

Final Report 2022—FY 2020 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 40th compilation of the *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation*. The survey results are based on Fiscal Year 2020 data from the 50 state departments of transportation (DOTs) and the District of Columbia 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 funding and tax mechanisms to support all transit operations and capital projects.

The 2022 *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 begin to address the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on state transit programs. Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in 2020, DOTs were provided funding for rural and urban public transit agencies at a 100-percent Federal share. Our transit agencies could use this funding for capital, operations, and other pandemic-related expenses to help mitigate potentially catastrophic financial losses. Here are some pandemic-related highlights from this year's report:

- Total Federal public transit formula funding increased by 236.5 percent (\$24.7 billion) for FY 2020 through the CARES Act.
- Ten DOTs (20 percent) reported state public transit funding reductions due to the CARES Act while four DOTs (8 percent) increased state funding to offset the loss of local funds for public transit service.
- Working with transit agencies, DOTs helped implement creative and innovative solutions during the pandemic, such as zero or reduced-fare programs, the delivery of goods and services to those in need, and converting public transit vehicles into mobile vaccination clinics and transit facilities into vaccination sites, among many others.

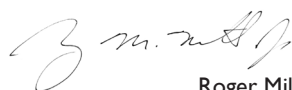
Notwithstanding the pandemic and impact of CARES Act funding, here are additional highlights from this report:

- Twenty-five DOTs increased public transit funding by just under \$1.4 billion in FY 2020 over FY 2019 levels.
- Over the past five years state funding has surpassed Federal formula funding by more than \$39.9 billion.
- For FY 2020, DOTs collectively provided \$10.4 billion more for public transit funding than Federal formula funds.

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 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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Multi-modal transportation via San Miguel Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) based in Telluride, CO. Photo courtesy of Studio Six.

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Construction of Sound Transit's Link light rail. Photo courtesy of Washington State DOT.



CTrail Hartford Line train at Wallingford Station, Wallingford, CT. Photo courtesy of Connecticut DOT.

PART I

Introduction

This report, the 40th 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. No data was included from any United States territories.

Due to the unusual and widespread impact of the pandemic in FY 2020 on public transit nationwide, AASHTO is providing a snapshot of the challenges and impacts faced by state administrators and operators of public transit, as well as select innovative services implemented to meet these challenges and impacts (Part 2).



Fixed-route electric bus at DelDOT campus, Dover, DE. Photo courtesy of Delaware Transit Corp./DART First State of Delaware.