



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SUMMARY: 2009 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Bill Total	
2008 Enacted:	\$ 48.8 billion
Bush Request:	\$ 50.6 billion
2009 Bill:	\$ 55.0 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

INVESTING IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration: \$10.1 billion, \$773 million above 2008 including:

- **New Construction:** \$240.2 million above 2008 for Capital Investment Grants for commuter rail or other light rail systems to increase public use of mass transit, alleviate traffic congestion, reduce gas consumption, and save commuters time and money.
- **Transit Formula Grants:** \$493 million above 2008 for Formula and Bus Grants for on-going capital and operating needs of urban and rural transit systems, including funding for new buses, stations, intermodal facilities, and technology improvements.

Amtrak: \$1.5 billion, \$165 million above 2008, to support the national passenger rail system.

Intercity Passenger Rail Matching Grants: \$90 million, \$60 million above 2008, to provide federal matching funds to states for intercity passenger rail to improve safety, reliability, and on time performance of intercity passenger trains.

Highway Infrastructure: \$40.7 billion, \$484 million above 2008, to improve and repair our nation's aging highway infrastructure.

Airport Modernization, Safety and Efficiency Grants: \$3.5 billion, the same level as provided in 2008, to ease congestion and prepare our nation's airports for growing use.

PROVIDING SHELTER IN TOUGH TIMES

Public Housing Capital Fund: \$2.5 billion, \$11 million above 2008, for Public Housing Authorities to make critical repairs and improvements to public housing units and improve living conditions for residents.

Public Housing Operating Fund: \$4.5 billion, \$255 million above 2008, for maintenance, crime prevention and energy costs. HUD and the PHAs have determined \$5.3 billion is needed in 2009.

Section 8 Tenant Based Vouchers: \$16.8 billion, \$341 million above 2008, to continue providing 1.9 million vouchers to provide individuals and families with homes and to provide 14,000 new, targeted vouchers for the disabled and homeless veterans during the housing crisis.

Section 8 Project Based Vouchers: \$7.1 billion, \$668 million above 2008 to provide affordable housing to 1.3 million low-income families and individuals, two-thirds of whom are elderly or disabled.

Housing for the Elderly: \$765 million, \$30 million above 2008, to buy, rehabilitate and build housing for low-income elderly people. Ten eligible seniors are on the waiting list for every one unit of housing available.

Housing for the Disabled: \$250 million, \$13 million above 2008, for grants to buy, rehabilitate and build housing for disabled people.

Homeless Assistance Grants: \$1.7 billion, \$91 million above 2008, for grants to local communities to provide housing and services for the homeless.

Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation: \$181 million to counsel families in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure.

Veterans Affairs Housing Vouchers: \$75 million for 10,000 housing vouchers for homeless veterans.

REVITALIZING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Community Development Block Grants: \$3.9 billion, \$34 million above 2008, to fund community and economic development projects in 1,180 localities.

Brownfields Redevelopment: \$10 million, to clean up former commercial and industrial sites removing blight and creating sites for economic development.

HOPE VI: \$120 million, \$20 million above 2008, for competitive grants to revitalize neighborhoods with deteriorating public housing projects, including demolition of public housing and construction of mixed-income housing.

RURAL COMMUNITIES

Essential Air Service: \$123 million, \$13 million above 2008, to continue essential air service to small and/or rural communities.

Small Community Air Service Development Program: \$8 million, to help small communities attract commercial air service.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Aviation Safety Programs: \$1.2 billion, \$82 million above 2008, including \$8 million to hire additional flight standard inspectors and \$2 million to hire additional aircraft certification inspection staff.

Highway Safety Grants: \$620 million, \$20 million above 2008, to make America's roads safer by encouraging safety belt use, preventing drinking and driving, improving child safety, motorcyclist safety, and other initiatives.

Pipeline Safety: \$93 million, \$13 million above 2008, for the state pipeline safety grant program.

National Transportation Safety Board Safety Investigators: \$91 million, \$6.5 million above 2008, to provide additional investigators to respond to and investigate transportation crashes.

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

AMTRAK Efficiency Incentive Grants: Eliminated, as the program has not performed up to expectations.

American Dream Downpayment Assistance: Not funded, \$10 million in 2008, because the assistance is better provided under the HOME formula program.

IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS

Increase Workforce Diversity: Continues the requirement that FAA produce plans to improve diversity in the controller and safety personnel workforce.

Amtrak Settlement: Requires Amtrak to provide back pay, funds will assist in meeting the unanimous Presidential Emergency Board's recommendation.

Energy Efficient Transit Facilities: Directs the Federal Transit Administration to develop a plan to encourage and assist transit authorities in building energy efficient facilities.

Flight 93 National Memorial: \$4.3 million to improve road access to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.