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## FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION APPORTIONMENTS

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has posted its annual apportionments online in 19 detailed tables.

The FTA apportionments distribute \$13.4 billion for public transportation in fiscal year 2018 pursuant to the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-141, Division L). The funding includes formula and competitive funding for FTA grant recipients.

## WHITE HOUSE RESCISSION REQUEST

Today, President Donald Trump proposed to rescind <u>\$15.4 billion</u> from 38 prior-year appropriations, including <u>\$100 million</u> of prior-year public transit formula grants and intercity passenger rail competitive grants. The President also proposes to rescind \$179 million of prior-year highway funding. Rescissions are cuts to Federal funding. Therefore, pursuant to the request, the President proposes to cut \$279 million of prior-year surface transportation funding.

APTA recommends that, instead of rescinding funds for public transportation and intercity passenger rail, these funds should be used to address the current \$90 billion state-of-good-repair backlog for bus and rail systems.

The rescissions include the following public transit and intercity passenger rail budget accounts:

- Federal Transit Administration: Formula Grants
  \$46,560,000 (Rescission proposal no. R18-32) This proposal rescinds \$47 million in FTA formula funds provided in FY 2005 and prior years.
- Federal Railroad Administration: Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service \$53,404,128 (Rescission proposal no. R18-31)This proposal rescinds \$53 million in FY 2010 funding, including \$47 million for the Chicago to Iowa City intercity passenger rail project.

In addition, the President proposes to rescind \$179 million of prior-year Federal Highway Administration funding, including prior-year earmarked highway projects (Rescission proposal nos. R18-28 and R18-30) and Appalachian Development Highway System funding (Rescission proposal no. R18-29).

Finally, President Trump is reported to be developing a subsequent rescission request that will include rescissions from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018 (P.L. 115-141), which could include additional proposed rescissions to the Transportation Appropriations Act.

Attached is a link to the specific proposed rescissions to FTA Formula Grants and FRA Intercity Passenger Rail Grants (images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/APTA/attach/WH\_LTR\_Presidents\_FTA\_and\_FRA\_Rescission\_Request\_05\_08\_2018.pdf).

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