy.
- ▶ **IMMEDIATE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS:** The President’s Budget proposes \$50 billion in Immediate Transportation Investments for highway, highway safety, transit, passenger rail, and aviation activities. **Of this amount, \$9 billion is proposed for FTA programs.**
- ▶ **\$500 million for Core Capacity Improvements:** This category of Capital Investment Grants established in MAP-21 will increase the capacity of the Nation’s existing transit infrastructure.
- ▶ **\$6 billion for Transit State of Good Repair:** This funding will pay for capital asset renewal/vehicle equipment replacement at local bus and rail transit systems nationwide with a focus on the oldest and largest systems with the greatest need.
- ▶ **\$2.5 billion for Urban and Rural Transit Programs:** This funding will support over 1,300 local transit agencies nationwide with capital assistance, including routine maintenance, and limited operating assistance for certain small urban and rural systems.

FTA HISTORY – DID YOU KNOW?...

- ▶ *FTA provides grant funding to State and local governments, public and private transit operators, and other recipients to enhance public transportation across the United States.*
- ▶ *FTA programs fund construction of new public transit systems, purchase and maintain transit vehicles and equipment, subsidize public transit operations, support regional transportation planning efforts, and improve technology and service methods.*
- ▶ *In 2013, FTA’s programs were significantly changed by passage of MAP-21, the new surface transportation authorization law. The FY 2014 President’s Budget reflects the program changes authorized in MAP-21.*
- ▶ *MAP-21 provides new authority to strengthen public transportation safety and places a renewed focus on reinvesting in and modernizing transit assets to help bring transit systems throughout the country into a state of good repair.*

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PROPOSED FY 2014 SECTION 5309 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

(DOLLARS IN MILLIONS)

EXISTING NEW STARTS FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENTS (FFGAS)			FY 2014 ¹
CA	South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2	Sacramento	\$3
CA	Third Street Light Rail Phase 2 - Central Subway	San Francisco	\$150
CA	San Jose, Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project	San Jose	\$150
CO	Denver Eagle Commuter Rail	Denver	\$150
CT	Hartford-New Britain—Hartford Busway	Hartford	\$59
FL	Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit, Initial Op Segment	Orlando	\$4
HI	Honolulu, High Capacity Transit Corridor Project	Honolulu	\$250
MN	St. Paul-Minneapolis, Central Corridor LRT	Minneapolis	\$98
NC	LYNX Blue Line Extension-Northeast Corridor	Charlotte	\$100
NY	Long Island Rail Road East Side Access	New York	\$215
NY	Second Avenue Subway, Phase 1	New York	\$15
OR	Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project	Portland	\$100
TX	Northwest/Southeast LRT MOS	Dallas	\$9
TX	North Corridor LRT	Houston	\$88
TX	Southeast Corridor LRT	Houston	\$88
VA	Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Extension to Wiehle Ave.	Washington	\$96
WA	University Link LRT Extension	Seattle	\$110
Total, Existing New Starts Full Funding Grant Agreements			\$1,685
RECOMMENDED NEW STARTS PROJECTS FOR FFGAS			
CA	Regional Connector Transit Corridor	Los Angeles	\$65
CA	Westside Subway Extension	Los Angeles	\$65
WA	Columbia River Crossing	Vancouver	\$65
Total, Recommended New Starts Projects for FFGAs			\$195
EXISTING SMALL STARTS CONSTRUCTION GRANTS - PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION			
AZ	Central Mesa LRT Extension	Mesa	\$21
MI	Silver Line BRT	Grand Rapids	\$4
Total, Existing Small Starts Construction Grants			\$25
SMALL STARTS PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION			
CA	Fresno Area Express Blackstone/Kings Canyon BRT	Fresno	\$10
FL	JTA BRT North Corridor	Jacksonville	\$19
FL	JTA BRT Southeast Corridor	Jacksonville	\$19
OR	West Eugene EmX Extension	Eugene	\$24
TX	Dyer Corridor BRT	El Paso	\$15
Total Small Starts			\$88
Core Capacity			\$120
Oversight Activities			\$20
Grand Total			\$ 2,132