

## 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 FY 2006 budget request includes \$8.8 billion for Federal transit programs, which includes \$1.0 billion in flex funding from FHWA. 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)

	2004 <sup>1/</sup> <u>Actual</u>	2005 <sup>2/</sup> <u>Proposal</u>	2006 <u>Request</u>
Formula Grants & Research	--	6,118	6,135
Flex Funding from FHWA <sup>3/</sup>	--	1,000	1,000
Formula Grants	4,732	--	--
Major Capital Investment Grants	--	1,452	1,563
Capital Investment Grants	3,189	--	--
Job Access & Reverse Commute	104	--	--
Research & Planning <sup>4/</sup>	187	--	--
Administrative Expenses	74	76	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,287</b>	<b>8,647</b>	<b>8,781</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes a net transfer of \$1,022 million in flex funding from FHWA to FTA.

<sup>2/</sup> FY 2005 proposal reflects SAFETEA policy funding levels for FY 2004 - 2009 included in the FY 2006 President's Budget.

<sup>3/</sup> Net transfer of \$1,000 million in flex funding from FHWA to FTA.

<sup>4/</sup> Includes the University Transportation Centers.

### FY 2006 Budget

The FY 2006 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 \$7.1 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 \$3.9 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 - \$6.0 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 to 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 - \$802 million is requested for programs to be administered directly by the States, including \$157 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 - \$53.8 million is requested for National Research. This program includes \$34.4 million for the National Research Program, \$9.0 million for the Transit Cooperative Research Program, \$4.4 million for the National Transit Institute training programs, and \$6 million for the University Transportation Research Program.
- ❖ Planning - \$122.7 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.
- ❖ National Parks Legacy Project - \$30 million is requested to enhance the protection of America's national parks and increase the enjoyment of those visiting the parks. The goals of the National Parks Legacy Project include ensuring access for all, including individuals with disabilities, and improving conservation of parks and public lands.
- ❖ Intermodal Passenger Facilities Program - \$75 million would accelerate intermodal integration among America's passenger transportation modes by assuring intercity public transportation access to intermodal passenger facilities. These funds would be combined with \$10 million per year from the Highway Trust Fund.

**Major Capital Investment Grants:** \$1.6 billion is proposed in FY 2006 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 existing and anticipated Full Funding Grant Agreements (FFGAs), which are multi-year contractual agreements between FTA and the grantees. Located in 14 States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and in cities of all sizes, these projects include commuter rail, light rail, heavy rail, and bus rapid transit. When completed, they will carry 194 million riders annually, save over 95 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:** \$36.6 million is requested to support transit security, which will remain a high priority in FY 2006. 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, \$72 million is requested in FY 2006. 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 2006 PROPOSED SECTION 5309 NEW STARTS**

(Dollars in Millions)

**EXISTING FULL FUNDING GRANT AGREEMENTS (FFGAs)**

California	Los Angeles - Metro Gold Line East Side Extension	80.00
California	San Diego - Mission Valley East LRT Extension	7.70
California	San Diego - Oceanside-Escondido Rail Corridor	12.21
California	San Francisco - BART Extension to San Francisco Airport	81.86
Colorado	Denver - Southeast Corridor LRT	80.00
Illinois	Chicago - Douglas Branch Reconstruction	45.15
Illinois	Chicago - North Central Corridor Commuter Rail	20.61
Illinois	Chicago - Ravenswood Line Extension	40.00
Illinois	Chicago - South West Corridor Commuter Rail	7.28
Illinois	Chicago - Union-Pacific West Line Extension	14.29
Maryland	Baltimore - Central LRT Double-Track	12.42
New Jersey	Northern New Jersey - Hudson-Bergen MOS-2	100.00
Ohio	Cleveland - Euclid Corridor Transportation Project	24.77
Oregon	Portland - Interstate MAX LRT Extension	18.11
Puerto Rico	San Juan - Tren Urbano	10.20
Washington	Seattle - Central Link Initial Segment	80.00

**ANTICIPATED FFGAs**

Arizona	Phoenix - Central Phoenix/East Valley LRT Corridor	90.00
North Carolina	Charlotte - South Corridor LRT	55.00
New York	New York - Long Island Rail Road East Side Access	390.00
Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh - North Shore LRT Connector	55.00

**OTHER PROJECTS (Funding Not Allocated to Specific Projects)**

California	San Diego/Midcoast LRT Extension	158.58
Colorado	Denver/West Corridor LRT	
New York	New York/Second Avenue Subway MOS	
Oregon	Wilsonville to Beaverton, Oregon Commuter Rail	
Texas	Dallas/Northwest Southeast LRT MOS	
Utah	Salt Lake/Weber County to Salt Lake City Commuter Rail	

**OTHER PROPOSED PROJECT FUNDING**

Other projects in Preliminary Engineering	122.46
Ferry Capital Projects (Alaska/Hawaii)	10.30
Oversight Activities (1%)	15.31

**TOTAL** **1,531.25**