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Dollars in Millions

Account	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 President's Budget
Transit Formula Grants (TF) ¹	\$ 8,461.0	\$ 8,595.0	\$13,914.4
Administrative Expenses (TF) ²	0	0	[114.4]
Capital Investment Grants (TF)	1,855.0	1,942.9	2,500.0
Bus Rapid Transit (TF)	0	0	500.0
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) (GF)	142.2	150.0	150.0
Administrative Expenses (GF)	97.5	105.9	0
Fixing and Accelerating Surface Transportation (TF)	0	0	500.0
Transit Research and Training (TF)	41.7	43.0	60.0
Technical Assistance and Standards Development (GF)	0	5.0	0
Public Transportation Emergency Relief (TF)	0	0	25.0
Total	\$10,597.4	\$10,841.8	\$17,649.4
Direct FTE	522	566	625

¹ Does not include flexible funding from FHWA of approximately \$1.4 billion in FY 2013 and an estimated \$1.3 in FY 2014 and in FY 2015.

² Administrative Expenses are requested in the FY 2015 President's Budget in Transit Formula Grants.

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 2015 President's Budget request of \$17.6 billion will be used for grants to construct new

public transit systems; purchase and maintain transit vehicles and equipment; oversee transit safety; support regional transportation planning efforts; and, improve the technology and service methods used in the delivery of public transportation services.

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

The President is requesting **\$17.6 billion in FY 2015 to strengthen transit safety oversight, bring our nation's bus and rail transit infrastructure into a state of good repair, and provide new and expanded transit systems in many communities.**

This is an increase of \$6.8 billion above the FY 2014 enacted level. The President's Budget request demonstrates a strong commitment to continue and strengthen the surface transportation authorization programs established under MAP-21 by proposing a new four-year authorization. The next phase of Federal transit programs will continue the emphasis on making transit safer for all riders, improving the condition of transit assets for better performance and efficiency, and enabling new transit systems and system extensions. The President's Budget request supports the following programs:

- ▶ **CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS:** The FY 2015 President's Budget requests **\$2.5 billion to support the construction of major capital projects** that provide new and expanded transit service, important economic benefits to communities, and help address existing fixed-guideway transit corridors that are at or near capacity.
- ▶ **RAPID GROWTH AREA TRANSIT PROGRAM:** The FY 2015 President's Budget requests **\$500 million for a new Bus Rapid Transit discretionary grant program** to help communities experiencing fast-growing populations. While population growth spurs economic development, it can also stress and strain existing infrastructure, cause congestion, and result in poor air quality. This program will help ease

the stress and strain of rapid growth in communities and encourage multi-modal development along corridors which will be aided by allowing Federal-Aid Highway funding to be used as part of the local funding match.

- ▶ **FORMULA GRANTS:** The FY 2015 President's Budget requests **\$13.9 billion to provide grants** that support transit capital investment, state of good repair, safety, planning, bus and railcar purchases and maintenance, transit operations in small and rural areas, and agency operations.
 - Included in this account is an increase of **\$5.1 billion above FTA's current funding level to support strategic "Fix-it-First" investments.** These funds will help bring our Nation's rail **transit infrastructure into a state of good repair (a \$3.6 billion increase)** as well as **provide new buses and related facilities (a \$1.5 billion increase) to transit systems across the country.**
- ▶ **TRANSIT RESEARCH AND TRAINING:** The 2015 President's Budget requests **\$60 million** to support **research activities** that improve the safety, reliability, efficiency, and sustainability of public transportation systems by investing in the development, testing, and deployment of innovative technologies, materials, and processes. These activities will help to create **"Ladders of Opportunity"** for transit-dependent populations that will help **improve access to jobs and educational opportunities.**

- ▶ **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMERGENCY RELIEF**: The FY 2015 President's Budget requests **\$25 million** to provide capital and operating assistance to help transit agencies **restore needed transportation services** immediately following disasters.
- ▶ **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA)**: The FY 2015 President's Budget requests a total of **\$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

continues the ten-year \$3 billion capital improvement program in which federal funding is matched dollar-for-dollar by local and state support.

- ▶ **FIXING AND ACCELERATING SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST)**: The FY 2015 President's Budget requests **\$500 million for a new competitive grant program** that will encourage innovative solutions to our most pressing transportation challenges. State and local partners will be evaluated on their willingness to commit to performance improvements in important areas such as safety or congestion management.

PROPOSED FY 2015 SECTION 5309 CAPITAL INVESTMENT GRANTS PROGRAM PROJECTS

Dollars in Millions

FY 2015

Existing New Starts Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGAs)

CA	Regional Connector Transit Corridor	Los Angeles	\$ 100
CA	Third Street Light Rail-Central Subway Project	San Francisco	150
CO	Silicon Valley Berryessa Extension	San Jose	150
CO	RTD Eagle, Denver	Denver	150
CT	New Britain-Hartford Busway	New Britain	62
HI	High Capacity Transit Corridor	Honolulu	250
MN	Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project	St. Paul-Minneapolis	109
NC	Blue Line Extension-Northeast Corridor	Charlotte	100
NY	East Side Access	New York	47
OR	Milwaukie LRT	Portland	100
VA	Dulles Wiehle Ave	Northern Virginia	102
WA	University Link LRT Extension	Seattle	90
Total Existing New Starts Full Funding Grant Agreements			1,410

Recommended New Starts Projects

CA	Westside Subway Extension-Section 1	Los Angeles	100
FL	SunRail Phase II South	Orlando	63
MA	Cambridge to Medford, Green Line Extension	Boston	100
MD	Red Line	Baltimore	100
MD	Maryland National Capital Purple Line	Maryland National Capital Area	100
OR	Columbia River Crossing Project	Portland	65
TX	TEX Rail	Fort Worth	50
Total Recommended New Starts Projects			578

Core Capacity Projects

IL	Chicago, Red and Purple Line Modernization Project and Other Eligible Projects		275
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Recommended Small Starts Projects

CA	East Bay BRT	Oakland	28
FL	Wave Streetcar	Fort Lauderdale	50
OR	West Eugene EmX Extension	Eugene	51
TN	East-West Connector BRT (The Amp)	Nashville	27
TX	Dyer Corridor BRT	El Paso	5
WA	C-TRAN Fourth Plain Bus Rapid Transit	Vancouver	39

Total Small Starts **199**

Oversight Activities 38

Grand Total **\$2,500**

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- Public transportation ridership continues to grow. Last year, **transit ridership exceeded 10.4 billion trips, the highest ridership level since 1957**. Trends based on census and other demographic data sources indicate that we should expect strong transit ridership growth in the future. The United States will see a population increase of approximately 100 million new residents by 2050, and much of that growth will be concentrated in cities where existing transit service may not be able to handle many additional riders.
- Public transportation systems **provide substantial cost savings to Americans** who use transit. According to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), an individual who switches to public transportation from driving can save up to nearly \$9,800 annually on fuel, vehicle maintenance, and insurance costs.
- FTA capital investment grants **enable municipalities to invest in major transit infrastructure projects** that yield additional benefits such as promoting more-efficient land-use patterns that connect people with jobs and services. Many investments promote higher density land-use that help municipalities make better use of valuable real estate near urban centers and provide opportunities for transit operators to realize higher revenues from fares and from the sale or rent of agency-owned properties. Streetcar and bus rapid transit systems can benefit smaller cities that do not have ridership to support light or heavy rail service.
- FTA funding supports transit systems that provide **substantial public benefits including—reducing the need for roadway capacity for more automobiles, reducing congestion and pollution levels, and improving mobility and accessibility, particularly for low-income, the elderly, and disabled individuals**. For example, in order to provide more roadway capacity for all of the riders currently using transit in the Washington, DC region, one thousand additional lane miles of arterials and highways would be needed to maintain current travel speeds. To accommodate the extra automobiles, the city would also have to approximately double the number of existing parking spaces.
- Several FTA programs provide funding for transit operators to **improve the condition and performance of their systems and help bring our Nation's infrastructure into a state of good repair**. According to FTA research, the nation's transit systems have amassed an \$86 billion maintenance backlog that continues to grow and must be dealt with in order to bring these systems into a state of good repair and provide the transit service its citizen's demand.