



## FEBRUARY 1, 2010 – INTERIM REPORT ON FY'11 BUDGET

Below is information about President Obama's FY'11 Budget Request for US DOT. Information about other federal agency budget requests will be distributed shortly.

Here are links to a variety of budget documents:

- Summary of US DOT Budget Request  
<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2010/Budget.pdf>  
(see page 19 of the Summary for a list of FTA New Start and Small Start project recommendations)
- OMB Overview of US DOT Budget Request -  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/usbudget/fy11/pdf/budget/transportation.pdf>

### Highlights

A total budget request for US DOT of \$78.8B, a 2.4% increase over the FY'10 enacted level.

A recommendation to extend the SAFETEA-LU authorization through **March 2011**. Funding for DOT programs is provided partially from the Highway Trust Fund and the remainder from General Funds.

\$4B is recommended for a new National Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Fund (NIIFF) to issue grants and loans to support large projects of national and regional significance. Eligible projects include highway, transit, rail, aviation, port, maritime and multi-modal projects. This is an initial level of funding as part of an ultimate \$25B commitment to the fund by the Administration.

A strong emphasis on Livable Communities including the establishment of an Office of Livable Communities in the Office of the Secretary. A total of \$527M is requested department-wide for Livable Community programs including \$20M in the Office of the Secretary's budget, \$307M in the FTA budget and \$200M in the FHWA budget. In addition, there is \$150M in the HUD budget for its Sustainable Communities Initiatives program.

FHWA - An obligation limitation of \$41.36B versus \$41.1B in FY'10 and a total funding level of \$42.1B.

FTA - Capital Investment funding for New Start/Small Start projects is recommended at \$1.82B versus \$2B enacted in FY'10, a \$180M reduction. See page 19 of the US DOT Budget Summary (see link above) for a list of New Start and Small Start projects recommended to receive funding. Projects listed include eight projects with existing FFGAs, four with pending FFGAs, six new FFGA recommendations, nine Small Start projects (totaling \$200M) and \$45M unallocated. The final funding levels will be determined by Congress as part of the FY'11 appropriations process. FTA's annual New Starts Report is expected to be released shortly.

\$8.2B is requested for FTA's Formula and Bus Programs, a \$71M reduction from the FY'10 funding level. \$30M in funding is requested for a new FTA transit rail safety oversight program, plus funding for additional safety personnel.



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\$53M for greenhouse gas emission reduction projects.

\$150M (as authorized) for DC's WMATA transit system.

FRA - \$1.63B for Amtrak versus \$1.58B in FY'10, a 3.4% increase, all for the capital program.  
\$1B for high-speed rail versus the \$2.5B that Congress enacted for FY'10, but the same amount the Administration recommended last year.

FAA - \$3.5B for FAA's Airport Improvement Program – the same as FY'10.  
\$1.1B for the NextGen air traffic control system, an increase of \$275M over FY'10.

### Other Funding Priorities

A new \$50M incentive grant program to combat distracted driving.

\$12M to improve the New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) Safety Rating System.

**Please keep in mind these are just the amounts recommended by the Administration. Final funding levels and priorities will be determined by Congress during the FY'11 appropriations process.**