



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



2015 Statistical Summaries

FTA Grant Assistance Programs

Background

The mission of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is to improve public transportation for America's communities. FTA seeks to deliver products and services that are valued by its customers and to assist transit agencies in better meeting the needs of their customers. This comprehensive report presents detailed fiscal year funding data for FTA's major financial aid programs. Use of these funds is identified by program, program element, urbanized area, and state.

Objectives

The *2015 Statistical Summaries* report provides information about FTA's major financial aid programs for Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 that were authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) federal legislation, which was signed into law in July 2012. The data in this report were compiled from the capital, operating, and planning assistance grants to transit authorities, states, planning agencies, and other units of local government and eligible recipients.

Findings and Conclusions

Funds obligated by the Federal Transit Administration to support transit continue to rise, and the transfer of certain Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds to FTA for use in transit projects has continued to play a key role in project funding.

FY 2015 marks the third and final year of authorization for MAP-21. Many key programs have remained the same, and some programs were repealed under this authorization or were combined with other programs. The *2015 Statistical Summaries* report provides information about FTA's major financial aid programs for FY 2015, including Urbanized Area Formula, Non-urbanized Area Formula, Rural Transit Assistance, Formula Funds for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, Capital, Interstate Substitution, Metropolitan Transportation Planning, Statewide Transportation Planning, Consolidated Planning Grants, Emergency Supplemental Funding, and State Infrastructure Bank. New programs include the Section 5337 State of Good Repair Program and the Section 5339 Bus Formula Program. Programs repealed under MAP-21 include Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), New Freedom, Over-the-Road Bus, Clean Fuels, Fixed Guideway Modernization, Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities, Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks, and Alternative Analysis; related data are included in the report because FTA awarded grants in FY 2015 that originated under these programs.

Transit continues to receive significant funding to support projects. For FY 2015, FTA's grant obligations totaled about \$13.3 billion. Of that, capital expenses accounted for about 90% (\$12 billion) of the obligations. Funds were obligated for the purchase of 10,573 motor vehicles (buses, vans, sedans, station wagons, ferryboats) and 3,442 rail cars, totaling approximately \$1.6 billion and \$619 million, respectively.

Benefits

Obligations for FTA major financial programs are distributed among various population and programmatic categories and must be used for certain purposes to meet all legal and administrative requirements for program eligibility. The statistical summaries contained in this report promote accountability and foster transparency by providing accurate, user-friendly information on FTA programs.

Project Information

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