



# Federal Transit Funds for Bicycle-Transit Connections



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## About the FTA

**Mission** - Improve public transportation for America's communities

FTA is the primary federal agency providing funding and technical assistance for public transportation capital investments and ongoing operations.

**FTA's People** - 550 FTA employees in Washington, D.C. and ten regional offices

**Annual Appropriation** - \$10.7 billion (FY 10)

### FTA's Grantees

- Direct - FTA funding to the states and over 600 public transportation agencies.
- Sub-Grantees - An additional 6,000 providers of public transportation service receive funding from the states.

FTA grantees deliver over 10 billion annual passenger trips



## Many FTA Grant Programs

### Formula Programs

- Statewide & Metropolitan Planning
- Urbanized Area
- Elderly & Persons with Disabilities
- Non-Urbanized Area
- Rail Modernization
- Job Access & Reverse Commute
- New Freedom

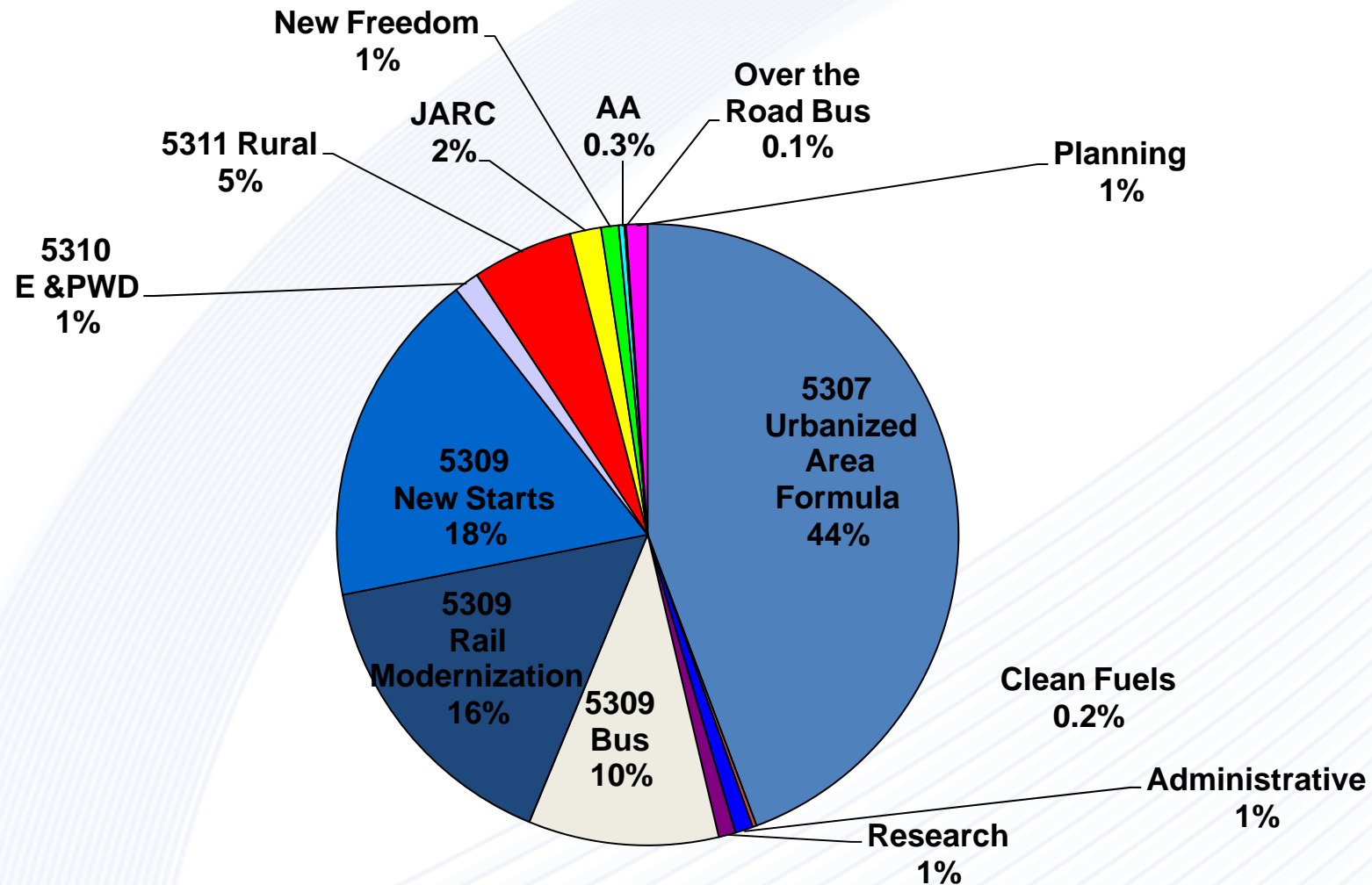
### Discretionary Programs

- Bus & Bus Facilities
- New Starts / Small Starts
- Research & Program Support
- Alternative Transportation in the Parks
- Alternatives Analysis
- Over the Road Bus



# Relative Size of FTA Grant Programs

Annual budget: FY 2010 = \$10.7 billion





# Federal Transit Law

## Key Bicycle Provisions

49 U.S.C. § 5302

**Capital Project Definition** – “A public transportation improvement ...including...pedestrian and bicycle access to a public transportation facility”

**This means key FTA capital programs can fund...**

- **Planning** for bicycle-transit integration
- **Access** to a public transportation station or stop
  - sidewalks, multi-use path, etc.
- **Parking** at a public transportation station or stop
  - bicycle storage facilities, etc.
- **Storage** on a transit vehicle
  - bike hooks on trains, bike racks on buses, etc.



# Federal Transit Law

## Key Bicycle Provisions

49 U.S.C. § 5319

A project to provide **access for bicycles** to public transportation facilities, to provide shelters and parking facilities for bicycles in or around public transportation facilities, or to install equipment for transporting bicycles on public transportation vehicles **is a capital project eligible for assistance** under sections 5307, 5309, and 5311 of this title. Notwithstanding sections 5307(e), 5309(h), and 5311(g) of this title, **a grant** of the United States Government under this chapter **for a project** made eligible by this section **is for 90 percent of the cost of the project**, except that, if the grant or any portion of the grant is made with funds required to be expended under section 5302[(a)(15)] and the project involves providing bicycle access to public transportation, that grant or portion of that grant shall be at a Federal share of 95 percent.



## Transit Enhancements

49 U.S.C. § 5302(a)(15)

- One percent of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Funds must be used for Transit Enhancements
- 95 percent federal matching share
- Projects that are designed to enhance public transportation service or use and that are physically or functionally related to transit facilities...
- **(F) bicycle access, including bicycle storage facilities and installing equipment for transporting bicycles on public transportation vehicles;**



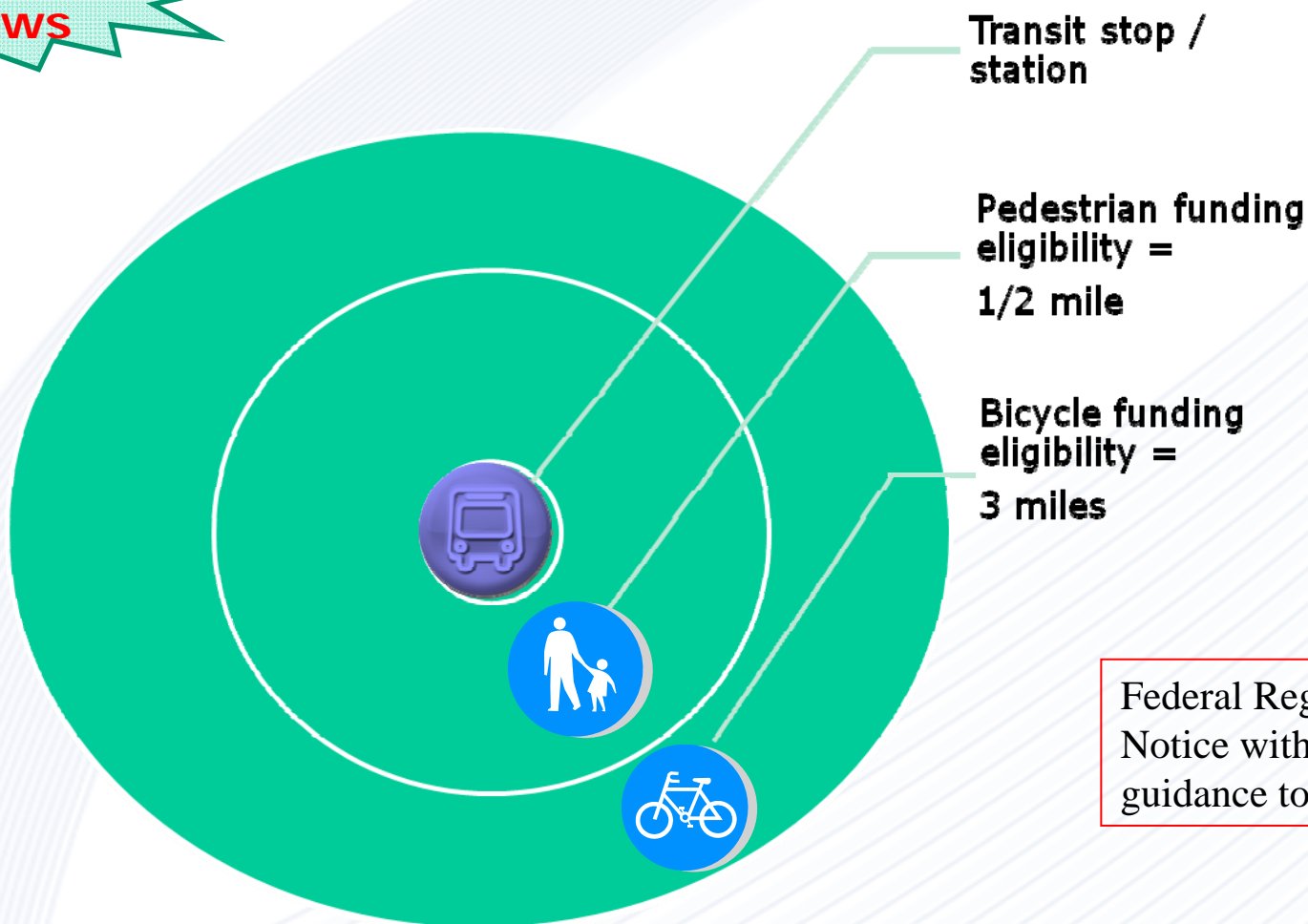
## **Federal Transit Programs Maximum Federal Matching Share Summary**

- 95 percent:
  - Bicycle Transit Enhancements
- 90 percent
  - Non-Bicycle Transit Enhancements
  - ADA-related capital expenses
  - Clean Air Act
- 80 percent – most other transit activities



# FTA Bicycle-Pedestrian Improvement Automatic Funding Eligibility

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## DOT-EPA-HUD Interagency Partnership for Livability Upcoming Funding Opportunities

### Program

### FY 2010 Amount

- Bus & Bus Facilities (FTA) \$500 M +
- TIGER (DOT) \$600 M
- TIGGER (FTA) \$ 75 M
- Sustainable Communities Planning Grants (HUD) \$150 M



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**What's New**

**New Starts Report Fiscal Year 2011**

**FY 2011 New Starts and Small Starts Report**

This report provides the U.S. DOT's project funding recommendations to Congress for the FY 2011 New Starts and Small Starts programs.

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**Upcoming Events**

- Mar 10: FTA Webinar information sessions for grantees on Federal Financial Report
- Mar 10 - 12: 3rd Annual Transportation & Infrastructure Convention - Washington, DC
- Mar 14 - 16: APTA 2010 Legislative Conference - Washington, DC
- Mar 18: FTA Webinar information sessions for grantees on Federal Financial Report
- Mar 22 - 25: FTA Region VII Training Meeting - Kansas City, MO

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**In the FTA Spotlight...**

**Department of Transportation Livability Initiative**

In early December, Secretary LaHood announced \$280 million for urban circulator, bus, and bus facility projects which support the Department of Transportation Livability Initiative. Project proposals are due in February 2010 with expected project selection by summer 2010.

[Read more](#) about funding opportunities. For frequently asked questions please click [here](#).

**Guidance on H1N1 and Transit**

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**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**

**Funds Obligated:**  
FTA has awarded 926 grants totaling \$8.278 billion. A total of 19 grants are undergoing review and pending award for a potential total of 945 grant awards valued at \$8.3 B dollars in FTA Allocated ARRA funds.

**Note:**  
Pie chart does not include FHWA funds Transferred to FTA.

- Funds Awarded - 99.31%
- Pending Review & Approval - 0.69%

Click here for a list of ARRA grants awarded [\[Excel\]](#) [\[HTML\]](#)

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**MAJOR** [FTA's Rail Transit Safety Initiative](#)

While rail transit is safe, the Administration believes we must take serious steps now to make it even safer and ensure it remains safe.

**NEW** [Livable and Sustainable Communities](#)

FTA is actively supporting the Livable and Sustainable Communities Partnership. [Click](#) to learn about our many initiatives and how you can bring livability to your community.

[State of Good Repair](#)

Learn about the FTA State of Good Repair initiative: maintenance, recapitalization, asset management practices, and innovative financing strategies.

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The federal program for major transit capital fixed guideways (e.g., bus rapid transit, light rail, commuter rail), including Small Starts.

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