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Biden-Harris Administration Announces Over \$1.6 Billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding to Nearly Double the Number of Clean Transit Buses on America's Roads

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law increases funding for low- and no- emission bus grants six-fold and includes worker training on zero-emission buses

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration today announced \$1.66 billion in grants to transit agencies, territories, and states across the country to invest in 150 bus fleets and facilities. Funded by the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, more than 1,100 of those vehicles will use zero-emissions technology, which reduces air pollution and helps meet the President's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050. This year's funding alone will nearly double the number of no-emission transit buses on America's roadways. For the first time, five percent of low- and no-emission bus funding will be used to train transit workers on how to maintain and operate new clean bus technology.

“With today's awards, we're helping communities across America – in cities, suburbs, and rural areas alike – purchase more than 1,800 new buses, and most of them are zero-emission,” said **U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg**. “Funded through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this announcement means more good jobs for people across the country, cleaner air in our communities, and more affordable and reliable options to help people get to where they need to go.”

The bus grant awards – made under FTA's [Buses and Bus Facilities](#) and [Low- and No-Emission Vehicle](#) programs – are FTA's first competitive grant selections under the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#). The programs support the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to expand our nation's transportation infrastructure, create and maintain good-paying jobs, and fight climate change.

“When a transit door opens, whether it is a bus, train, or ferry, it is a great equalizer for everyone in our nation,” said **FTA Administrator Nuria Fernandez**. “With this tremendous amount of funding, the President's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law gives more Americans access to the opportunities that transit creates, more often, in more places. These investments also help us meet our goals of cutting transportation emissions, creating good-paying American manufacturing jobs, and helping America's transit workers prepare for new vehicle technology.”

FTA's [Low or No Emission \(Low-No\) Grant Program](#) makes funding available to help transit agencies buy or lease U.S.-built low- or no-emission vehicles, including related equipment or facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides \$5.5 billion over five years for the Low-No Program – more than six times greater than the previous five years of funding. For Fiscal Year 2022, approximately \$1.1 billion was available for grants under this program.

FTA's [Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program](#) supports transit agencies in buying and rehabilitating buses and vans and building bus maintenance facilities. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides nearly \$2 billion over five years for the program. For Fiscal Year 2022, approximately \$550 million for grants was available under this program.

Find a link to all projects [here](#).

Examples of projects selected to receive Fiscal Year 2022 funding include:

- The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) will receive \$116 million to buy approximately 230 battery-electric buses to replace older diesel buses, electrifying nearly four percent of its 5,800-bus fleet and launching a comprehensive workforce training and development program. The project will improve the safety and reliability of transit service and improve air quality for residents and visitors to New York City.
- The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will receive \$104.1 million to buy approximately 160 battery-electric buses to replace older compressed natural gas buses as well as charging equipment. The project will improve safety, air quality and reliability for residents and visitors to the Los Angeles metropolitan area.
- The Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) will receive \$54 million to build an operations and maintenance facility. The facility, which will be located in Memphis, will accommodate more than 300 vehicles and improve safety and ensure a good state of repair for the bus fleet.
- The Colorado Department of Transportation will receive \$34.7 million on behalf of Summit Stage, a rural transit agency that provides bus service in Summit, Park and Lake counties in northeast Colorado, to build a bus depot for electrical charging and storage. It will replace Summit Stage's aging facility and prepare for a 100-percent electric fleet in the future.

In response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity, FTA received 530 eligible project proposals totaling approximately \$7.72 billion in requests.

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