

Map-21/GROW AMERICA Act

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Number of Years	2 years (expires 9/30/14)	4 years
Funding Levels Overall	\$51 billion per year	\$72 billion per year
Funding Levels for Transit	\$10.8 billion per year	\$18 billion per year (70% increase)
TIGER/ Projects of National Significance	\$600 million per year	\$1.25 billion per year
Priorities	Eliminated and consolidated funding programs with the goals of 1. Accelerated project delivery and 2. Improvement in state and local governments' abilities to set priorities.	

FTA's GROW AMERICA Priorities

- New opportunities to modernize, expand bus and bus facilities and grow bus rapid transit.
- Drive down \$86 billion transit maintenance backlogs and address state-of-good-repair needs among bus and rail systems.
- Streamlines and accelerates regional transportation investments through better coordination among federal, state and planning stakeholders. High-performing large MPO's will be eligible to directly receive Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

Additional Priorities

- Creates new ladders of opportunity for the American workforce.
- Protects American jobs and domestic manufacturing by strengthening Buy America requirements.
- Local hiring provisions.

Proposed Discretionary Programs

- Fixing and Accelerating Surface Transportation (FAST)- innovative approaches to solving transportation problems. ~\$500 million
- Rapid Growth Area Transit- establish bus rapid transit (BRT) service in areas with rapidly growing population. ~\$500 million
- Bus and Bus Facilities- 354% increase to modernize bus fleets (70% formula, 30% discretionary)

Additional Programs

- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities- grants directly to local government entities, instead of pass through a designated recipient first.
- TIGER/ Programs of National and Regional Significance.
- Ladders of Opportunity

Themes from Proposed House/ Senate and GROW AMERICA Bills

- Focus on Freight
- Focus on Rural
- Transparency
- Streamlining Project Delivery
- Projects of National and Regional Significance

Projects of National and Regional Significance

- Integrate different modes of transportation
- Leverage non-federal funds
- Expanding economic opportunities and improving economic competitiveness
- Focuses on providing disadvantaged communities with reliable transit to get to and from jobs and other economic opportunities
- Partnerships with major regional employers, educational institutions, Regional Employment Boards, planning commissions, etc.
- Innovative transportation solutions

Ladders of Opportunity

- Enhance access to work through improving reliable and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services and other basic needs of workers.
- Provide more transportation choices to enhance user mobility.
- Support existing communities to increase community revitalization and improve the efficiency of public works investments.
- Support economic opportunities by linking capital investments with local workforce development.
- Support strong federal and local partnerships bringing together local workforce development, job training, education, veterans, transportation and planning stakeholders with key customer groups.