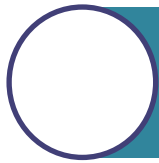


Local Community Organization Webinar

*Understanding Federal Transit Roles,
Programs, and Resources in your
Community*

April 13, 2023





Notable Recent DOT Efforts

- **Justice40**
 - Designed to confront and address decades of underinvestment in disadvantaged communities
 - Goal: at least 40% of the benefits from many of our grants, programs, and initiatives flow to disadvantaged communities.
- **Thriving Communities**
 - First round of funding: \$21.15 million in cooperative agreements with 4 Capacity Builders
 - Capacity Builders will support a total of 64 communities in 42 states, including 6 Tribal Nations, and Puerto Rico.
 - FY2023 Thriving Communities Program opportunity for Capacity Builders and communities is expected to open in summer 2023
- **[Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making](#)**
 - Promotes promising practices for transportation professionals to incorporate meaningful public involvement into each stage of the transportation decision-making process



FTA Overview

Roles, Responsibilities, and Programs



What is Public Transportation?

Public transportation service is the operation of a vehicle that provides general or special service to the public on a regular and continuing basis consistent with Federal transit law (49 U.S.C. Chapter 53).

Transit



LIGHT RAIL



CITY BUS



FERRY



COMMUTER VAN



BUS STOP



HEAVY RAIL (SUBWAY)



INTERCITY BUS



PARATRANSIT VAN

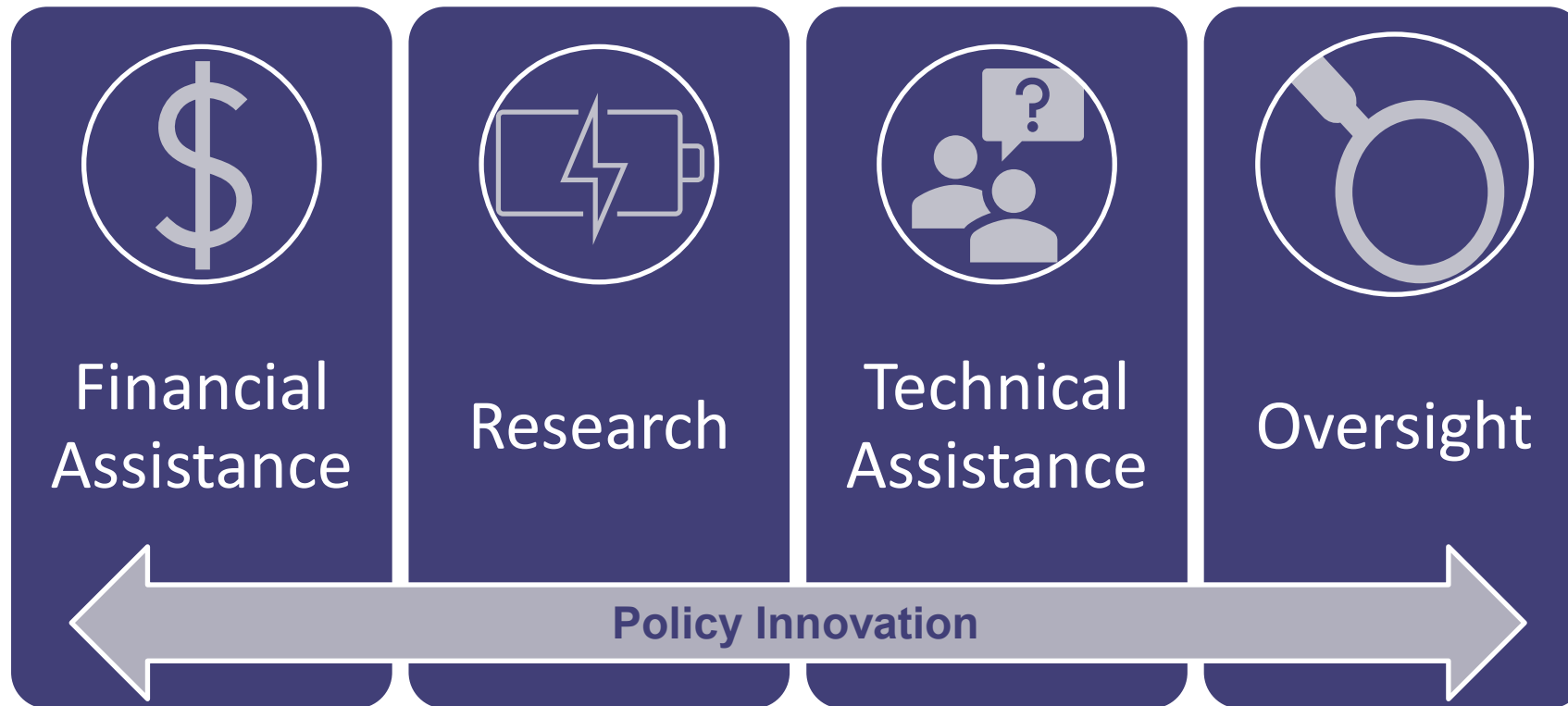


COMMUTER RAIL

FTA's Mission

Improve America's Communities through Public Transportation

FTA accomplishes this mission through four main lines of business





FTA Programs

Financial Assistance	Research & Innovation	Technical Assistance	Oversight
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metropolitan, Statewide, & TOD Planning • Rural & Urbanized Area Formula • Tribal Transit • Seniors & Individual with Disabilities • State of Good Repair • Buses & Bus Facilities/Low-No Emission Bus • Ferry Vessels & Facilities • All Stations Accessibility • Capital Investment Grants • Workforce Development Grants • Safety & Security • Emergency Relief • [Flex funds] • [USDOT – multimodal grants & loans] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, Development, Demonstration & Deployment • Transit Cooperative Research Program • Bus & Component Testing • Small Business Innovation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Standards • National Transit Institute • Transportation Safety Institute • Workforce Development & Training • Technical Assistance Centers • Coordinating Council for Access & Mobility (CCAM) 	<p><u>Safety Oversight</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Transportation Safety Program • Training Certification • Vehicle Standards • State Safety Oversight • Drug & Alcohol • Transit Asset Management <p><u>Program Oversight</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, Procurement, and Financial • Civil Rights DBE, Title VI, ADA, EEO <p><u>Project Oversight</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Project Management • Financial Capacity

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

Significant Funding Increase



- Up to \$108 billion for public transit over five years (FY2022-26)
- New and increased funding for State of Good Repair, Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities, Low or No Emission Bus, and CIG Grants
- Continues existing structure for FTA programs focused on urban, rural, and targeted populations

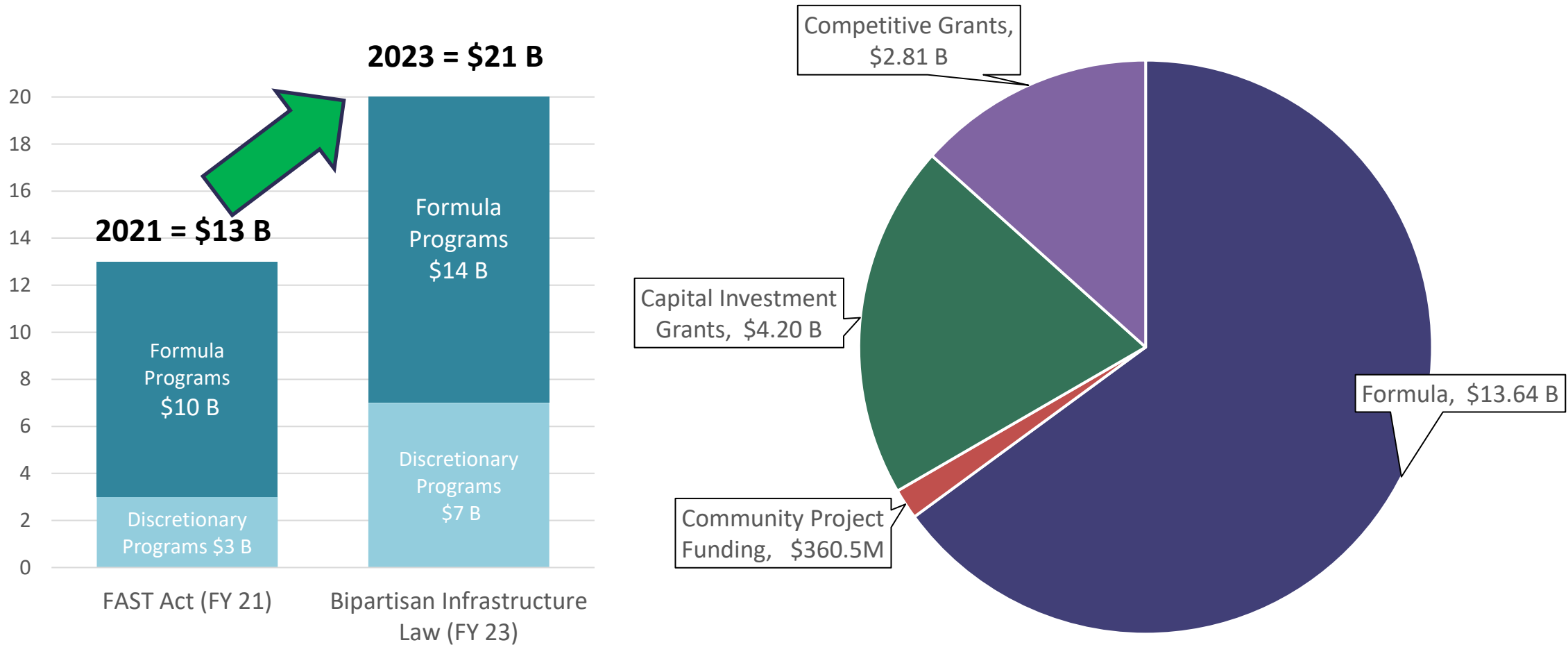
4 New Grant Programs



1. Rail Vehicle Replacement Program
2. All Stations Accessibility Program
3. Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program
4. Ferry Service for Rural Communities



BIL Increased Formula and Competitive Funding



Note: Total funding shown includes authorized trust fund contract authority, authorized annual appropriations for FY23 and certain advance appropriations for FY23 enacted as a part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Annual appropriations are subject to Congressional action. Funding amounts shown are less oversight and exclusive of reappropriated funds.

FTA Priorities for Implementation

FTA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Priorities



Safety – The law will enable FTA to enhance state safety oversight programs by strengthening rail inspection practices to protect transit workers and riders from injuries and to ensure safe access to transit.



Modernization – Increased formula and competitive funding will begin to reduce the enormous state of good repair investment backlog in the nation's transit systems by repairing aging infrastructure and modernizing bus and rail fleets.



Climate – The law includes landmark investments to support the replacement of thousands of transit vehicles, including buses and ferries, with cleaner low- and zero-emission vehicles.



Equity – Investments in equity, including Justice40, will help eliminate transit deserts, improve connectivity to economic and social opportunities, ensure universal accessibility for people with disabilities, support minority and women-owned businesses, and reduce the disparity in quality and frequency of service in underserved communities.

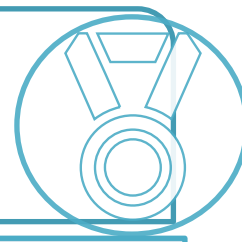
Types of Funding

Formula



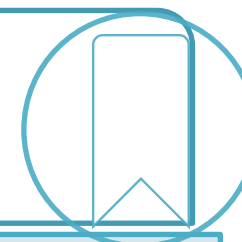
- Annual funding is apportioned using legislative formulas
- Eligible recipients vary by program, include public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds

Competitive



- Funding is allocated to projects on a competitive basis, from proposals submitted in response to a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- Eligible recipients vary by program

Congressionally Directed Spending



- Also known as Community Project Funding (formerly known as “earmarks”)
- Funding is appropriated to specific projects by Congress
- Funding recipients must still comply with federal requirements for transit funding

Non-Federal Match



DOT Competitive Programs that can Fund Transit

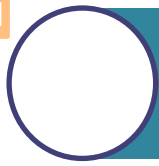
2023 USDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Programs

Office of the Secretary	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE, formerly TIGER/BUILD) 2. Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Programs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) b. Mega c. Rural Surface Transportation 3. Reconnecting Communities 4. Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program 5. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTIMD) Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) 2. Railroad Crossing Elimination Program 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rail Vehicle Replacement Program 2. Buses & Bus Facilities 3. Low or No Emission Bus & Facilities 4. Passenger Ferry 5. Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Pilot Program 6. Ferry Service for Rural Communities 7. Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning 8. All Stations Accessibility Program 9. Capital Investment Grant Program 10. Tribal Transit Program 11. Expedited Project Delivery Pilot Program 12. Transit Research Grants (5312)



FHWA Programs Eligible to Flex to FTA for Transit

Eligible Programs to be flexed to FTA for transit projects	FY2023 Funding
Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ)	\$2.6 billion
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)	\$14.1 billion
Ferry Boat Program	\$180.4 million
Carbon Reduction Program [New under BIL]	\$1.3 billion
Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)	\$3.3 billion
National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)	\$29.0 billion
Metropolitan Planning Funds (PL)	\$446.9 million
Total	\$50.8 billion



Federal and Local Roles

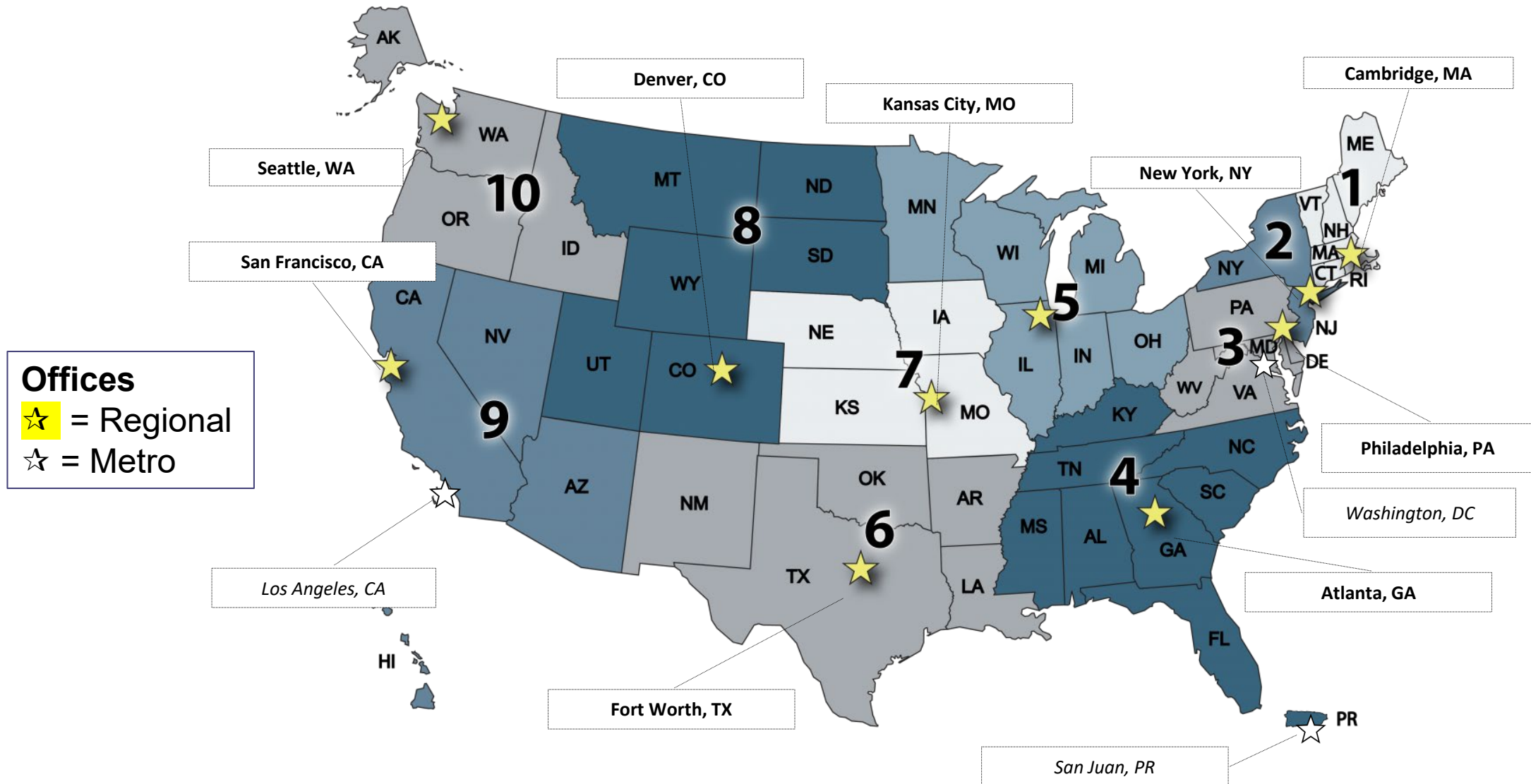
- FTA does...
 - Support sound **planning**, environmental reviews, and other project development work
 - Provide **grant funding** to recipients planning, constructing, and operating public transit
 - Provide **technical assistance**
 - Provide **research** to improve public transportation and support positive innovations
 - Provide **safety, program, and project oversight** for over 3,000 recipients of the over \$20 billion in annual federal investments administered by FTA
- State and local public agencies do ...
 - select project modes, routes, schedules, or fares
 - own or operate transit service
 - own or operate any construction equipment



Regional and Technical Assistance Resources



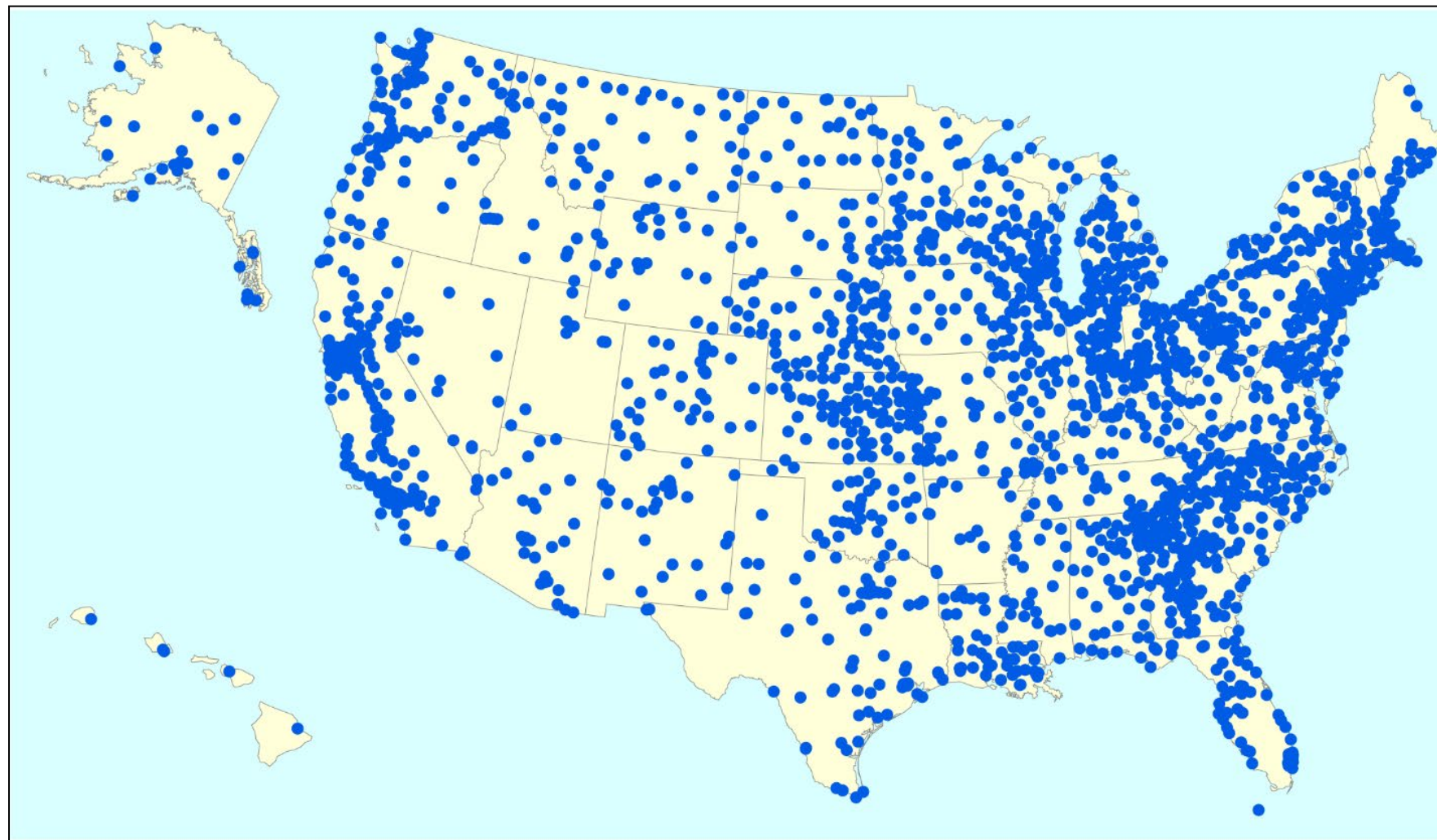
FTA Regional & Metro Offices





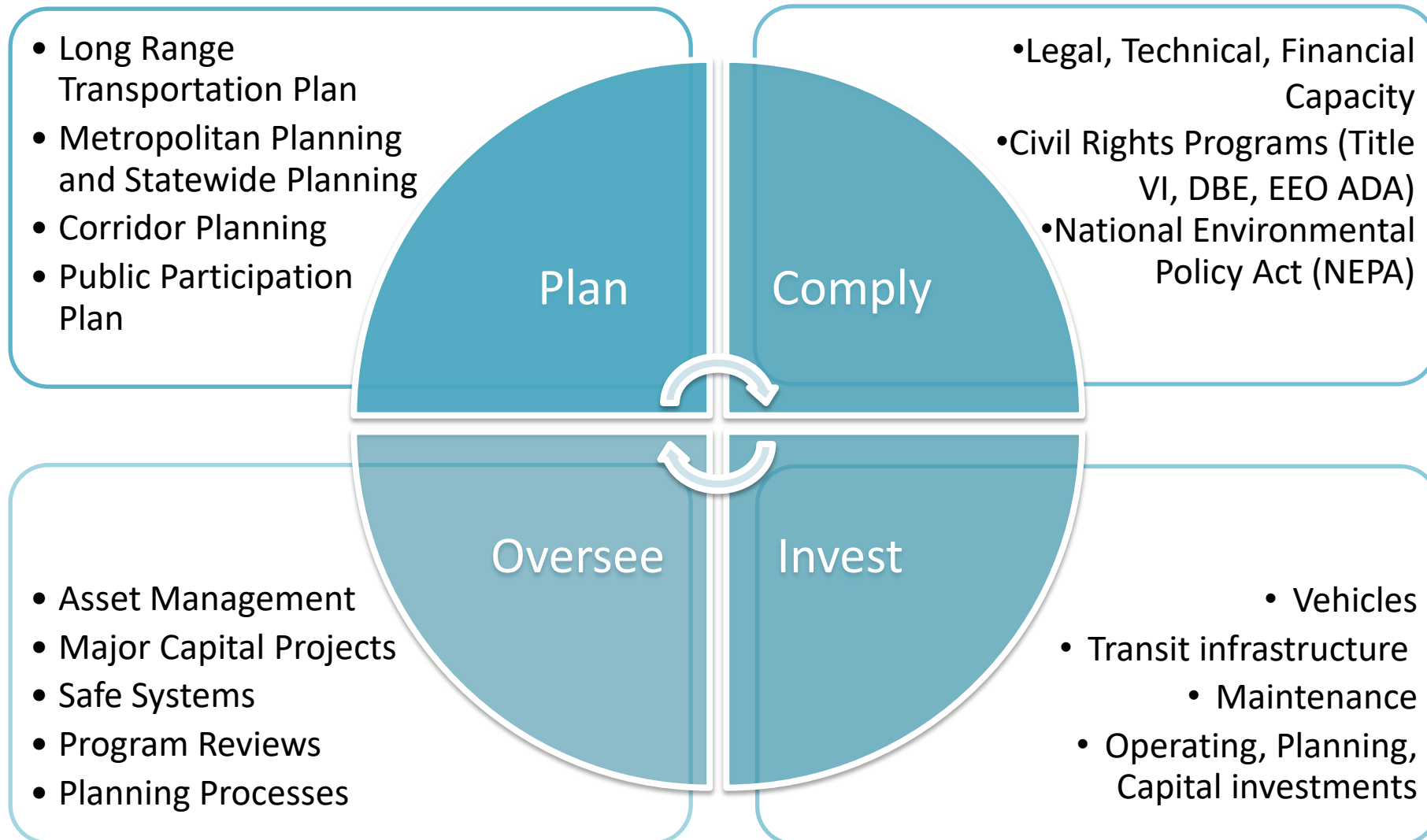
US Public Transportation Providers

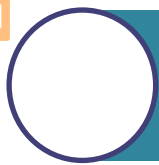
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[Community Transportation Database - National Center for Mobility Management](#)

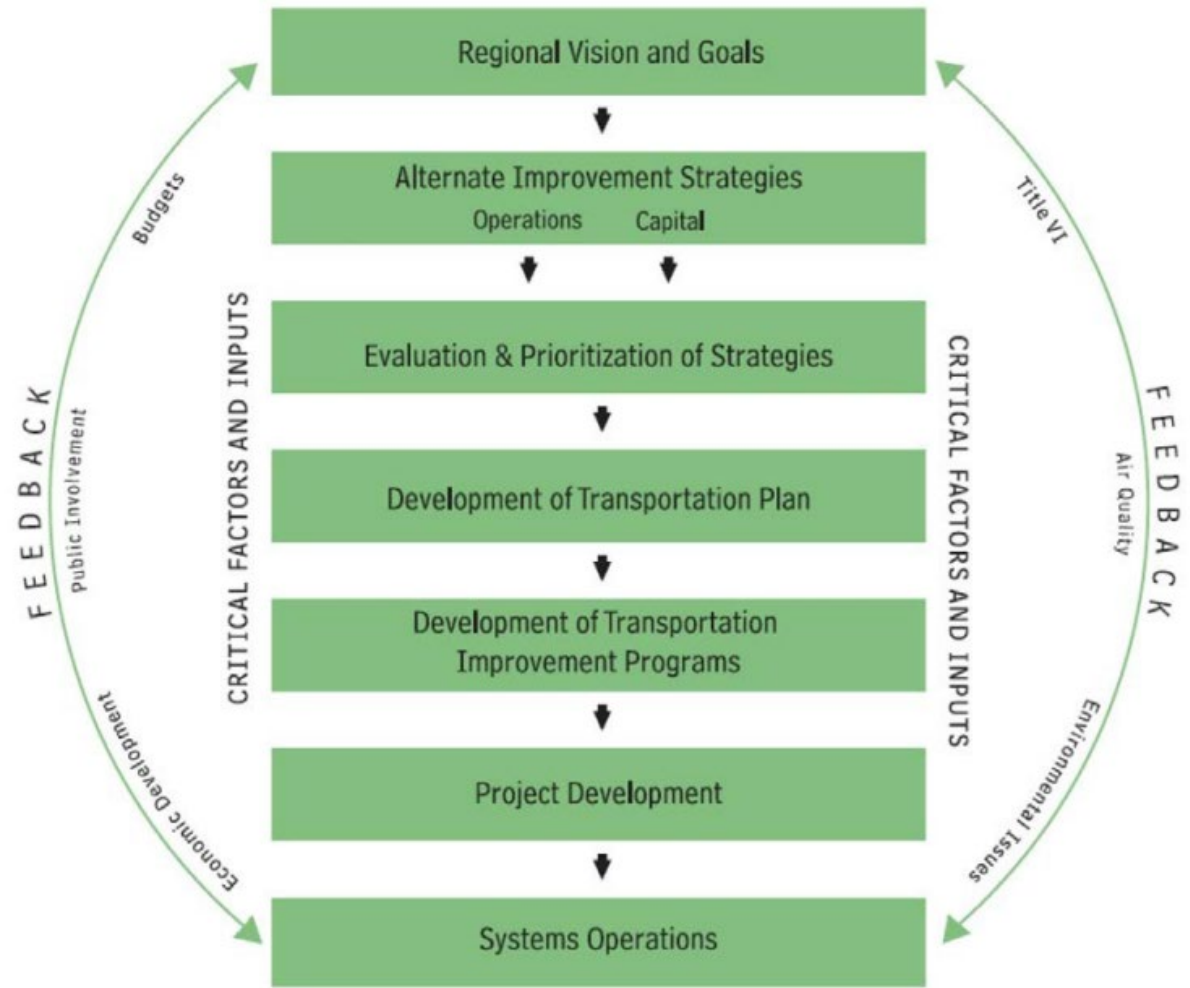
Assisting Recipients with the Federal Transit Program





Transportation Planning Process

- Transportation planning is a cooperative process to determine long- and short-range transportation priorities
- States, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and transit operators plan with active involvement from the traveling public, business and community groups, environmental organizations, and freight operators



Source: FTA/FHWA 2020 *Transportation Planning Process Briefing Book*

FTA Funds Are...

- **Authorized** in Law (e.g. Federal transit law as most recently amended by the BIL)
- **Appropriated** annually by Congress to FTA
- **Apportioned** by FTA to states, urbanized areas, and Tribes
- **Allocated** by states, urbanized areas and tribes to specific potential recipients
- **Awarded** by FTA to recipients for specific projects

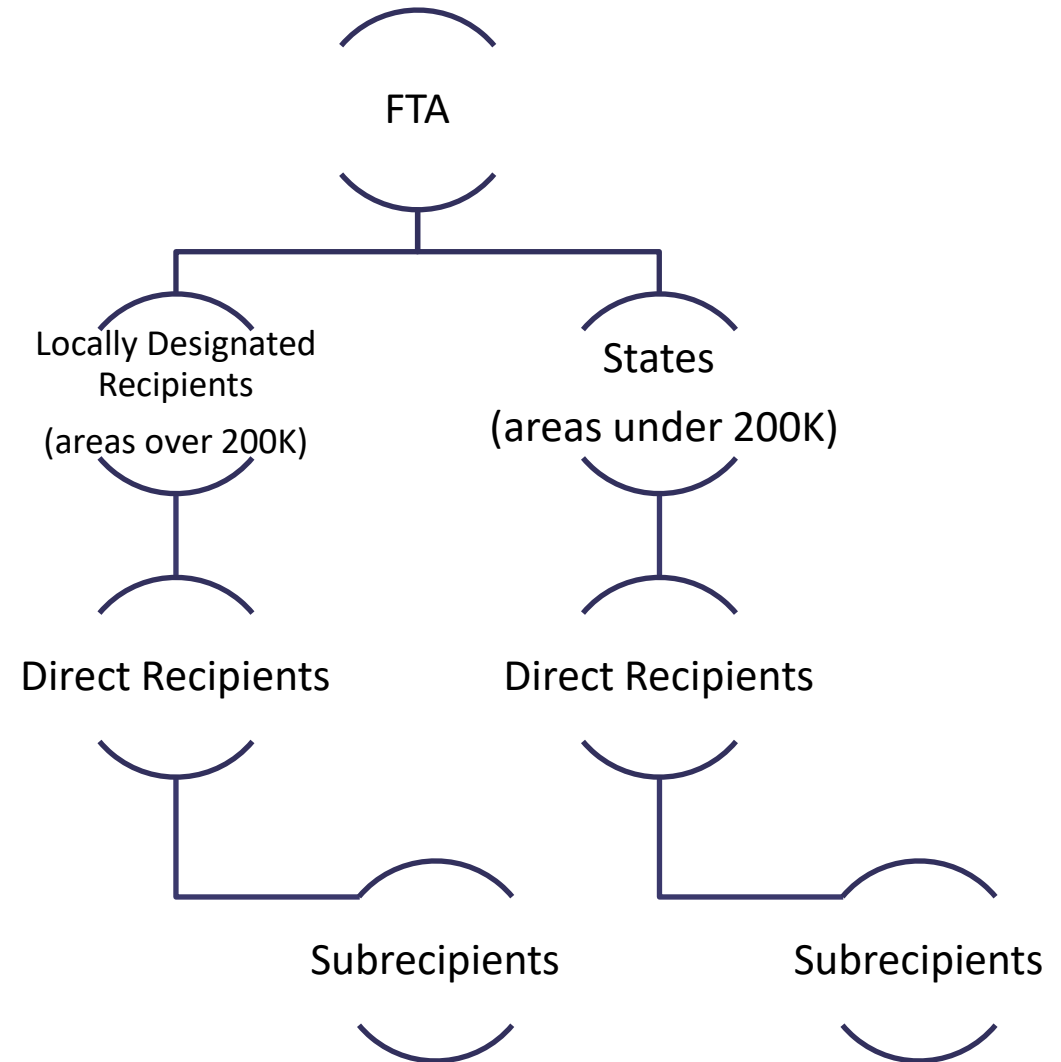




FTA Annual Apportionments

*Amounts Apportioned to Urbanized Areas
1,000,000 or more in Population:*

Atlanta, GA	\$101,871,988
Austin, TX	\$45,145,278
Baltimore, MD	\$95,457,602
Boston, MA-NH-RI	\$214,174,357
Massachusetts	\$210,416,379
New Hampshire	\$3,743,641
Rhode Island	\$14,337
Charlotte, NC-SC	\$27,195,647
North Carolina	\$25,693,169
South Carolina	\$1,502,478
Chicago, IL-IN	\$345,248,930
Illinois	\$321,555,494
Indiana	\$23,693,436
Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN	\$26,158,455
Ohio	\$20,705,001
Kentucky	\$5,288,462
Indiana	\$164,992





Eligible Recipients of FTA Funding

Eligibility is limited and varies by FTA program. Typical recipients include:

- Public Transit Agencies
- States DOTs
- Local Governments
 - Cities, Counties, and Boroughs
- Tribal Governments
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)

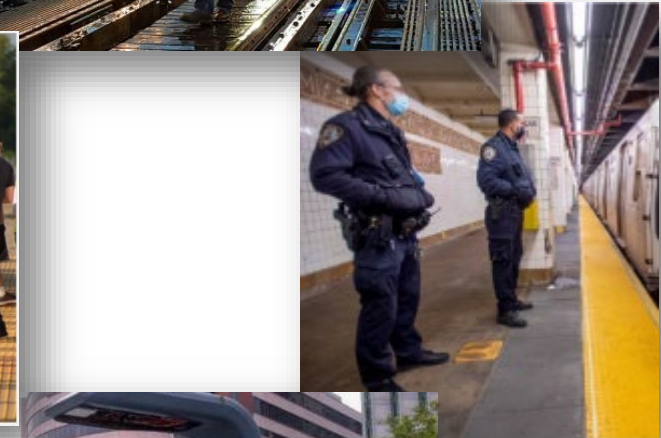
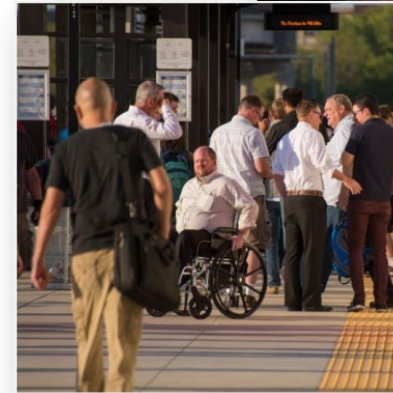
Exceptions

- Non-profit and private providers are generally eligible subrecipients under FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)
- Private or non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and technical or community colleges are generally eligible recipients of FTA research grants (Section 5312)

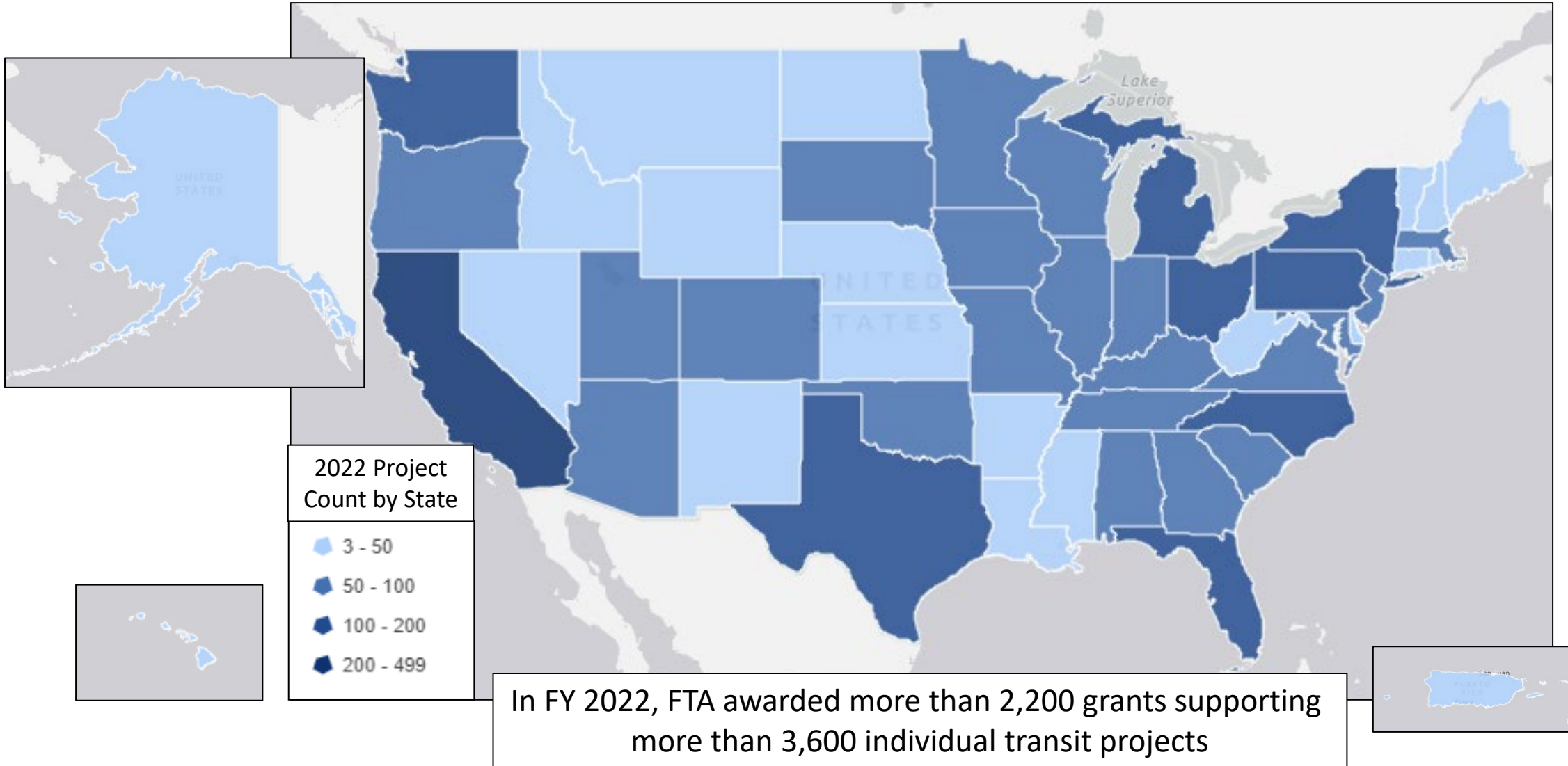


FTA Types of Projects

- Operating assistance
- Preventive maintenance
- Capital projects (rail extensions, terminal construction, bus rapid transit, etc.)
- Vehicles (railcars, buses, ferries, etc.)
- Stations, stops, and terminals
- Maintenance and Support facilities
- Safety and security improvements
- ADA accessibility improvements
- Transportation Planning
- Transit Access (e.g. first-mile & last-mile connection)



Improving Communities through Public Transit



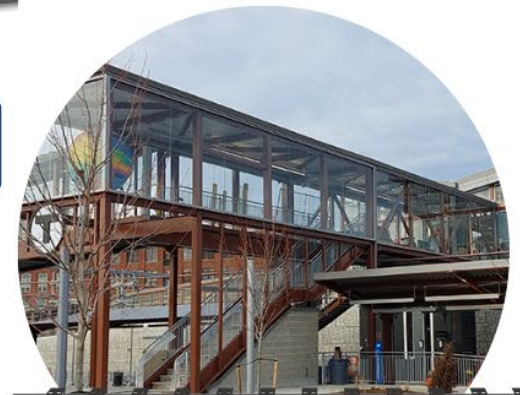
FTA Supported Projects



**King County Metro Zero
Emission Buses
King County, WA**



**Houston Metro
ADA Accessible Bus Stops
Houston, TX**



**Pawtucket Commuter
Rail Station
Pawtucket, RI**



**Schuykill Transportation System
Bus Maintenance Facility
Schuykill, PA**



FTA Funded Technical Assistance Centers

- [Rural Transit Assistance Program \(National RTAP\)](#)
- [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center \(NADTC\)](#)
- [National Center for Mobility Management \(NCMM\)](#)
- [Mobility Innovation Technical Assistance Center \(MI-TAC\)](#)
- [Transit Workforce Development Technical Assistance Center \(TWC\)](#)
- [National Center for Applied Transit Technology \(N-CATT\)](#)
- [Public Transportation Safety Agency Plan \(PTASP\) Technical Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#)

For more information go to: <https://transportation-tacl.org>

Q&A Session



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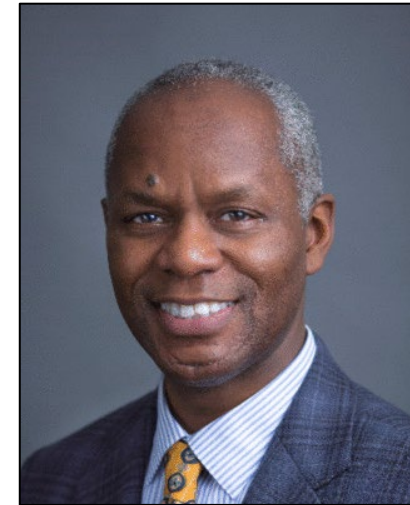
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