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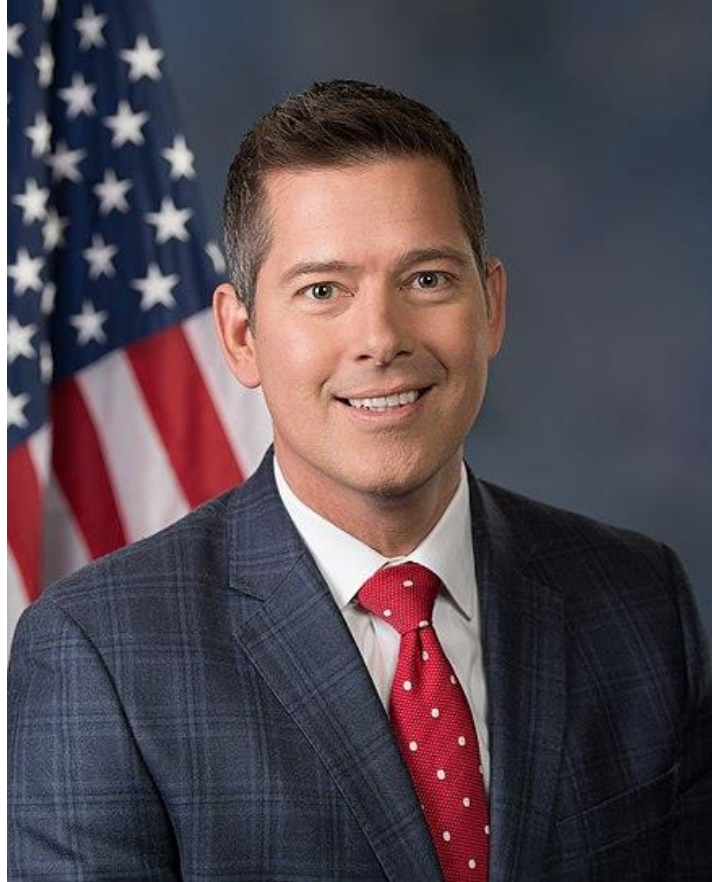
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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



Leadership



**Transportation Secretary
Sean P. Duffy**

FTA at a Glance

FTA provides **\$21 billion annually** to support transit providers delivering nearly **8 billion trips** that connect transit riders to jobs, education, healthcare, and other activities

FTA regulates the safety of transit providers



FTA's Mission: Improve America's Communities through Public Transportation

FTA accomplishes this mission through **four** main lines of business



Public Transportation Toplines

~4,000 U.S. public transportation providers

2,000+ U.S. businesses in 48 states supplying U.S. transit providers



Sources: 2024 FTA National Transit Database, 25th Edition FHWA-FTA Conditions and Performance Report, 2024 APTA Fact Book, National Center for Mobility Management

Transit Assets

Assets: ~\$1.3 trillion

181,000 transit vehicles

15,154 miles of fixed guideway and high intensity bus

14,789 transit stations, maintenance facilities, etc.

Industry revenue = \$97 billion



Sources: 2024 FTA National Transit Database, 25th Edition FHWA-FTA Conditions and Performance Report, 2024 APTA Fact Book, National Center for Mobility Management

Transit Workforce



~411,000 people work for transit agencies

84% operations & maintenance

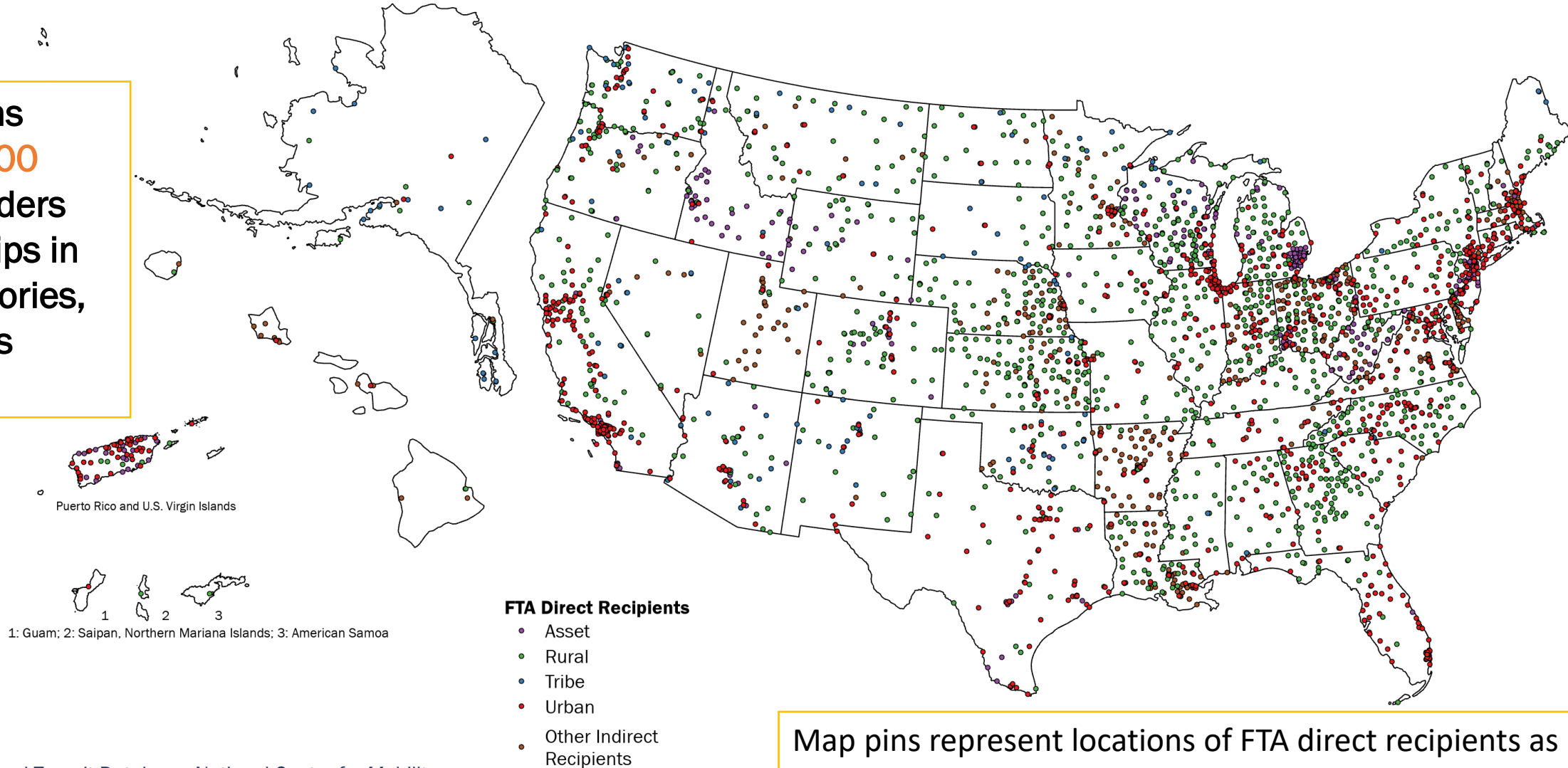
16% capital & administration



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FTA grantees in states, counties, cities, and territories across the U.S.

FTA programs support **4,000** transit providers delivering trips in states, territories, and counties nationwide

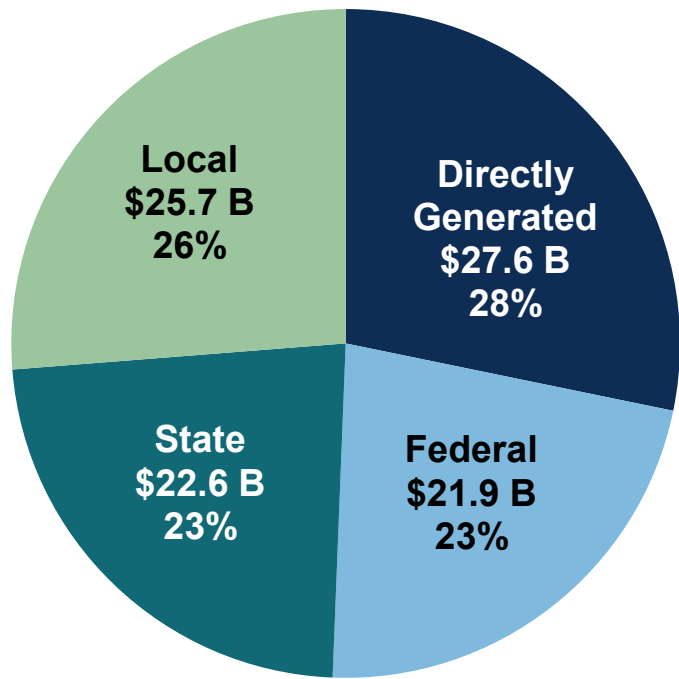


Map pins represent locations of FTA direct recipients as well as over 1,000 indirect recipients via State DOTs

Sources: 2024 FTA National Transit Database, National Center for Mobility Management

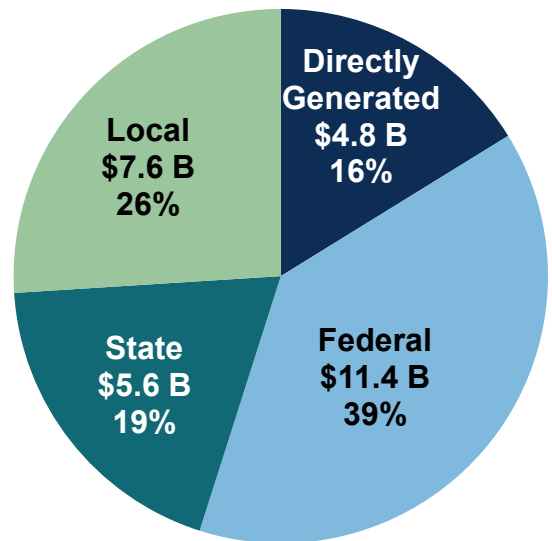
U.S. Public Transit Funding All Sources: \$98 billion

FTA provides \$1 (23%) of every \$5 for U.S. transit



Capital Funding *in billions*

FTA provides almost \$1 (~39%) of every \$2.50 for all U.S. transit capital spending



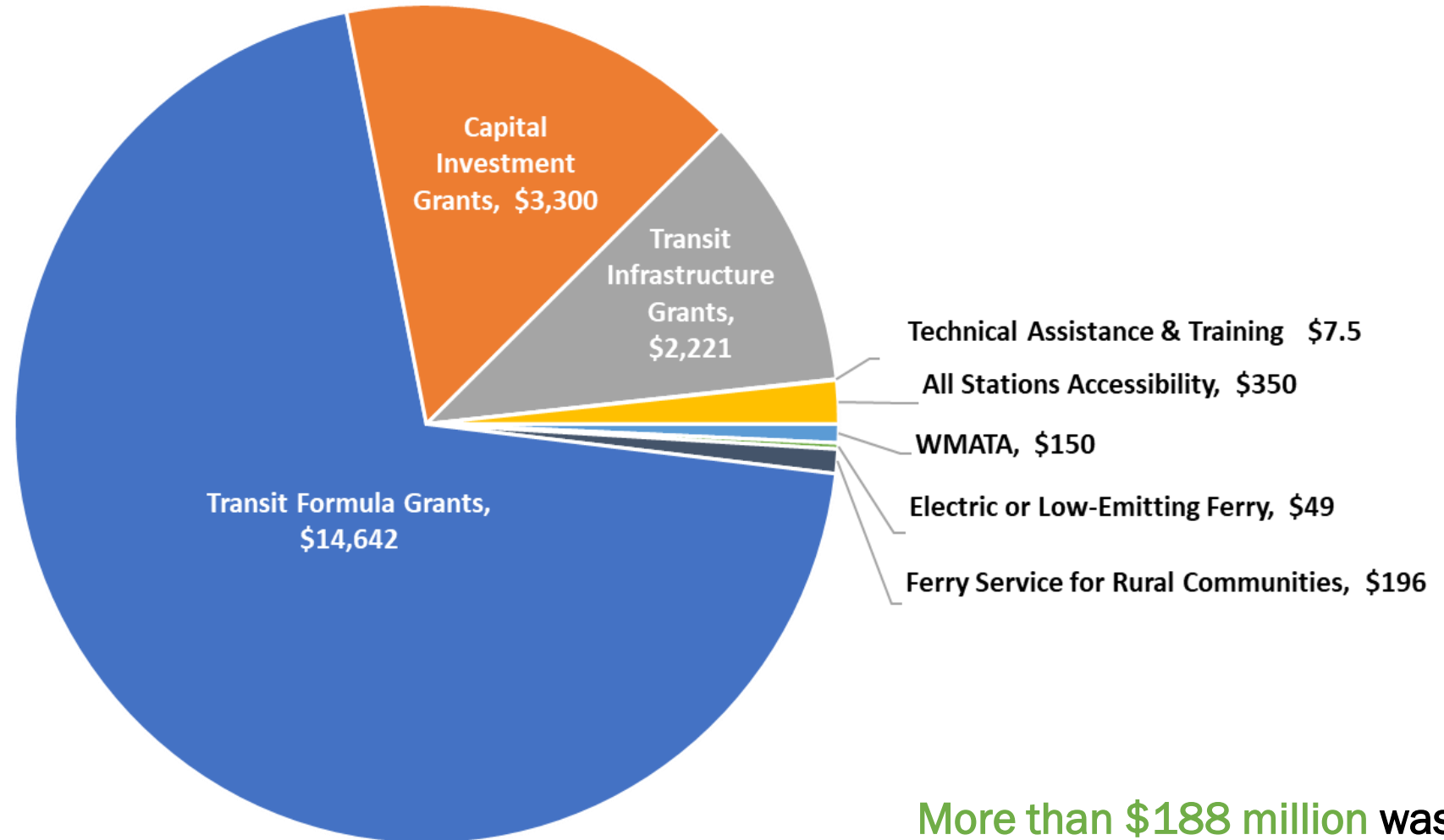
Source: 2024 FTA National Transit Database (Full Reporters), National Transit Summaries and Trends

FY26 Appropriations Overview: \$20.916 billion

FTA manages the **third largest** budget in USDOT



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More than \$188 million was realigned and transferred in TIG

State Recipients and Grants

- Last year, FTA apportioned just over **\$2 Billion** to recipients in California
- As of this month, there are **110 FTA recipients** in California managing a portfolio of **\$22 billion** in active FTA grants
- Nearly **68%** of these funds or, **\$15 Billion** have already been disbursed

• (Source: FY2025 Full-Year Apportionment Tables, Regional Recipient Awards Dashboard, 2025 FTA National Transit Database (Sec. 5335))



National FTA News

Surface Transportation Authorization FTA Priorities:

- Ensuring safe and reliable projects
- Accelerating project delivery
- Expanding economic opportunities for all Americans
- Strengthening partnerships at every level of government

FIFA World Cup and Olympic Games Funding:

- \$100.3 Million in funding to **enhance public transportation** in 2026 FIFA World Cup Host Cities and \$94 Million for Olympic Games funding

Milestone Progress Report (MPR) and Federal Financial Report (FFR) Reporting Requirements

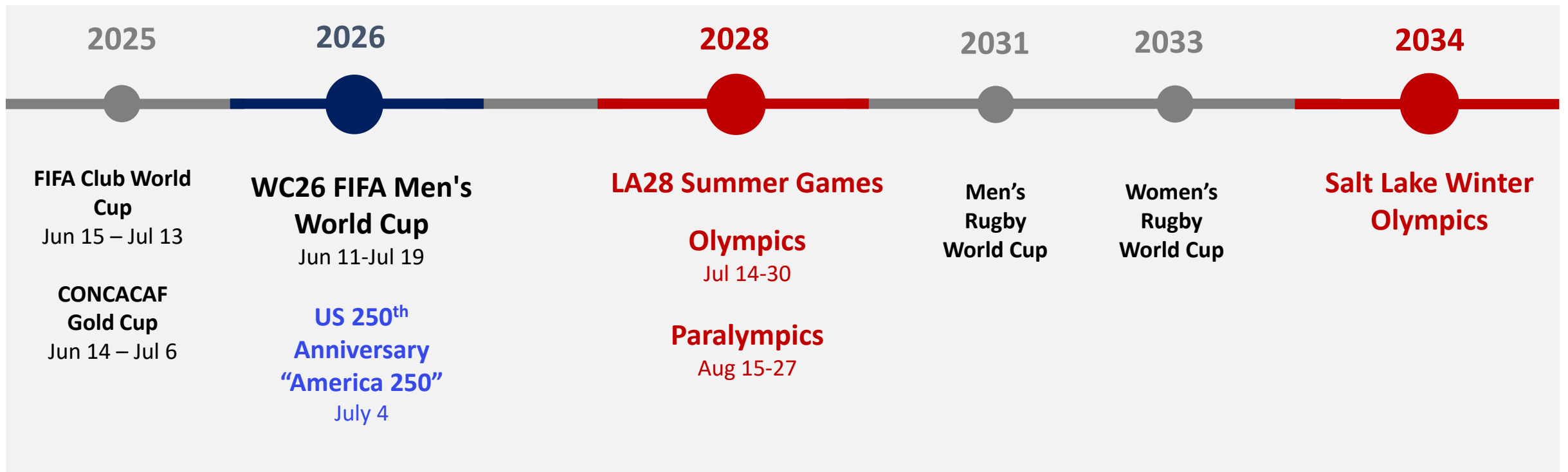
- Recipients of all grants with \$6 million or less in urbanized areas with populations 200,000 or more, may report annually

FTA has finalized guidance for its Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program

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Investing in America – Global Sports / Major Events

Over a *10-year period, beginning in 2025*, the US will host at least seven global sporting events and a celebration of the Nation's 250th Anniversary, providing many opportunities to showcase America's values and stature.



World Cup 2026 – Multiple Cities and Events

DOT/FTA Role & Support

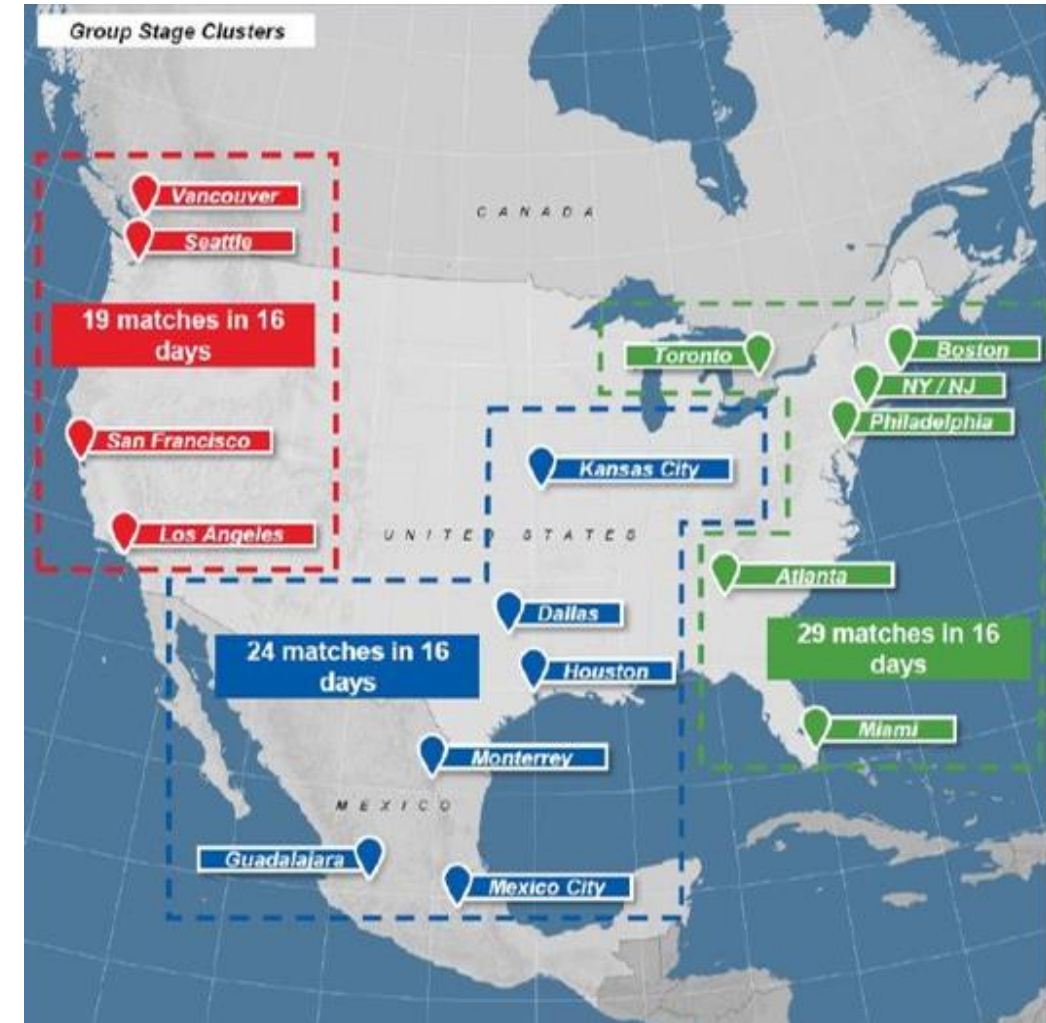
- DOT is a member of White House Task Force
- FTA providing technical assistance and support for recipients
- Ensuring appropriate use of funds
 - [2026 World Cup Public Transportation Funding](#)

Resources

- [Public Transportation During Major Events](#)

Contact

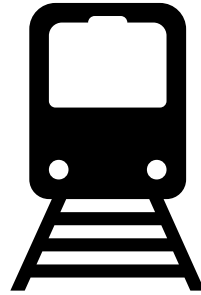
- FTA_GlobalSports@dot.gov
- Regional Office



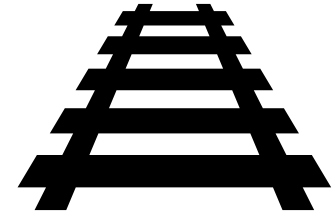
FTA Safety Priorities for 2026



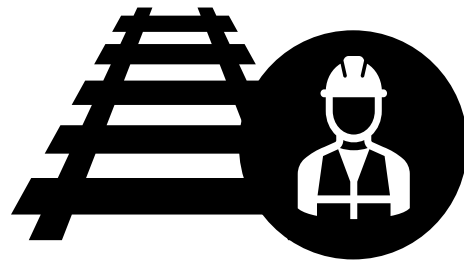
**Impact of Transit
Worker Fatigue on
Safety**



**Street-Running Rail
Vehicle Collisions**



**Emerging Safety Issues:
Line Overruns and
Overhead Catenary
Systems**



**Rail Transit Roadway
Worker Protection**



**Risk-Based
Inspection Programs**

Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)

Public Rights Of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

- DOT Final Rule effective 1/17/25
- Issued by U.S. Access Board and enforceable by DOT
- **Applies to transit stops in the public right of way**
- Governs new construction and alterations of transit stops

Equivalent Service on demand-responsive transit systems

- **Recipients must ensure that all vehicles used for service are accessible**, or **document** (with data) provision of equivalent service
- The seven equivalent service criteria are defined in *49 CFR §37.77(c)(1)-(7)*

Vehicle Accessibility for Fixed Route Service

- **All fixed route vehicles must be accessible** as required by *49 CFR § 37.71*
- Equivalent service is not an option for public entities operating fixed route systems
- **ADA Complementary Paratransit is required for all fixed-route service** per *49 CFR §37.121(a)*
- These requirements also apply to any fixed route microtransit service

ADA regulations **always apply**, regardless of Federal funding

Equivalent Service Regulatory Criteria

- Response time
- Fares
- Geographic area of service
- Hours and days of service
- Restrictions or priorities based on trip purpose
- Availability of information and reservations capacity
- Any constraints on capacity or service availability

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

On October 3, 2025, USDOT issued the DBE Interim Final Rule (IFR), which became effective the same day

The IFR requires Unified Certification Program (UCP) participants to complete a certification reevaluation that does not rely of presumptions of eligibility based on race or gender to determine a business's disadvantaged status. While the reevaluation process occurs, several DBE program requirements have been paused including:

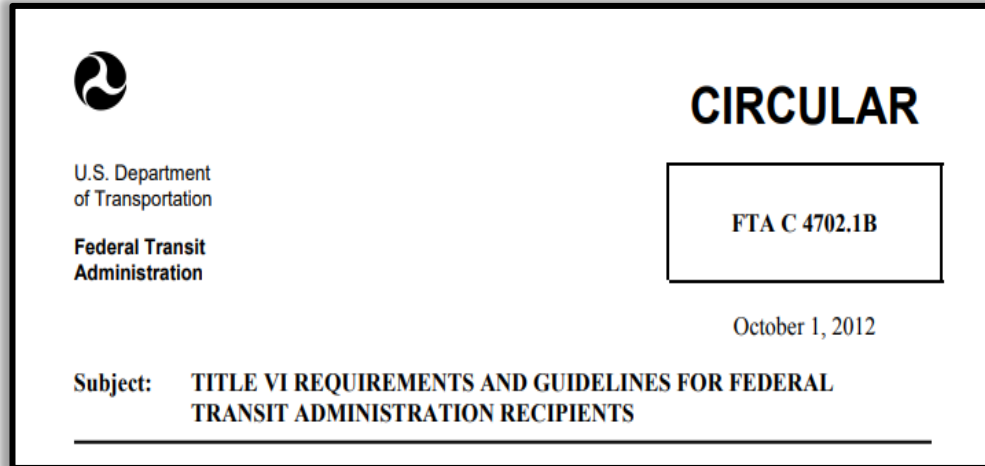
- Submitting updated DBE programs or revised DBE goals
- Implementing existing DBE goals
- Submitting reports
- Completing shortfall analyses

Recipients must continue:

- Including DBE clauses in 49 CFR § 26.13 in all contracts
- Implementing the termination and substitution requirements in 49 CFR § 26.53(f)



Title VI



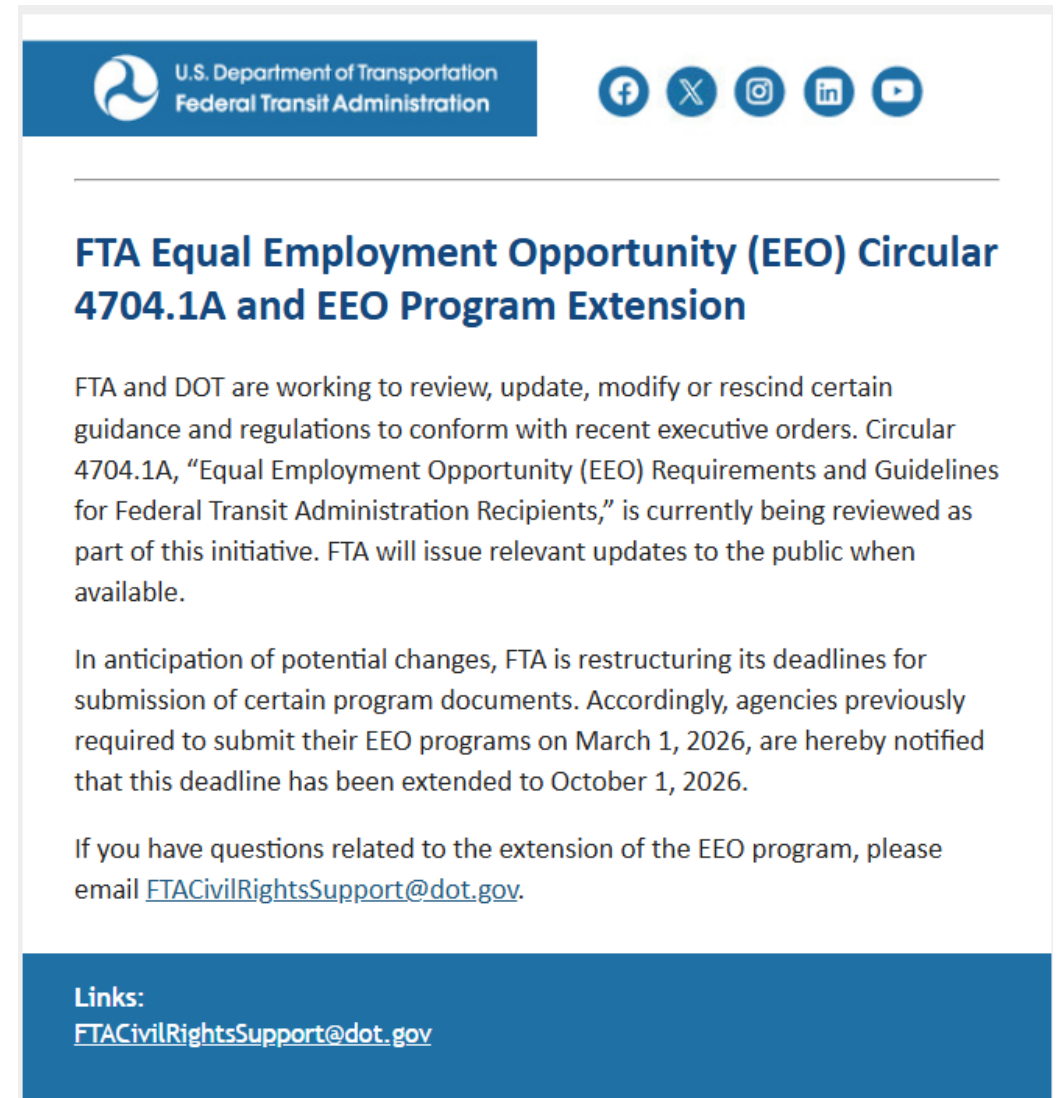
- On December 10, the Department of Justice (DOJ), rescinded some of its guidance for implementing Title VI regulations in accordance with Executive Order 14281
- FTA is awaiting DOT's update to its Title VI regulations which will correspond to the changes made by DOJ
- FTA is also reviewing Circular 4702.1B which provides guidance on Title VI requirements to ensure it aligns with current guidance from DOJ
- We will notify the public of changes to Circular 4702.1B as soon as they are available

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)

- FTA and DOT are working to review, update, modify, or rescind certain regulations and guidance including FTA Circular 4704.1A which provides guidance on EEO program requirements
- To provide recipients relief during this process, FTA has approved an extension for any recipients that had a program due March 1, 2026 to now submit the program by October 1, 2026

If you have any questions, please send them to:

FTACivilRightsSupport@dot.gov



The screenshot shows the top of a webpage from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration. It features the agency's logo and name in a blue header bar, followed by social media icons for Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube. The main content area has a title: "FTA Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Circular 4704.1A and EEO Program Extension". Below the title is a paragraph explaining that FTA and DOT are reviewing, updating, modifying, or rescinding certain guidance and regulations to conform with recent executive orders. It mentions that Circular 4704.1A, "Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients," is currently being reviewed. Another paragraph states that in anticipation of potential changes, FTA is restructuring its deadlines for submission of certain program documents, extending the deadline from March 1, 2026, to October 1, 2026. A final paragraph provides contact information for questions, directing users to email FTACivilRightsSupport@dot.gov. At the bottom of the page, there is a blue bar with the text "Links:" followed by the email address FTACivilRightsSupport@dot.gov.

Civil Rights Oversight in FY26



FY26 Triennial (TR) and State Management Reviews (SMR) cycle:

- will not assess compliance with the DBE requirements in 49 *CFR* §26 as a temporary measure to allow recipients to adjust to new requirements under the DBE IFR
- will not assess compliance with EEO requirements as FTA works to review FTA Circular 4704.1A
- will align the Title VI section of the review to conform with updated regulations once issued by DOT
- will review ADA requirements consistent with past TR/SMR cycles with an increased focus on implementation of processes and procedures to ensure accessible transit service, vehicles, and facilities to people with disabilities

Civil Rights Resources

Got questions about civil rights programs?

Send us an email at FTACivilRightsSupport@dot.gov

And sign up for updates on FTA's website.

1. Click Subscribe to Email Updates on the bottom right-hand corner of our website at transit.dot.gov
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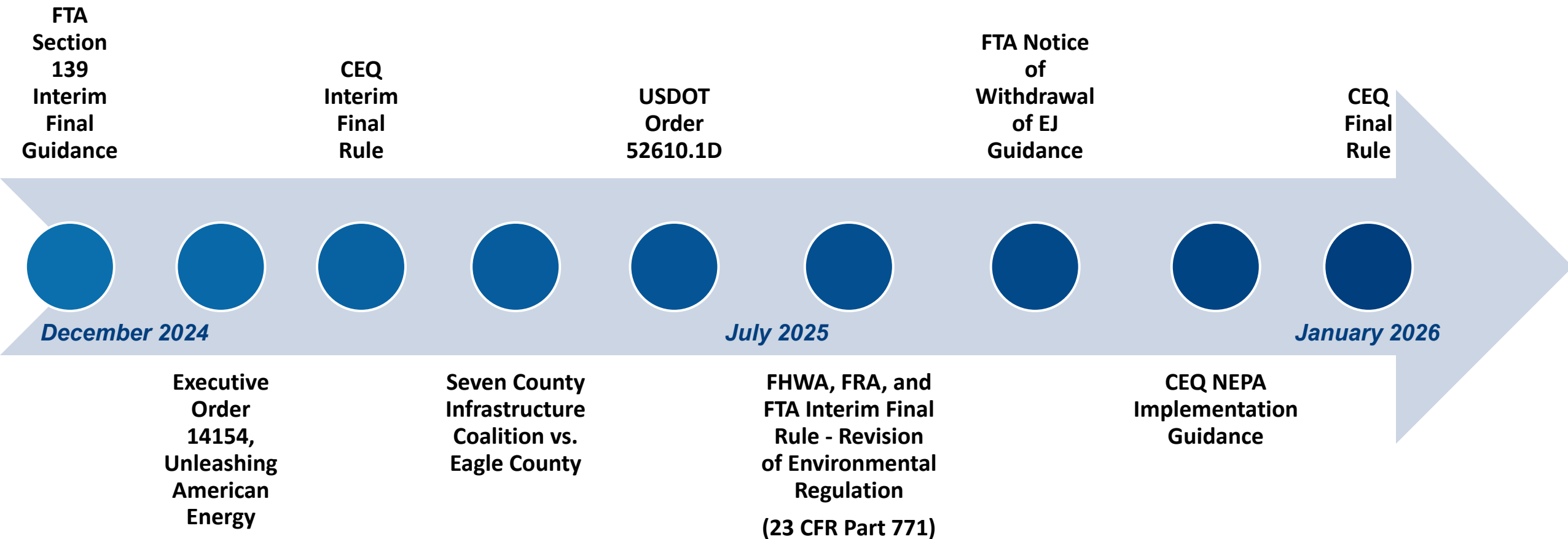
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Drivers of Change Timeline



Section 139 Efficient Environmental Reviews for Project Decision making and One Federal Decision Interim Final Guidance (FHWA, FRA, FTA)

- Issued December 2024
- Supersedes and replaces the SAFETEA-LU Environmental Review Process Final Guidance (2006)
- Applies to transportation projects, including multimodal projects, requiring an EIS
- Can be applied to an EA
- Provides direction and flexibility in administering the environmental review process
- Provides project sponsors with a framework to facilitate efficient project management and decisionmaking



FTA Section 139 Interim
Final Guidance

FTA Categorical Exclusion (CE) Worksheet

- Worksheet and Video Tutorial released in November 2025
- Standardized format used across all FTA regions
- Supports consistent and efficient CE determinations

Expiration Date: 03/31/2027 OMB No. 2132-0529

**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION WORKSHEET**

Purpose: To assist FTA project sponsors in providing sufficient documentation to support a categorical exclusion (CE) determination for certain “c-list” or “d-list” construction projects in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and FTA’s environmental regulations ([23 CFR § 771](#)), and to demonstrate compliance with other environmental requirements, as applicable. Small construction projects (e.g., bus shelters) and non-construction projects that qualify for a c-list CE are **exempt from this worksheet**; instead, the project sponsor will submit a sufficient project description to FTA via email or FTA’s grant management software, the Transit Award Management System ([TrAMS](#)). **Project sponsors should discuss whether to complete this worksheet with FTA Regional staff prior to assuming NEPA class of action.**

For all projects, [property acquisition](#) and project construction may not begin until FTA issues a CE determination or approval of this document in writing (Sec. VI). Populate Project information in Sec. I, below. For Sec. II through V, follow the provided instructions, then select and populate the applicable box/text field.

I. Project Information	
Project Sponsor and Contact Information	
Name: <input type="text"/>	State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Item/Project ID Number (if available): <input type="text"/>
Title: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Organization Name: <input type="text"/>	STIP/TIP Approval Date (if available): <input type="text"/>
Phone Number: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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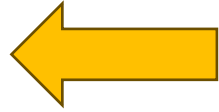


FTA CE Worksheet

FTA's Current NEPA Requirements and Updates



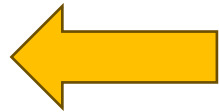
FTA NEPA Legislation and
Guidance Webpage



- Current statutes, regulations, guidance, and NEPA readiness resources are maintained on the FTA website



FTA Environmental SOPs



- Currently updating Environmental SOPs to align with statute, regulation, and guidance changes

Project sponsors should discuss all proposed construction projects with the FTA Regional Office

2026 USDOT Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Programs

Office of the Secretary	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) • Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) • Mega • Rural Surface Transportation • Reconnecting Communities • Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program • Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTAIN) Program • Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) • Railroad Crossing Elimination Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail Vehicle Replacement Program • Buses & Bus Facilities • Low or No Emission Bus & Facilities • Passenger Ferry (issued) • Electric or Low Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (issued) • Ferry Service for Rural Communities (issued) • Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning • All Stations Accessibility Program (issued) • Capital Investment Grant Program • Tribal Transit Program • Transit Research Grants (5312) • Tribal Technical Assistance and Resources • Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM)

Upcoming NOFOs

(as of 03/02/2026)

Opening Date	NOFO	Operating Administration	Closing Date
03/02/2026	All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)	FTA	05/01/2026
Spring 2026	Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning	FTA	TBD
Spring 2026	Passenger Ferry, Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot, and Ferry Service for Rural Communities Programs	FTA	04/06/2026
Spring 2026	Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) Programs	FTA	TBD
Spring 2026	Public Transportation on Indian Reservations (TTP)	FTA	TBD

Recipient Tools Highlight: Recipient Toolkit

This toolkit may be consulted to help with decisions on developing applications for award in the [Transit Award Management System \(TrAMS\)](#). It includes information for recipients on application development, consistent with [FTA Circulars](#) and other information materials, including:

- preliminary work for application development
- considerations for application planning
- key elements of an application
 - information on developing the executive summary
 - projects within the application
 - budget descriptions

Navigate to transit.dot.gov: Funding > Grants > Applying > Existing Recipients > [FTA Recipient Award Toolkit](#)



Updated TrAMS website and resources!

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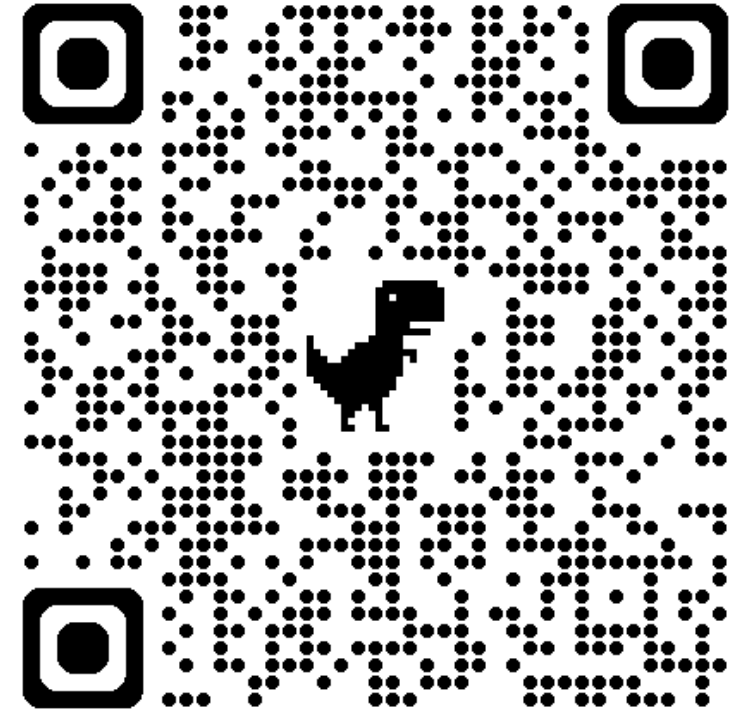
TrAMS Beginners Training

Now available: TrAMS Beginner Training video. This video is intended for new users to the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS).

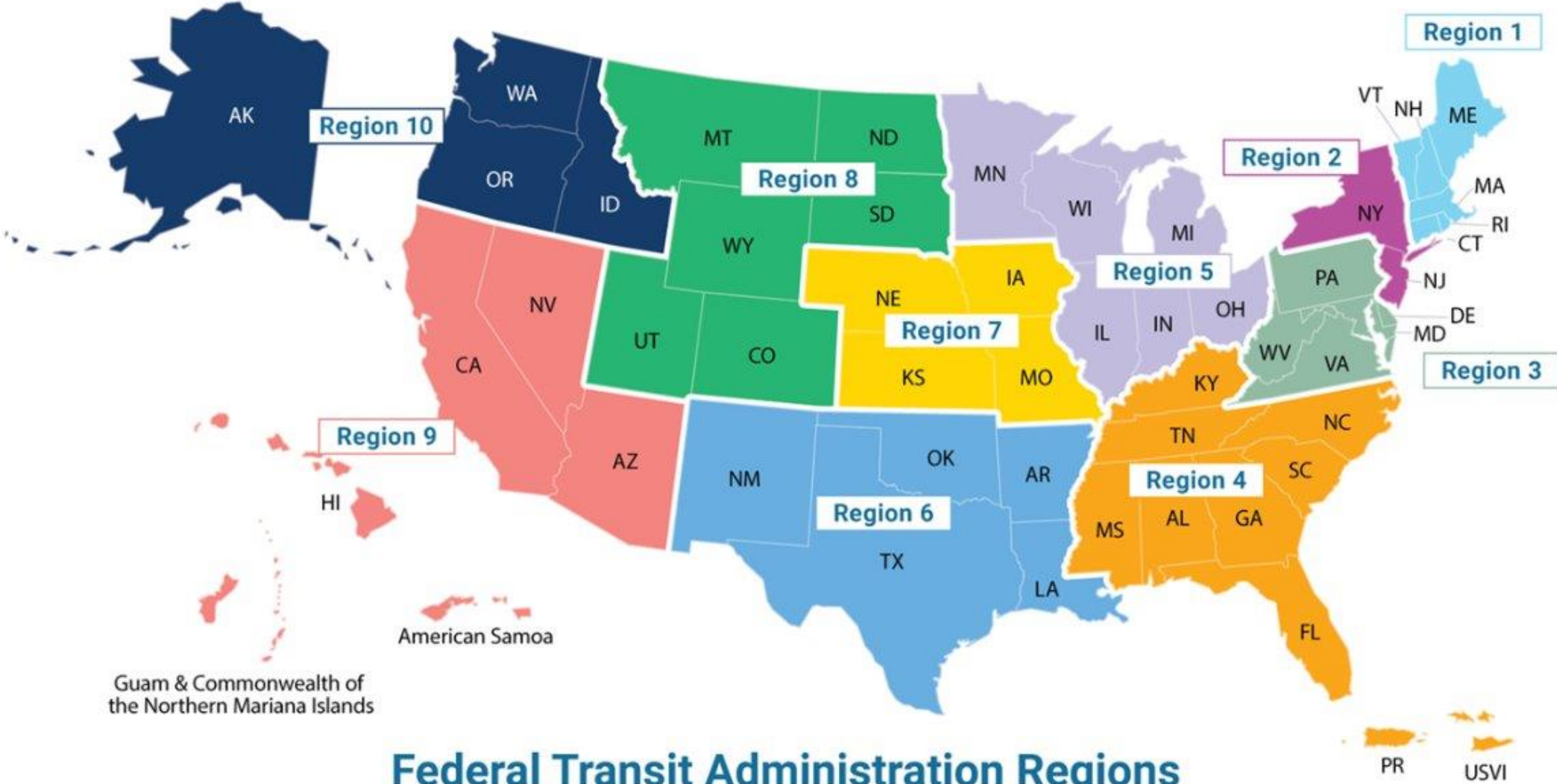
Operating Status: Open.

What's New

- 2026 TrAMS Training Video Series
 - [TrAMS for Beginners](#)
 - [Application Development](#)
 - [FFR Video Guide](#)
 - [Update Period of Performance End Date](#)



FTA Regional Offices



Federal Transit Administration Regions

Regional Office Highlight

- In FY2025, Region 9 awarded **407** grants totaling **\$5.1 billion**. We also disbursed \$1.1 billion to recipients for eligible award activities.
- In addition, regional staff conducted **35 Triennial Reviews and three Tribal Assessments** (Hualapai Tribe, White Mountain Apache Tribe, and Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community).
- Region 9 continues to work with transit agencies to gear up for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which will be held in the host California cities of Los Angeles and Santa Clara during June and July 2026.
- Remember: we are here to help! Please bookmark for current contact information of [Region 9 staff](#).

Regional Reminders

- Period of Performance (POP): Any grant past its POP end date will be placed on restricted drawdown
- Annual SAM Registration
- Lapsing funds grant applications for our review ASAP
- Funds must be programmed on the TIP/STIP in the current Fiscal Year
- FY2026 Certifications and Assurances



FTA's Mission, Vision, and Values



Mission

Improve America's Communities through Public Transportation



Vision

A Better Quality of Life for All Built on Public Transportation Excellence

Values

Service

Provide reliable, transparent, responsive, and anticipatory services to meet stakeholder needs.

Integrity

Commit to the highest professional and ethical standards.

Innovation

Foster new ideas, concepts, and solutions for improved outcomes.

Resiliency

Optimize decisions, resources, and systems to make long-term positive impacts on the environment, infrastructure, and safety.

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Visit the FTA website for updates, resources, and more!

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Transit Administration website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the United States Department of Transportation logo and the text "United States Department of Transportation". Below this is the Federal Transit Administration logo and name. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large banner image of a train with the text "Improving America's Communities through Public Transportation". Below the banner, there is a section titled "FTA Highlights" with a sub-section "Supporting Tribal Transit" which includes an image of a truck and the text "\$9.6M | 26 Projects | 14 States". To the right of this section are two smaller images: one of a ferry boat on a lake and another of a city street with a bus.

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