



IIJA/BIL Implementation Sub-Working Group for Transit and Commuter Rail

March 22, 2022





Agenda

- Welcome and Agenda Review
- House Keeping Items and Action Items Review
- NOFO for the FY2022 Low or No Emissions/Buses and Bus Facilities
- Finalize Transit and Commuter Rail Sub-Working Group Charter
- Discussion Topic: Transit Operating Funds
- Expert Speaker: Scott Bogren, CTAA Executive Director
- Discussion Topic: COVID Related Issues
- Recap and Action Items





House Keeping Items & Action Items Review



- IIJA ZE Transition Sub-working Group Updates
- Upcoming IIJA Working Group Meetings
- Upcoming IIJA Webinars
 - <https://www.transit.dot.gov/events>
- FTA Apportionments
- Action Items Tracker





Action Items Tracker

Action Item	Status
Finalize Draft Project Charter	For discussion
Ideas and recommendations to address COVID related challenges and lack of adequate operating and maintenance funding	For discussion
Clarify definition of rail and transit projects	Pending
Develop itemized list of key topics, programs, or discussions where state leadership and focus is needed	Pending
Conduct research on IIJA funding to be used for (1) maintenance and operations and (2) emergency related funds	For discussion



Low or No Emissions/Buses and Bus Facilities

NOFO released March 4 - \$1.5 billion in funding for zero emission programs

5339(c) Low No - \$1.1 billion

5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities \$372 million

Applications are due by May 31, 2022

Applications for ZEV for both the Low No and Bus and Bus Facilities programs must include a Zero-Emission Transition Plan





Finalize Charter



- Intercity Passenger Transit and Commuter Rail Sub-Working
Group Scope
- Goals
- Key Milestones and Due Dates
- Assumptions
- Collaboration and Coordination with Relevant Sub-Working
Groups
- Risks to Implementation and Recommendation Mitigation
Strategy





Discussion Topics

- Operating Funds for Transit/Commuter Rail

Transit-Dedicated Federal Programs (administered by Federal Transit Administration)

- Urbanized Area Formula Grants
- Formula Grants for Rural Areas
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Remaining CARES Act, CRRSSA, and ARP stimulus funds for transit
- Public Transportation on Indian Reservations





Discussion Topics

- Operating Funds for Transit/Commuter Rail

Multimodal Federal Programs (administered by Federal Highway Administration)

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (*new, expanded, and enhanced service only*)
- Federal Lands Transportation Program (*appropriations to federal land management agencies*)
- Federal Lands Access Program (*appropriations to state, local, and tribal governments*)





Discussion Topics

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State Programs

- State Transit Assistance
- Local Transportation Fund
- Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (*new, expanded, and enhanced service only*)
- State Rail Assistance (*for mainline rail only, including commuter and regional rail*)





Expert Speaker

Scott Bogren, CTAA Executive Director





Discussion Topics

COVID Related Challenges

- Driver Shortages
- Long Term Recruitment Issues
- Workforce Development

Available Funding to address these issues

- FTA - Low or No Emissions Grant Program, Public Transportation Technical Assistance and Workforce Development
- FHWA - On-the-Job Training Program, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises.





Recap and Action Items



- Complete Doodle Poll
- Start thinking about the ideas/recommendations to address ZEV and equity related challenges



