Transit Funding 101

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What We Fund

• Capital
  – Vehicles
    • Buses, trains, ferries
    • Support vehicles
    • Fareboxes, CAD/AVL
  – Facilities and infrastructure
  – Machinery, heavy equipment
What We Fund

• Operating
  – Transit operations/labor
  – Maintenance and repairs
  – Administration

• Planning
  – Transit development plans
  – Service expansion studies
Federal Aid Grant Programs

- **5303**: Metropolitan Planning
- **5304**: Statewide Planning
- **5307**: Urbanized Areas
- **5310**: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- **5311**: Rural Areas
## Federal Aid Grant Programs

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<td>Supports transit planning expenses</td>
<td>Metropolitan planning organizations</td>
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<td><strong>Section 5304</strong> Statewide Planning</td>
<td>Supports local and statewide transit planning projects</td>
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<td><strong>Section 5307</strong> Small Urban Areas Program</td>
<td>Supports operating and capital costs of transit operators in small urban areas</td>
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<td>Up to 50% of net operating Up to 80% of capital</td>
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<td><strong>Section 5310</strong> Enhanced Mobility...</td>
<td>Supports the purchases of vehicles and equipment</td>
<td>Private non-profit operators of transit for elderly, persons with disabilities</td>
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<td>Supports operating and capital costs of transit operators in non-urbanized areas</td>
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State Aid Grant Programs

• Operating Assistance
• Capital Assistance
• Demonstration Project Assistance
• Technical Assistance
• Public Transportation Intern Program
• TDM Operating Assistance
• Transportation Management Project Assistance
• Senior Transportation Program
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<td>Supports operating related public transportation expenses</td>
<td>Local and state government Transportation district commissions Public service corporations</td>
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<td>Capital Assistance</td>
<td>Supports public transportation capital projects</td>
<td>Local and state government Transportation district commissions Public service corporations</td>
<td>Up to 95%</td>
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<td>Demonstration Project Assistance</td>
<td>Supports innovative investments in all functional areas of public transportation</td>
<td>Local and state government Transportation district commissions Public service corporations</td>
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<td>Technical Assistance</td>
<td>Supports planning or technical assistance to help improve or initiate public transportation related services</td>
<td>Local and state government Transportation district commissions Public service corporations Planning district commissions Human service agencies (rural)</td>
<td>Up to 50%; federal funds may be provided up to 80%</td>
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Capital Funding (Federal)

- Section 5307, 5310 and 5311
- Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)
Capital Funding (State)

- Tier 1 (68% state share)
  - Rolling stock for replacement buses or service expansion
- Tier 2 (34%)
  - Infrastructure and facilities
- Tier 3 (17%)
  - Support vehicles, shop equipment, spare parts
Operating & Planning Funding (Fed.)

- Operating
  - None
- Planning
  - Section 5303 (MPOs)
  - Section 5304 (Statewide Planning)
Operating & Planning Funding (State)

• Operating
  – $160M based on each agency’s operating costs relative to the statewide total.
  – Since 2013, all funding beyond $160M is based on performance metrics:
    • Net cost per rider (50%)
    • Customers per revenue hour (25%)
    • Customers per revenue mile (25%)

• Planning
  – Technical assistance grants, etc.
SMART SCALE

• Eligible projects:
  – Bus transit
    • Increase existing or provide new service (additional vehicles)
    • Lane conversion
    • Construct or improve bus stops and shelters
  – Rail transit
    • Increase existing service (additional cars)
    • Construct or improve stations or terminals
    • New tracks