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Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation

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Dear Reader,

The AASHTO Council on Public Transportation is pleased to release the 42nd compilation of the *Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation*. The survey results are based on Fiscal Year 2022 data from the 50 state departments of transportation (DOTs) and the District of Columbia (DC) Department of Transportation. This annual report provides a snapshot of state-by-state investments in public transportation, including DC, and an understanding of how DOTs utilize state funding and revenue mechanisms to support a multitude of transit operations and capital projects.

The 2024 *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 continue to assess the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on state transit programs for the entirety of FY 2022, though no new Federal COVID-19 relief funding was passed by Congress in 2022. New to this edition is a selection of state funding initiatives which highlight the efforts states undertook to apply state funding to support transit programs above and beyond Federal funding levels.

Here are some funding related highlights from this year's report:

- Total state funding increased 8.6 percent from FY 2021.
- Federal formula funding increased 31.4 percent from FY 2021.
- Though national ridership in FY 2022 did not recover to pre-pandemic levels, all transit modes experienced significant rebound, with suburban rail experiencing the greatest rebound compared to other modes between FY 2021 and FY 2022.
- Twenty-three DOTs increased public transit funding collectively by just under $3.28 billion over FY 2021 levels.

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 the funding of 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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PART 1

Introduction

This report, the 42nd 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 continuing impact of the pandemic in FY 2022 on public transit nationwide, AASHTO is again providing a snapshot of the impact on transit systems from a national perspective, as well as the continued impacts faced by state administrators and operators of public transit locally (Parts 2 and 3).

It is important to note that state funding for public transportation is essential to not only match Federal funds, but also to allow transit systems to implement projects with little or no Federal funding in certain circumstances. Some of these will be highlighted in Part 5.

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