

## FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

**Overview:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides leadership, technical assistance and financial resources for safe, technologically advanced public transportation that enhances mobility and accessibility, improves America's communities, preserves the natural environment, advances economic growth, and ensures that transit systems are prepared to function during and after criminal or terrorist attack. Transit systems safely and efficiently move millions of people every day, reducing congestion, improving air quality, facilitating economic development, and connecting people to their jobs and communities. The President's FY 2005 budget request includes \$7.3 billion for Federal transit programs. The request maintains the Federal commitment to transit and, when combined with State and local funding, will improve mobility and accessibility, address critical safety and security requirements, and advance the President's Management Agenda.

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION BUDGET			
(Dollars In Millions)			
	2003 1/ Actual	2004 Enacted	2005 Request
Formula Grants and Research	-	-	5,623
Formula Grants	4,768	3,767	
Major Capital Investment Grants	-	-	1,563
Capital Investment Grants	3,108	3,189	
Job Access & Reverse Commute	104	104	
Research & Planning (Includes University Transportation Centers)	189	131	
Administrative Expenses	<u>73</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>80</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,241</b>	<b>7,266</b>	<b>7,266</b>

1/ Includes a net transfer of \$1,068 million in flex funding from FHWA to FTA.



## FY 2005 Budget

The FY 2005 budget request reflects program streamlining and consolidation proposed in the Administration's SAFETEA legislation, and supports the President's goal of creating a customer-focused, outcome-based Federal Government. This consolidation will give States and localities additional flexibility to meet the mobility needs of their communities without the constraints and administrative burdens that the current budget structure imposes.

**Formula Grants and Research:** FTA requests \$5.6 billion for transit purposes, including security, planning, bus and railcar purchases and maintenance, facility repair and construction, and where eligible, operating expenses. The program includes grants specifically targeted to urbanized areas and, through States, to non-urbanized areas and to transportation providers that address the special transportation needs of the elderly, people with low incomes, and persons with disabilities. In addition, funds proposed for the Formula Grants and Research program will contribute \$7 million to improve the accessibility of over-the-road buses, \$4.8 million for the Alaska Railroad, and \$3.7 million for the National Transit Database that will support important research and training activities. The following summary describes the major programs within this account:

- Urbanized Area Programs - \$4.7 billion is requested for the Urbanized Area Formula program and the Fixed Guideway Modernization program, to help meet the capital replacement, rehabilitation and refurbishment needs of existing transit systems and ensure that customers continue to receive safe and reliable public transportation. FTA is fully committed to the President's mandate that the Federal Government become customer-focused and outcome-based. Creating an outcome-based performance incentive program to promote increased transit ridership in every community is a key feature of this budget request. This proposal represents an important and effective means to focus attention on better meeting the needs of current and potential transit riders.
- State Administered Programs - \$756 million is requested for programs to be administered directly by the States, including \$148 million for the President's New Freedom Initiative to reduce barriers to work for persons with disabilities by providing funding to States to implement innovative transportation solutions. This program will increase access and opportunities for Americans with disabilities, and strengthen the communities in which they live and work. The request also includes funding for the Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program, the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program, and the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program, and will promote a coordinated approach to meeting the needs of transportation-disadvantaged individuals.
- National Research - \$50.6 million is requested for National Research. This program includes \$32.1 million for the National Research Program, \$8.4 million for the Transit Cooperative Research Program, \$4.1 million for the National Transit Institute training programs, and \$6 million for the University Transportation Research Program.
- Planning - \$114.6 million is requested to support the activities of regional planning agencies and States, helping them to plan for transit investments that best meet the needs of the urban and rural communities they serve. This includes funding for Metropolitan Planning and Statewide Planning.



**Major Capital Investment Grants:** \$1.6 billion is proposed in FY 2005 for the construction of new fixed guideway and non-fixed guideway corridor systems and extensions to existing systems.

- **New Starts** - \$1.5 billion is requested for New Starts projects, reflecting an expansion of the New Starts program to make new non-fixed guideway transportation corridor projects eligible for funding, and to encourage project sponsors to consider more cost-effective transit options that may not require a fixed guideway. The request includes funding for 32 existing, pending or anticipated Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGAs), which are multi-year contractual agreements between FTA and the grantees. Located in every geographic area of the country and in cities of all sizes, these projects include commuter rail, light rail, heavy rail, and bus rapid transit. When completed, they will carry over 243 million riders annually, save over 121 million hours in travel time annually, and significantly improve mobility in America.
- **Planning** - \$31.3 million is requested to support the activities of regional planning agencies and States, and to facilitate planning for transit investments that best meet the needs of the communities they serve. This includes funding for metropolitan and statewide planning.

**Transit Security:** \$37.8 million is requested to support transit security, which will remain a high priority in FY 2005. This funding includes the one percent of Urbanized Formula Grant funding that is statutorily required to be spent on security initiatives. Through its technical assistance and other programs, FTA will place emphasis on security training for transit system employees, emergency preparedness and response, and public awareness efforts.

**Project and Financial Management Oversight:** To provide oversight of FTA grants, \$70 million is requested in FY 2005. Project and financial management oversight are core management responsibilities of FTA, and are essential to good stewardship of Federal taxpayers' dollars.



**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**  
 FY 2005 Proposed Section 5309 New Starts  
 (Dollars in Millions)

**Existing Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGAs)**

California	Los Angeles - MOS-3 Extensions of Metro Rail (North Hollywood)	0.7
California	San Diego - Mission Valley East LRT Extension	81.6
California	San Diego - Oceanside-Escondido Rail Corridor	55.0
California	San Francisco - BART Extension to San Francisco Airport	100.0
Colorado	Denver - Southeast Corridor LRT	80.0
District of Columbia	Washington - Largo Metrorail Extension	75.4
Florida	Fort Lauderdale - South Florida Commuter Rail Upgrades	11.2
Georgia	Atlanta - North Springs (North Line Extension)	0.3
Illinois	Chicago - Douglas Branch Reconstruction	85.0
Illinois	Chicago - North Central Corridor Commuter Rail	20.0
Illinois	Chicago - Ravenswood Line Extension	40.0
Illinois	Chicago - South West Corridor Commuter Rail	20.0
Illinois	Chicago - Union-Pacific West Line Extension	12.0
Louisiana	New Orleans - Canal Street Light Rail Line	16.5
Maryland	Baltimore - Central LRT Double-Tracking	29.0
Minnesota	Minneapolis - Hiawatha Corridor LRT	33.1
Missouri	St. Louis - Metrolink St. Clair Extension	0.1
New Jersey	Northern New Jersey - Hudson-Bergen MOS-1	0.3
New Jersey	Northern New Jersey - Hudson-Bergen MOS-2	100.0
New Jersey	Northern New Jersey - Newark Rail Link MOS-1	1.3
Oregon	Portland - Interstate MAX LRT Extension	23.5
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh - Stage II LRT Reconstruction	1.1
Puerto Rico	San Juan - Tren Urbano	54.8
Utah	Salt Lake City - CBD to University LRT	1.1
Utah	Salt Lake City - Medical Center Extension	8.7
Washington	Seattle - Central Link Initial Segment	80.0

**Pending FFGAs**

California	Los Angeles - Metro Gold Line East Side Extension	80.0
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**Proposed FY 2005 FFGAs**

Arizona	Phoenix - Central Phoenix East Valley LRT Corridor	75.0
Nevada	Las Vegas - Resort Corridor Fixed Guideway	40.0
New York	New York - Long Island Rail Road East Side Access	100.0
Ohio	Cleveland - Euclid Corridor Transportation Project	25.0
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh - North Shore LRT Connector	55.0

**Proposed Other Project Funding Commitments**

North Carolina	Charlotte - South Corridor LRT Project	30.0
North Carolina	Raleigh - Regional Rail Project	20.0

**Other Proposed Project Funding**

Projects in Final Design and Preliminary Engineering	150.6
Ferry Capital Projects (Alaska/Hawaii)	10.3
Oversight Activities (1%)	15.3

<b>Total</b>	<b>1,531.9</b>
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