

FAST ACT 2015

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

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OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- What Is The *FAST Act*?
- How Is The *FAST Act* Funded?
- Highlights of Program Changes
- What Does The *FAST Act* Mean For FTA Transit Grantees?
- Questions

WHAT IS THE FAST Act?

A FIVE YEAR BILL FUNDING TRANSPORTATION THROUGH 2021

- **December 4, 2015 President Obama signed into law Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act).**
- **The FAST Act is a five year bill authorizing legislation to improve the Nation's surface transportation infrastructure. Year six is an unfunded year which extends the Act through 2021.**
- **This legislation is the first long-term national transportation spending package in a decade and takes full effect after congress funds the legislation through its appropriations process.**
- **FAST Act authorizes transportation initiatives through fiscal year 2020. There are no increases in the Highway Trust Fund and no new sources of revenue.**

HOW IS THE FAST Act FUNDED?

Primary Funding Sources:

Federal Reserve Rainy Day Fund

Reduction in Dividend Payments to Banks

General Fund Transfers

Several transportation programs are funded under the annual appropriations process.

Transit Funding Will Increase 3.3% by FY20. Some Of The Programs Include:

- **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program.**
- **Capital Investment Grants Transit Program**

AUTHORIZATION VS. APPROPRIATION

AUTHORIZATION

Congress establishes the legal authority to commence and continue FTA programs through authorizing legislation covering several years.

APPROPRIATION

Congress funds FTA's operations and programs through the annual appropriations process.

AUTHORIZATION

December 3, 2015

- **The Senate approved a five year \$305 billion highway bill authorizing \$18.7 billion in discretionary appropriations for the Department of Transportation (DOT).**
- **The bill further provides \$56.4 billion in “obligation limitation” funding for surface transportation and safety programs. \$500 million is set aside for the TIGER program.**
- **The bill contains \$11.8 billion for FTA and allows \$9.3 billion in state and local transit grant funding from the Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund.**

APPROPRIATION

December 21, 2015

- **The House Appropriations Committee submitted its FY 2016 Omnibus Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Report.**
- **The House Appropriations Committee approved FTA:**
 - **\$108,000,000 for Administrative Expenses**
 - **\$9,347,604,639 for Transit Formula Grants *and* \$10,400,000,000 for the *liquidation of contract authority***
 - **\$2,177,000,000 for Capital Investment Grants**

Map- 21 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

MAP -21 Brief Overview:

- **Consolidated certain transit programs to improve efficiency**
- **Targeted funding increases for improving the State of Good Repair (SGR)**
- **New reporting requirements**
- **Performance measures for SGR, planning and safety**

FAST Act PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The FAST Act will reform current funding under MAP-21 and strengthen it to refocus on national priorities by...

- **Increasing dedicated bus funding by over 89% over the life of the Act**
- **Providing both stable formula funding and a competitive grant program to address bus and facility needs**
- **Reforming public transit procurement**
- **Establishing a pilot program for communities to expand transit through the use of public-private partnerships**
- **501 (c)3, 501(c)4, and 501(c)D6 are NOW ELIGIBLE for 5304, 5310, and 5311 grants**

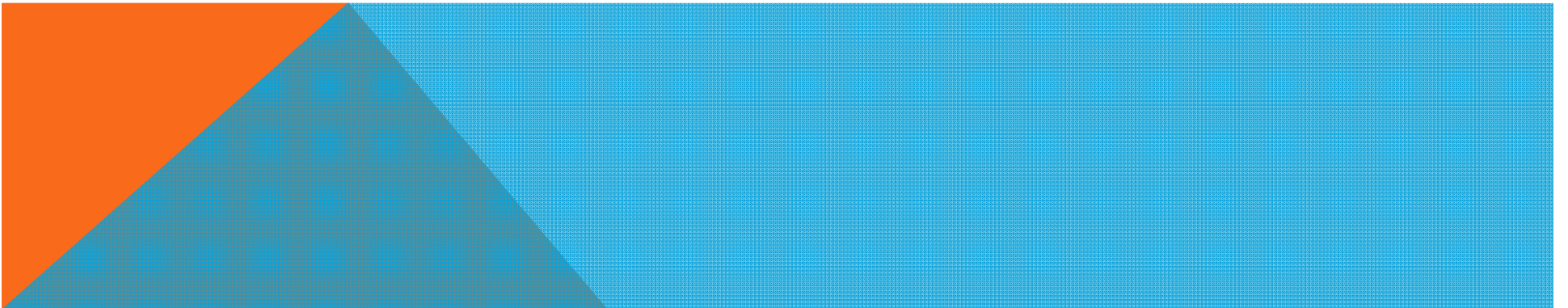
FAST Act PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONT..

- **Eliminating the set-aside for allocated transit improvements**
 - *Fixed pool of money can be flexed from FHWA to FTA*
- **Providing flexibility for recipients to use federal funds to meet their SGR needs**
- **Coordinating public transportation services with other federally assisted transportation services to aid in the mobility of seniors and persons with disabilities**
- **5307- Updates on 10% Complementary Para- Transit Service**
- **Tribal Transit**
- **NTD Data Reporting Requirements for 5310/5311**

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS IN MILLIONS

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
MPO 5303	329	336	343	350	359
5304/5305	131	133	136	139	142
UZA Formula	4,539	4,630	4,727	4,827	4,929
5310	263	268	274	280	286
5311	620	632	646	659	673
5309	428	436	446	455	465
Slush Money	56	57	57	58	58

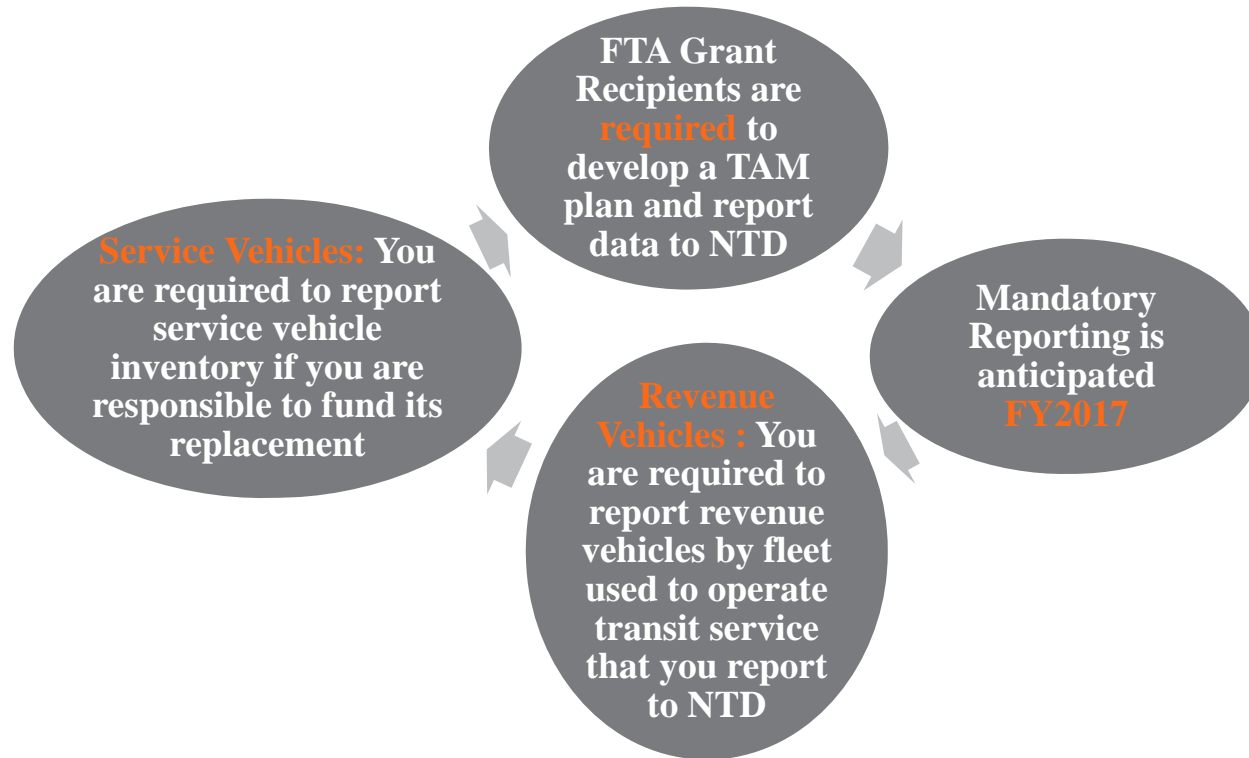
HOW DID THEY FUND IT?



TRIBAL TRANSIT

- **\$10 million to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments**
- **Money will be awarded through the FTA Tribal Transit Program**
 - *Grants to 55 tribes for 65 transit-related projects in 18 states*
- **Funding for Tribal Transit was increased by \$30 million under the FAST Act.**

TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT (TAM)



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Revenue Vehicles: Urban

Current Reporting:

Detailed count of vehicles by type, capacity, age etc.

New Changes:

Addition of useful life benchmark

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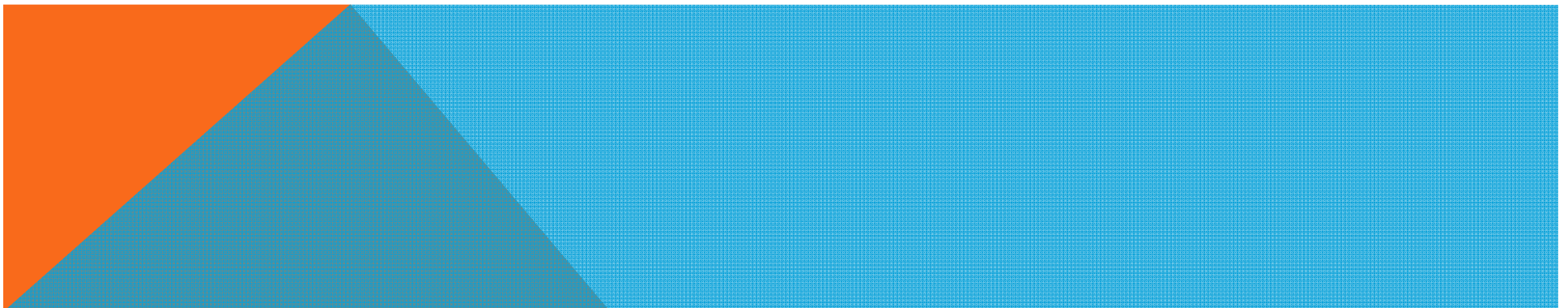
Revenue Vehicles: 5310

Current Reporting:

NONE

New Changes:

Mirrors requirements for rural reporters



NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE (NTD) CHANGES TO REPORTING

5311 Rural Formula Grants & Tribal Transit Grants

- Already report a revenue vehicle inventory (no changes)
- Added reporting of admin/maint. facilities (if relevant)
- Added reporting of passenger facilities (e.g. bus transfer stations, if relevant)

Reporting will generally be done by State DOT's for 5311 program as Group Plan sponsor as proposed in NPRM

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5310 Special Services to Elderly & Disabled

- Report basic vehicle inventory for first time
- Report inventory of admin/main facilities (if relevant)

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MOBILITY ON DEMAND (MOD)

FTA's Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation has made it clear that Research Plans will focus on Mobility Management and Mobility on Demand (MOD)

- Promotes Choice in personal mobility
- Leverage emerging and existing technology
- New business models (and funding to implement them) to improve service quality
- Equity of Service for all potential travelers

FUNDING- MOD Sandbox, rolling solicitation, allows FTA to review and select projects applications on a rolling basis subject to funding availability. Full and open competition basis, local transit agencies serving as the lead.

Expected to have about \$418 million nationwide for Research on Mobility Management and Safety topics in FY 2017.

FAST Act -TITLE III

How to Incorporate Title III of the FAST Act:

- The FAST Act addresses Public Transportation Measures by reauthorizing FTA programs. This is done by *INVESTING*, *PROMOTING* and *IMPROVING*...
- ***Invests in Public Transportation: MOBILITY***
 - Mobility On Demand (MOD)
- ***Promotes Wise Investments: Streamlining CAPITAL Project Construction and Acquisitions***
- ***Improves Safety: Increasing the SAFETY of public transportation systems by implementing new safety standards and measures***

INVESTMENTS

New Investments in Public Transportation

- Five years of stable funding for FTA's state and local partners
- Recipients are able to better manage and plan their long-term capital assets
- Funding for new competitive grant programs for buses and bus facilities
- Public Transportation research activities
- Innovation
- Eligible Sub-recipients For 5310, 5311, and 5304
- Frontline workforce training
 - Veterans Preference

PROMOTIONS

Promoting Wise Investments in Capital Management

- By including a number of reforms to the rolling stock procurement process
- Addressing current purchasing power issues for smaller public transportation providers by supporting cooperative procurements and leasing

IMPROVEMENTS

Increasing The Safety of Public Transportation

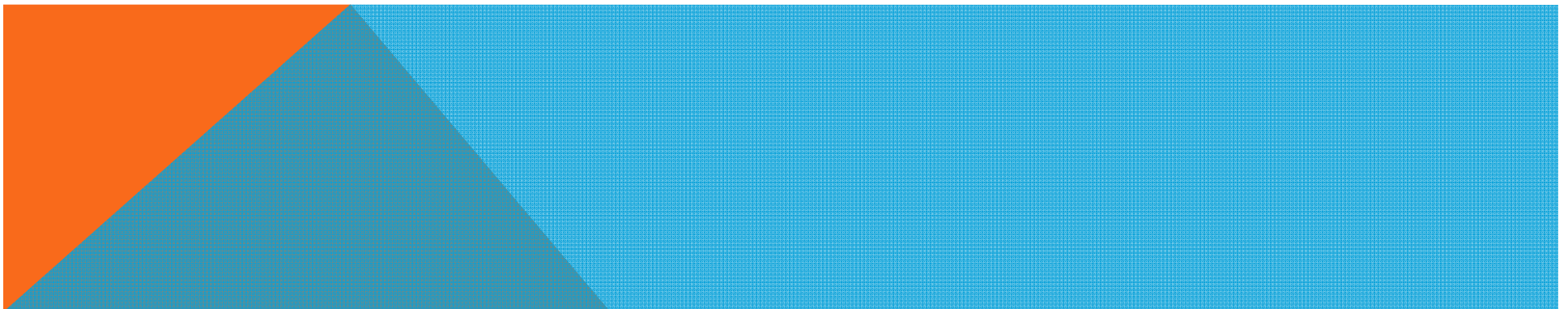
- The *FAST* Act requires that the Secretary of Transportation undertake a review of safety standards and protocols.
- Evaluate the need to establish federal minimums in public transportation safety standards *and*
- Implement regulations and a rulemaking processes

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (SMS) PROGRAM UPDATES

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- **Pushing to Move Safety Management Systems Forward**
- **SMS December 3, 2015 Rulemaking Update offered an updated Safety Rulemaking Timeline:**
 - Public Transportation Safety Program – Aug 2015
 - National Public Transportation Safety Plan – Early 2016
 - Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan NPRM- Early 2016
 - State Oversight Final Rule – Early 2016

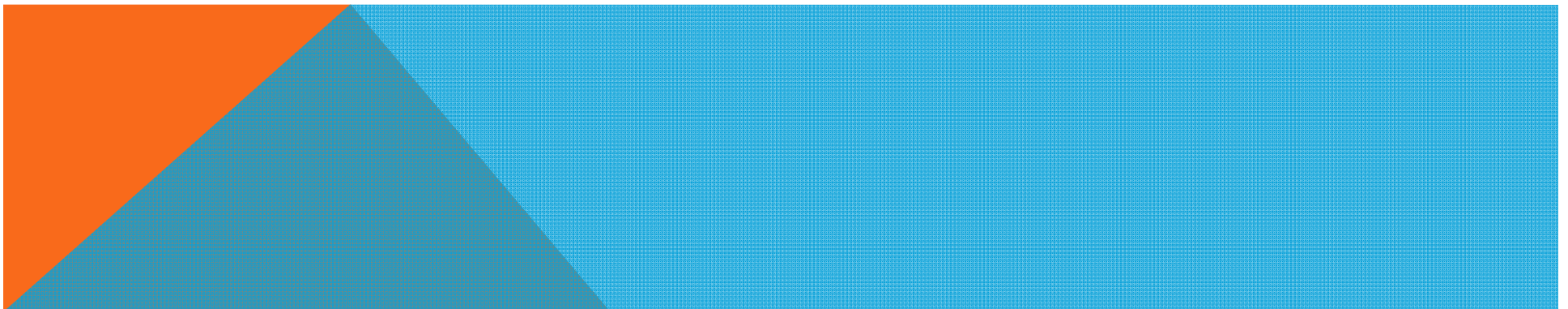


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- **Public Transportation Safety Program:** Sets the stage for safety rulemaking
- **Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan:** Introduces SMS into practice
- **Public Transportation Safety Certification Training:** Introduces SMS concepts and establishes training requirements
- **State Safety Oversight (SSO) Program:** Introduces SMS concepts and establishes training requirements



QUESTIONS??

THANK YOU 😊

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