



Federal Policy and Funding: Bicycle-Transit Connections



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Presentation Overview

- Federal Policies
- Livability
- FTA's Role
- FTA Programs
- Supporting Bicycle Access
- Final Policy on Catchment Areas!
- Additional Resources



Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities



HUD-DOT-EPA



Six Partnership Principles



Transportation Choices



Housing Choices



**Economic
Competitiveness**



**Support Existing
Communities**



Align Federal Policies



Value Communities



Statement on Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation

Regulations & Recommendations

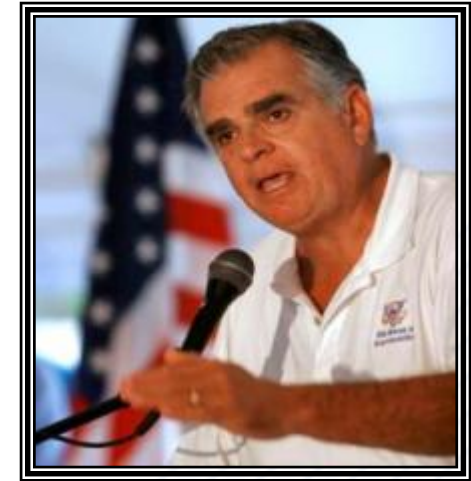
- “The DOT policy is to incorporate safe and convenient walking and bicycling facilities into transportation projects. Every transportation agency, including DOT, has the responsibility to improve conditions and opportunities for walking and bicycling and to integrate walking and bicycling into their transportation systems.”





Livability

- Livability means being able to take your kids to school, go to work, see a doctor, drop by the grocery or post office, go out to dinner and a movie, and play with your kids at the park, all without having to get into your car. Livability means building the communities that help Americans live the lives they want to live—whether those communities are urban centers, small towns, or rural areas.



—Secretary Ray LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation



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

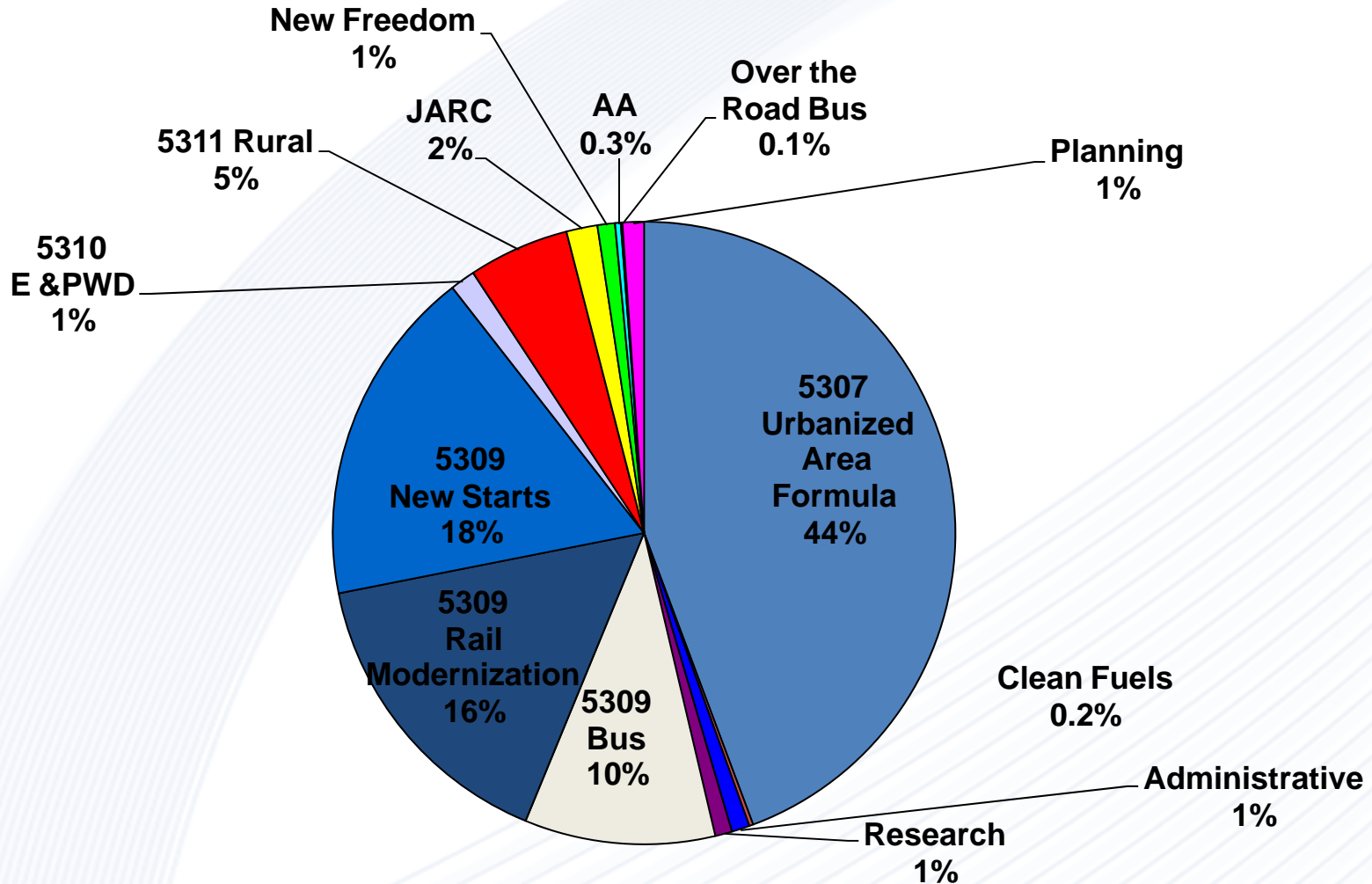
Discretionary Programs

- 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.



Transit Enhancements

49 U.S.C. § 5302(a)(15)

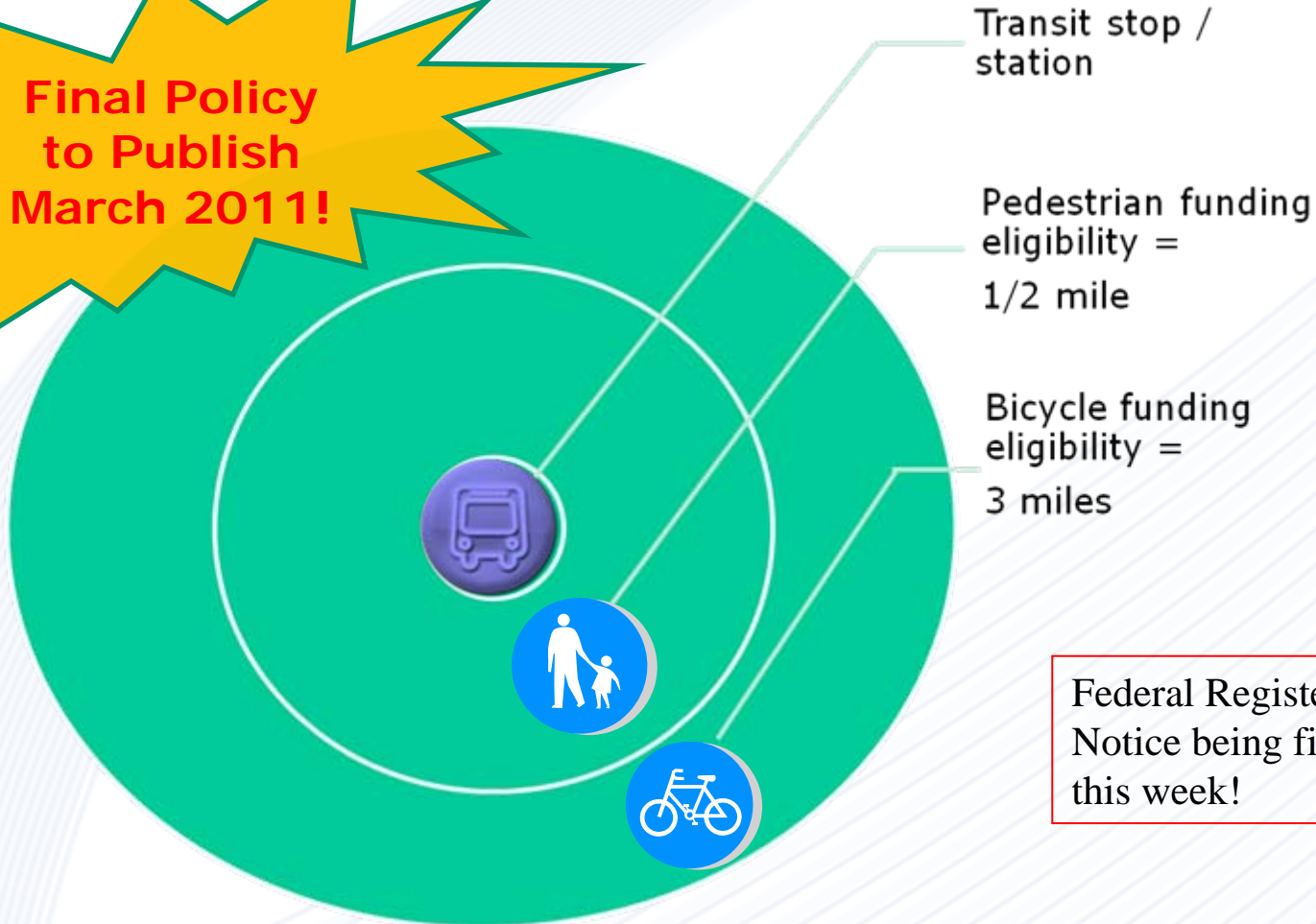
- 1% of FTA Urbanized Area Formula Funds must be used for Transit Enhancements
- 95% Federal matching share
- Projects that are designed to enhance public transportation service or use and that are physically or functionally related to transit facilities...
- **(F) bicycle access, including bicycle storage facilities and installing equipment for transporting bicycles on public transportation vehicles;**



FTA Bicycle-Pedestrian Catchment Policy

de facto relationship to transit!

**Final Policy
to Publish
March 2011!**



Federal Register
Notice being finalized
this week!



Examples of Eligible Activities

- Planning for bicycle facilities in a state or metropolitan transportation network
- Bicycle routes to transit, bike racks, shelters and equipment for public transportation vehicles
- Bicycle improvements that provide access to an eligible public transportation facility and meet the needs of the elderly and individuals with disabilities
- Bicycle facilities that provide alternatives to private vehicle use in federal lands





US DOT Information & Resources:

- **US DOT livability website:** <http://www.dot.gov/livability/>
- **FTA livability website:** <http://www.fta.dot.gov/livability>
- **FHWA livability website:** <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/>

- **TOD and Joint Development Web Page:** <http://fta.dot.gov/tod>
TOD is a key element of sustainable communities. Most FTA funding programs can be used for projects that support TOD.

- **Center for Transit Oriented Development (CTOD) Resources and Reports:**
- **More CTOD and TOD Publications:** http://fta.dot.gov/publications/about_FTA_11008.html
- **National Transit Institute (NTI) Courses:** www.ntionline.com
 - Transit Oriented Development
 - Transportation and Land Use
- **Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center (PBIC)** www.walkinginfo.org



Planning for Livability

Joint FTA and FHWA Programs

Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program:

comprehensive training and assistance to support decision-makers, officials, and staff on:

- Land use
- Scenario planning
- Transit-oriented development
- Operations & management
- Analysis methods





Center for Transit Oriented Development

- Provides best practices, research and tools to support market-based transit-oriented development.
- Partners with both the public and private sectors to strategize about ways to encourage the development of high-performing TOD projects around transit stations and to build transit systems that maximize the development potential.
- Funded by FTA
- www.reconnectingamerica.org/public/tod





Rail~Volution

RAIL~VOLUTION 2011 — Washington, DC October 16–19, 2011

- **FTA has been a conference sponsor since 1996**
- **Call for Speakers** Apply online by **March 31, 2011!**
- **Rail~Volution is a national movement:** It is a revolution led by people from all perspectives dedicated to creating healthy, economically vibrant, socially equitable and environmentally sustainable communities with transit.
- **Rail~Volution is an event:** Since 1995, it has been a driving force in the livability movement. Every year, people come together in a transit-rich community to participate in workshops, charrettes, networking events and toolbox sessions. Last year in Portland, OR, over 1,200 people attended.
- **Rail~Volution 2011 is in Washington, DC:** Our nation's capital showcases a full spectrum of livable communities and transportation choices, from mature transit systems, to drawing board projects and neighborhoods in transition and a lot more. From Pierre L'Enfant's 1791 city plan of grand avenues and ceremonial spaces to the nation's largest bike-share system, you'll experience a history-rich region that provides an inspiration for the work we are doing in our own communities.