

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. Grants are used to construct new public transit systems; 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

ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2011 ACTUAL	FY 2012 ESTIMATE	FY 2013 REQUEST
Administrative Expenses (GF)	\$99	\$99	\$-
Energy Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GF)	\$50	\$-	\$-
Research and University Research Centers (GF)	\$59	\$44	\$-
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (GF)	\$150	\$150	\$135
Capital Investment Grants (GF) ^{1/}	\$1,584	\$1,950	\$-
Transit Formula Program (Formerly Formula and Bus Grants) (TF) ^{2/}	\$8,343	\$8,361	\$4,759
Bus and Rail State of Good Repair Program (TF)	\$-	\$-	\$3,207
Transit Expansion and Livable Communities Program (includes Capital Investment Grants) (TF)	\$-	\$-	\$2,448
Operations and Safety Program (TF)		\$-	\$166
Research and Technology Deployment Program (TF)		\$-	\$121
Subtotal^{3/}	\$10,284	\$10,603	\$10,836
Immediate Transportation Investment—Transit Formula (M)	—	\$3,000	—
Immediate Transportation Investment—State of Good Repair (M)	—	\$6,000	—
Total^{2/}	\$10,284	\$19,603	\$10,836
Proposed Rescission	\$-	\$-	-\$103
Direct FTE	570	570	645

1/ Includes transfers to the Inspector General and the Denali Commission.
 2/ FY 2011 does not include a net \$1.211 billion flex transfer from the Federal Highway Administration.
 3/ Numbers may not add due to rounding.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The President's Budget requests a total of \$10.8 billion in FY 2013 to improve the condition of transit assets, expand access, and increase transit safety. This request is consistent with the account structure and approach of the Administration's Surface Transportation Reauthorization Proposal, which emphasizes more maintenance and repair of our existing transit infrastructure, better transportation options to make our communities more livable, and increased system safety for transit riders and workers. The President's request proposes to consolidate FTA's program structure into five budget accounts, each funded from the Mass Transit Account of the proposed Transportation Trust Fund.

- **State of Good Repair:** The FY 2013 President's Budget requests \$3.2 billion for grants to help transit agencies reduce their backlog of bus and rail transit assets that need to be repaired or replaced. These investments will help make transit systems with aging capital more reliable, efficient, and safe, for the millions of travelers who use them every day.
- **Transit Expansion and Livable Communities:** The FY 2013 President's Budget requests \$2.4 billion for a reorganized portfolio of grant programs that expand transit systems nationwide. Within this account, funds will be provided to Capital Investment Grants (\$2.2 billion), Planning Programs (\$140 million), Transit in the Parks (\$27 million), Tribal Transit (\$15 million), and Livability Demonstration Grants (\$30 million).
- **Transit Formula Grants:** The FY 2013 President's Budget requests \$4.8 billion to help States, urban and rural areas plan, construct, repair and maintain transit systems. FTA also proposes extending operating cost assistance to certain larger urban and rural systems in economic distress as well as a proposed emergency assistance for transit systems needing disaster relief (\$25 million).
- **Research and Technology Deployment:** The FY 2013 President's Budget requests \$121 million to fund transit research and technical assistance activities. Combining research, demonstration, training and technical assistance will improve how FTA prepares transit agencies for future challenges. The FY 2013 request funds research, training, and technical assistance (\$71 million), and greenhouse gas and energy reduction demonstrations (\$50 million).
- **Operations and Safety:** The FY 2013 President's Budget requests \$166 million to fund FTA's administrative operations and new rail transit safety oversight activities. Within this amount, a total of \$45 million is requested for rail transit rail safety oversight, which includes \$36 million to for rail transit safety oversight field activities in partnership with the States, and \$9 million to establish a safety office to set policies and standards. This new authority responds to findings by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the Office of the Inspector General, and is included in the Administration's Surface Transportation Reauthorization proposal.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

- » **Six-year Reauthorization Priorities:** For transit, this represents the first-year of a six-year \$108 billion proposal. The President's proposed transit reauthorization promotes increased transportation options, rider safety, and infrastructure maintenance. It also encourages improvements to strategic and capital planning and proposes a sensible, streamlined program structure.
- » The new Rail Transit Safety Program is a cooperative effort with State transit safety oversight agencies to set National transit safety standards and provide inspections and consultation in order to ensure compliance. This proposal responds to NTSB and GAO recommendations following rail transit accidents in several cities across the nation, including Boston, Washington, DC, Chicago, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and Miami.
- » The Transportation Expansion Program includes Capital Investment Grants (New Starts) along with a new Livable Communities and Planning program funding to provide greater access to transit for cities and rural areas and coordinate transit with housing and economic development planning. Capital Investment Grants will have simpler, more streamlined requirements for funding.
- » The reauthorization encourages states and localities to coordinate their plans and improve their planning models in order to have better data to make sound decisions with federal funding. It also promotes the use of capital asset management in order to use formula funding wisely.
- » The proposal also promotes the use of capital asset management and will have a more streamlined formula to more effectively target capital reinvestment to those transit agencies with the oldest equipment in most need of repair or replacement.
- » **Immediate Transportation Investments:** To spur job growth and allow states to initiate sound multiyear investments, the budget assumes in FY 2012 a \$50 billion economic boost above current law spending for immediate investments for highway, highway safety, transit, passenger rail, and aviation activities. Of this amount, \$6 billion is proposed to help help pay for capital asset renewal and replacement at local bus and rail transit systems nationwide with a focus on the oldest and largest systems with the greatest need, and \$3 billion 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.

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PROPOSED FY 2013 SECTION 5309 CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

Dollars in Millions

EXISTING FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENTS (Formerly New Starts)			FY 2013
CO	Denver Eagle Commuter Rail	Denver	\$150
CT	Hartford-New Britain—Hartford Busway	Hartford	\$59
FL	Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit-Initial Operating Segment	Orlando	\$30
MN	St. Paul-Minneapolis, Central Corridor LRT	Minneapolis	\$98
NY	Long Island Rail Road East Side Access	New York	\$215
NY	Second Avenue Subway Phase I	New York	\$123
TX	Northwest/Southeast LRT MOS	Dallas	\$79
TX	North Corridor LRT	Houston	\$100
TX	Southeast Corridor LRT	Houston	\$100
UT	Salt Lake County, Draper Transit Corridor	Salt Lake City	\$6
VA	Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Extension to Wiehle Ave.	Washington	\$96
WA	University Link LRT Extension	Seattle	\$110
Subtotal			\$1,166
PENDING FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENTS (Formerly New Starts)			
CA	South Sacramento Corridor Phase 2	Sacramento	\$46
CA	Third Street Light Rail Phase 2 Central Subway	San Francisco	\$150
HI	High Capacity Transit Corridor Project	Honolulu	\$250
CA	Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension Project	San Jose	\$150
OR	Portland-Milwaukee Light Rail Project	Portland	\$100
Subtotal, Pending Full Funding Grant Agreements			\$696
NEW FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS (Formerly New Starts)			
NC	LYNX Blue Line Extension-Northeast Corridor	Charlotte	\$70
Subtotal, New Full Funding Grant Agreement Recommendations			\$70
OTHER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS			
CA	Regional Connector Transit Corridor	Los Angeles	\$31
CA	Westside Subway Extension	Los Angeles	\$50
WA	Columbia River Crossing Project	Vancouver	\$39
Subtotal, Other Capital Investment Program Funding Recommendations			\$120
PROJECT CONSTRUCTION GRANT AGREEMENT FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS (Formerly Small Starts)			
AZ	Central Mesa Extension	Mesa	\$20
CA	Fresno Area Express Blackstone/Keys Canyon BRT	Fresno	\$10
CA	East Bay BRT	Oakland	No additional funds needed
CA	Van Ness Avenue BRT	San Francisco	\$10
FL	JTA BRT North Corridor	Jacksonville	\$19
FL	JTA BRT Southeast Corridor	Jacksonville	\$19
MI	Silver Line BRT	Grand Rapids	\$15
OR	West Eugene Emerald Express	Eugene	\$19
TX	Dyer Corridor BRT	El Paso	\$15
Subtotal, Project Construction Grant Agreement Funding Recommendations			\$127
Oversight			\$56
Grand Total			\$2,235