



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Public Transportation (DOT) Webinar Notes

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Overview and First 100 Days

What is it?

- >375 unique programs at over a dozen federal agencies
- >125 new programs across 9 federal agencies representing >25% of total spending
- >90% of these investments will be delivered by non-federal partners
- ~60% flowing through formula programs
- ~38% of funding contains provisions that allow for expanded federal cost sharing arrangements - particularly for rural and disadvantaged communities

Our Accomplishments

- Over \$100 billion in first 100 days announced, allocated, or headed to states, territories, and local governments
- Key plans, offices set up and public notice periods for:
 - Clean energy demonstrations
 - EV chargers
 - High speed Internet/broadband
 - Grid modernization
 - Lead pipes & paint
 - Orphan wells
 - Great Lakes restoration

Speakers:

- Florence Chen, Associate Director of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Implementation, DOT
- Paul Kincaid, Associate Administrator for Communications and Congressional Affairs, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Bruce Robinson, Associate Administrator for Program Management, FTA
- Morteza Farajian, Executive Director, Build America Bureau, DOT

| Program Name | Agency Name | Funding Amt |
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| Urbanized Area Formula Grants | DOT | \$33.4 billion |
| State of Good Repair Grants | DOT | \$21.6 billion |
| Formula Grants for Rural Areas | DOT | \$4.4 billion |

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| Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities | DOT | \$2.2 billion |
| Capital Improvement Grants | DOT | \$8 billion |
| Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants | DOT | \$3.2 billion |
| Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants | DOT | \$3.2 billion |
| Ferry Service for Rural Communities | DOT | \$2 billion |
| Urbanized Area Passenger Ferry Program | DOT | \$150 million |
| Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development | DOT | \$68.9 million |
| Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Formula | DOT | \$183 million |
| Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Competitive | DOT | \$45.8 million |
| All Stations Accessibility Program | DOT | \$1.75 billion |
| Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants | DOT | \$1.5 billion |
| *Additional Public Transportation Programs on Build.gov | DOT | |
| | Total | \$87.7 billion |

Formula Grants

- 4 main categories:
 - Urban areas
 - Rural areas
 - Programs that benefit seniors
 - Programs that increase accessibility
- Once Congress appropriates funds, DOT is hoping that there will be a 30% increase to formula grants
- *Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program*
 - Can be used for planning, operating assistance, and capital projects
 - Many recipients have used funds for preventative maintenance
 - New requirement for grantees in large urban areas - allocate 0.75% for safety expenses
- *State of Good Repair Formula Grant Program*
 - Can be used to repair and maintenance of fixed guideways (BRT, rail transit)
- *Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program*
 - Can be used for the purchase of transit vehicles and infrastructure, operations, and maintenance
- *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program*
 - Can be used for capital projects for systems to exceed provisions of the American Disabilities Act

- *Capital Improvement Grants*
 - Three major types of projects:
 - New Start Projects: Fixed guideways
 - Core Capacity Projects: Improve capacity of existing lines
 - Small Starts Projects: Fixed guideways and BRT lines

Discretionary Grants - Competitive

- *Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants & Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants*
 - Eligible uses: New ZEV buses or replace older vehicles, facilities, and equipment needed for the ZEV buses
 - Includes workforce development
- *Ferry Programs*
 - Urbanized Area Passenger Ferry Program
 - Ferry Service for Rural Communities: BIL doubles previous funding
 - Electric and Low-Emitting Ferry Program: New program for hydrogen, electric, and natural gas ferries
- *Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants*
 - Funds to get existing rail car vehicles to a state of good repair
 - New program within the State of Good Repair program

Financing Options

| TIFIA | RRIF |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expands transit-oriented development eligibility ● Relaxes the requirements for investment-grade ratings for some loan sizes ● Expands loan terms from 35 years to up to 75 years for projects with an estimated life of 50+ years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lowering payments ○ More than doubling loan length ● Streamlines processing and increases transparency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Definition of rail services being reviewed from BIL language ● Provides funds for Credit Risk Premium repaid to the borrower with interest when loan repaid ● Up to 75-year loans for some projects anticipated to last 50+ years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lowering payments ○ More than doubling the length of the loan |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can cover a wide variety of projects including public transportation, transit, ports, airports, highways, tunnels, bridges, etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Focused on rail projects including transit-oriented development and rail infrastructure |

New Grants and Technical Assistance

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| Rural and Tribal Assistance | Technical Assistance for Asset |
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| | Monetization Projects |
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| <p>A \$12 million, five-year pilot program to provide rural state, local, and tribal governments with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Technical, legal, and financial advisory assistance ● Evaluating potential projects to be delivered through alternative delivery methods <p>This program pays for early development activities to be provided to recipients at no cost, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feasibility studies ● Revenue forecasting ● Preliminary engineering ● Environmental review | <p>This program has a total of \$100 million over five years to fund technical, financial, and legal advisory services for alternative project delivery at no cost to state and local governments.</p> <p>Covers pre-implementation costs, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identifying appropriate assets or projects for concessions ● Developing and issuing requests for proposals ● Risk analysis <p>Focused on underutilized land (such as an abandoned parking lot). Advisors can help scan assets and do preliminary work that can inform your procurement and private partnership decisions</p> |

- The Build America Bureau is ready to set up one-on-one consultations to navigate technical assistance and loans programs