



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



FACT SHEET: BUS TESTING FACILITIES

	FY 2013 (in millions)	FY 2014 (in millions)
Bus Testing Facilities	\$3.0	\$3.0

Purpose

Provides for an FTA-funded bus testing facility where all new models purchased using FTA capital assistance must be tested to meet performance standards for safety, structural integrity, reliability, performance (including braking performance), maintainability, emissions, noise, and fuel economy.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Sections 5318 / MAP-21 Section 20014

What's New

- Requires FTA to work with the industry to develop a pass/fail standard for bus testing. This standard must include safety standards established by FTA pursuant to Section 5329(b) (Safety).
- FTA must issue a rule implementing the standard by September 30, 2014. In the interim, the current bus testing process applies.
- Vehicles that do not receive a "pass" rating would not be eligible to be purchased with federal funds.
- Test results cannot be interpreted as a warranty or guarantee that the tested bus will meet the purchaser's specific requirements.

