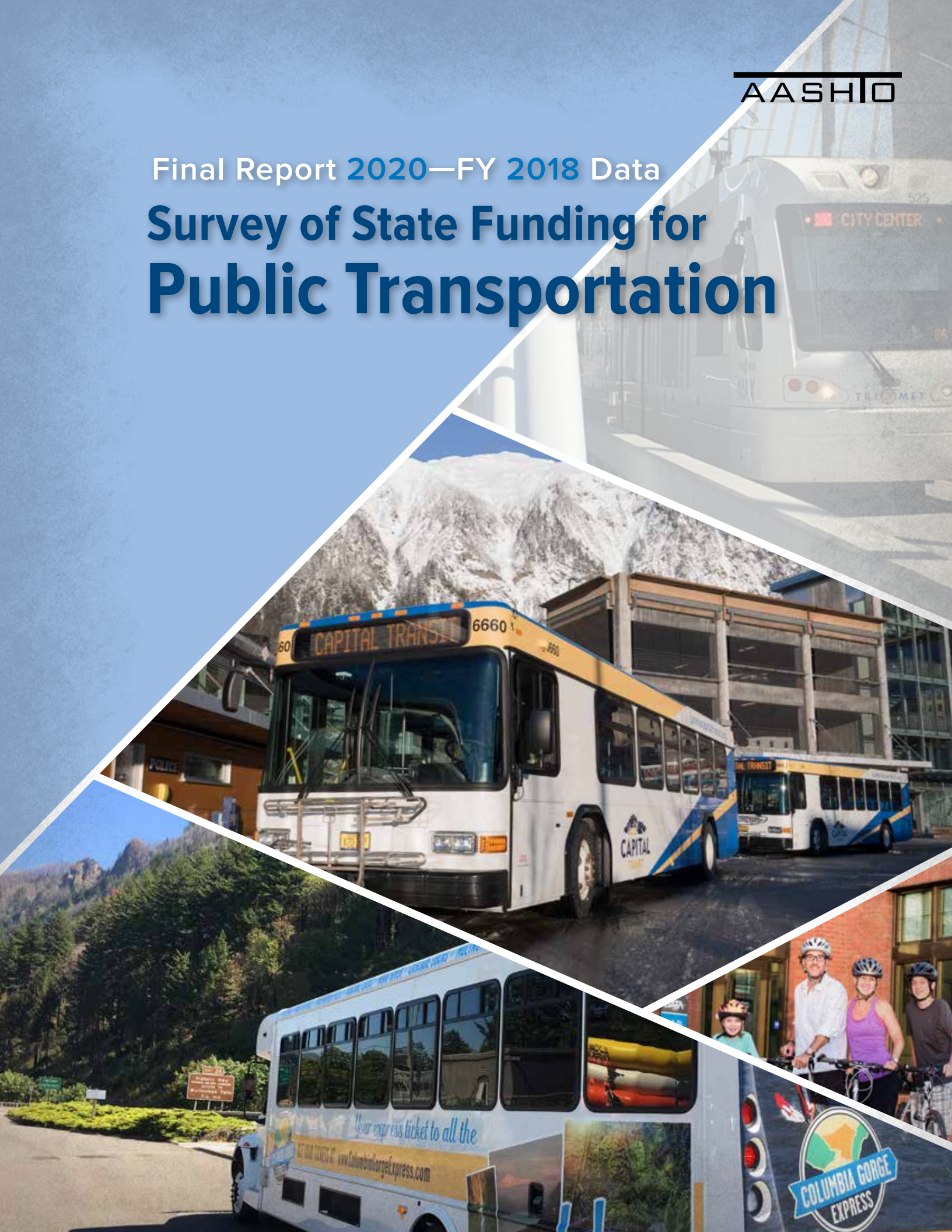


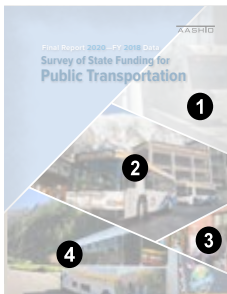
Final Report 2020—FY 2018 Data
**Survey of State Funding for
Public Transportation**



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.

AASHTO would like to thank the state DOT officials who responded to the survey.



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Dear Reader,

The AASHTO Council on Public Transportation is pleased to release the 38th compilation of the *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation*. The survey results are based on Fiscal Year 2018 data from 50 state departments of transportation and the District of Columbia. This annual report provides a snapshot of state-by-state investments in public transportation and an understanding of how state departments of transportation utilize funding and tax mechanisms to support all transit operations and capital projects.

The 2020 *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation* reflects the dedication of state departments of transportation to the financing and administration of transit programs with Federal and state funding. Here are some of the most interesting findings in this report:

- In FY 2018, states provided \$19.2 billion in transit funding while Federal funds totaled \$12.9 billion.
- States collectively provided \$6.3 billion more funding for public transit than the Federal government with six states, California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania accounting for 78 percent of this increased investment.
- Eighteen (18) states and the District of Columbia increased their public transit funding in FY 2018 by a total of \$669 million over FY 2017 levels (\$9.07 billion).
- Seventeen (17) states showed a decline in funding for transit while 15 states had no change in funding levels, including four states (Alabama, Hawaii, Nevada, and Utah) that do not fund public transit at all.
- Federal funds accounted for more than 50 percent of the total transit funding in 37 states while state funding exceeded Federal funding in only 14 states.

Through the Council on Public Transportation, and with its partners, our state departments of transportation advance public transportation as a critical component of our nation’s multimodal transportation systems. Public transportation is a vital public service in small urban and rural communities served by AASHTO members.

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 state involvement in 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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 Chair, AASHTO Council
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 Secretary, Washington State
 Department of Transportation




Jim Tymon
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A Wichita Transit Bus. Photo courtesy of Darren Hackney, Wichita Transit, Wichita, Kan

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Northstar Link coach service, linking the City of St Cloud, MN and Big Lake; photo courtesy of Minnesota DOT.

PART I**Highlights of State Transit Funding—FY 2018**

This report, the 38th 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).

State Funding of Public Transit

Table I-1 (next page) shows that state funding for public transit steadily increased in four of the past five years, with a slight decrease in FY 2016 to \$18.1 billion and a slight increase in FY 2018 to \$19.2 billion.

For FY 2018, 18 states and the District of Columbia increased their public transit funding by a total of \$669 million over FY 2017 levels (see Table I-2), with California's increase of \$333.5 million (14.5 percent) and Massachusetts increase of \$99.9 million (5.0 percent) accounting for more than half of the total increase. It should be noted that Tennessee increased its state funding by over 50 percent, along with Maine at 21.9 percent and Texas at 15.3 percent. The five DOTs referenced above account for 68 percent of all funding increases; 17 states showed a decline in funding; and 15 showed no change in funding levels, including four states that do not fund public transit at all.