

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Highway Administration



FHWA is headquartered in Washington, DC, with field offices in every State, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. FHWA is charged with the broad responsibility of ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be the safest and most technologically up-to-date. Although State, local, and tribal governments own most of the Nation's highways, we provide financial and technical support to them for constructing, improving, and preserving America's highway system. Our annual budget of more than \$30 billion is funded by fuel and motor vehicle excise taxes. The budget is primarily divided between two programs: Federal-aid funding to State and local governments; and Federal Lands Highway funding for national parks, national forests, Indian lands, and other land under Federal stewardship.

### *FHWA Programs*

**The Federal-aid Highway Program** provides Federal financial resources and technical assistance to State and local governments for constructing, preserving, and improving the National Highway System, a 160,000-mile network that carries 40 percent of the Nation's highway traffic. The program also provides resources for one million additional miles of urban and rural roads that are not on the System, but that are eligible for Federal-aid. For more information on the Federal-aid Highway Program:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/projects.cfm>

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**The Federal Lands Highway (FLH) Program** provides funding for public roads and highways within federally owned lands and tribal lands that are not a State or local government responsibility. Each year more than 900 million people visit National parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. Through our Federal Lands Highway program we provide funding to maintain and improve access to these areas that include preparing plans, letting contracts, and supervising construction projects. The Office of Federal Lands Highway jointly administers the Defense Access Roads (DAR) program with the Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command. For more information on the Federal Lands Highway Program:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/flh/index.htm>

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### Federal Transit Administration



FTA administers federal funding to support a variety of locally planned, constructed, and operated public transportation systems throughout the U.S., including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, streetcars, monorail, passenger ferry boats, inclined railways, and people movers. Transit services can help achieve a number of purposes, including affordable mobility, congestion reduction, and travel options.

Public transit systems often need financial assistance, given that fare box revenues typically account for less than 50 percent of system operating costs. In addition to passenger revenue sources, transit systems may receive funds from Federal, state, and local governments, as well as from private sector sources. The systems themselves are usually managed locally.

Financing the construction and -- to a more limited extent -- the operation and maintenance of public transportation systems involves many different types of funding sources, including Federal and non-Federal grants, loans, and other revenue support. Different types of financing arrangements, such as leases and public private partnerships, have been used to fund the procurement of materials and activities.

### ***FTA Programs***

A major way FTA helps communities support public transportation is by issuing grants to eligible recipients for planning, vehicle purchases, facility construction, operations, and other purposes. The following list represents the grant assistance programs available from the Federal Transit Administration:

- Metropolitan & Statewide Planning
- Large Urban Cities
- Clean Fuels Grant Program
- Major Capital Investments (New Starts & Small Starts)
- Rail and Fixed Guide-way Modernization
- Bus and Bus Facilities
- Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities
- Rural and Small Urban Areas
- Rural Transit Assistance Program
- Public Transportation on Indian Reservations
- Transit Cooperative Research Program
- National Research & Technology Program
- Job Access and Reverse Commute Program
- New Freedom Program
- Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands
- Alternatives Analysis
- University Transportation Centers Program
- Over the Road Bus Program/Over the Road Bus Accessibility
- Flexible Funding for Highway and Transit
- National Fuel Cell Technology Development Program

The Federal Transit Administration participates in USDOT sponsored credit assistance programs, including the TIFIA (The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) program and the State Infrastructure Bank program. These programs offer additional non-grant funding flexibility for transportation projects including direct loans, loan guarantees, lines of credit, and credit enhancement support such as bond insurance.

For more information on the programs administered by the FTA:

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants\\_financing.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants_financing.html)