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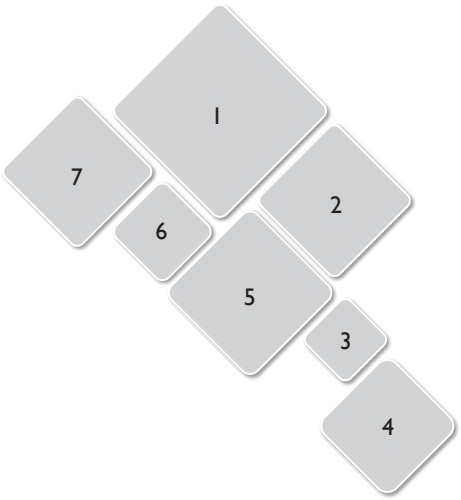
Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation

Characteristics of State Funding for Public Transportation

The following report provides a summary of state transit funding for the 50 states and the District of Columbia (DC). Information includes funding sources, amounts, programs, eligible uses and allocation, and per capita state transit funding. The report was prepared by David Spacek Consulting.

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Dear Reader,

The AASHTO Council on Public Transportation is pleased to release the 44th compilation of the *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation*. The survey results are based on Fiscal Year 2024 data from the 50 state departments of transportation (DOTs) and the District of Columbia (DC) Department of Transportation. This annual report provides a snapshot of state-by-state investments in public transportation, including DC, and an understanding of how departments of transportation utilize state funding and revenue mechanisms to support a multitude of transit operations and capital projects.

The 2026 *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation* reflects the dedication of these 51 DOTs to the financing and administration of transit programs with federal and state funding. In this year's report, we continue to assess the year five impacts to state transit services from the COVID-19 pandemic. Also continuing in this edition is a section on state funding initiatives that highlights ways in which state DOTs applied state funding to support transit programs and initiatives above and beyond federal funding levels.

Here are some funding-related highlights from this year's report:

- State funding to public transit totaled $27.7 billion.
- For FY 2024, state DOTs collectively provided $13.8 billion more for public transit than federal formula funds.
- Federal formula funding increased 3.7 percent from FY 2023.
- Following the 2023 declared end to the COVID-19 national emergency, national ridership continued to steadily recover. Compared to 2023, suburban rail and urban systems experienced the highest recovery rate, while all modes across all systems realized growth trends.
- In FY 2024, twenty seven DOTs increased public transit funding collectively by about $1.09 billion over FY 2023 levels.

The *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation* is viewed by the public transportation industry, national associations, and federal and state government agencies as one of the most comprehensive resources on the involvement of these 51 DOTs in the funding of public transportation. On behalf of the Council on Public Transportation, we would like to thank the AASHTO member departments for completing the survey.

We hope you find this report a useful reference as you continue to support public transportation in your state.

Sincerely,



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PART 1

Introduction

This report, the 44th compilation of information on state funding for public transportation, was prepared under the auspices of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). This report is based on survey responses received from 51 departments of transportation (DOTs), including the District of Columbia, for state fiscal year (FY) 2024 data. No data was included from any United States territories.

Due to the unusual and continuing impact of the pandemic in FY 2024 on public transit nationwide, AASHTO is again providing, in Part 2, a snapshot of its ongoing impact for FY 2024 on transit systems from a national perspective. However, for FY 2024, the modal impacts will be presented in a slightly different modal grouping and the impact of trip length by mode will be examined.

It is important to note that state funding for public transportation is essential to not only match federal funds, but also to allow transit systems to implement projects with little or no federal funding in certain circumstances. Some of these projects will be highlighted in Part 4.

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