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Update on Federal Transportation Funding Outlook

Transit Choices

July 30, 2026

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Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

State of Play

Reauthorization 101



Process by which Federal transportation funding and policy are authorized



Occurs Every 5-6 years (current bill – IIJA – expires end of FY 26)



Federal Transportation funding is guaranteed through reauthorization (funding comes from the Federal Highway Trust Fund (HTF))

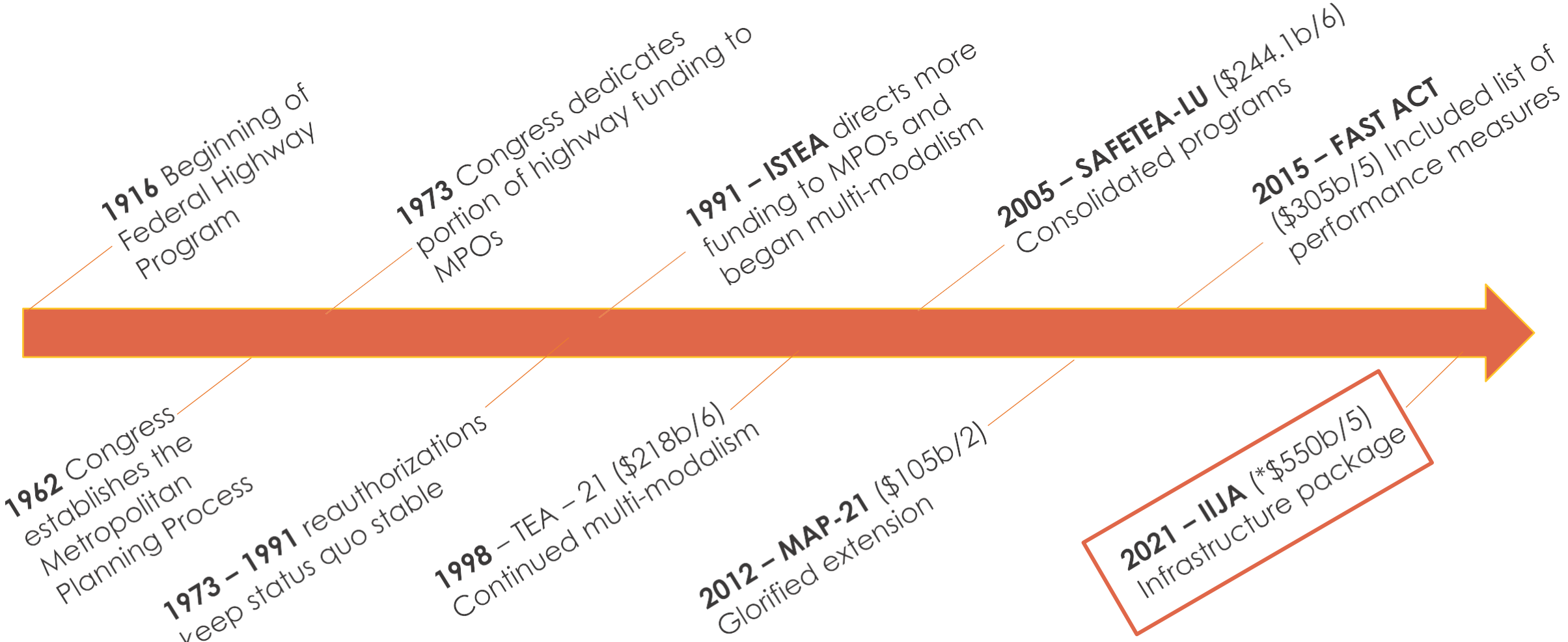


Committees:

House: T&I – Policy; Ways & Means – Funding; Science – Research**

Senate: EPW – Highway; Banking – Transit; Commerce – General*/Research*/Safety

An Abridged Reauthorization History

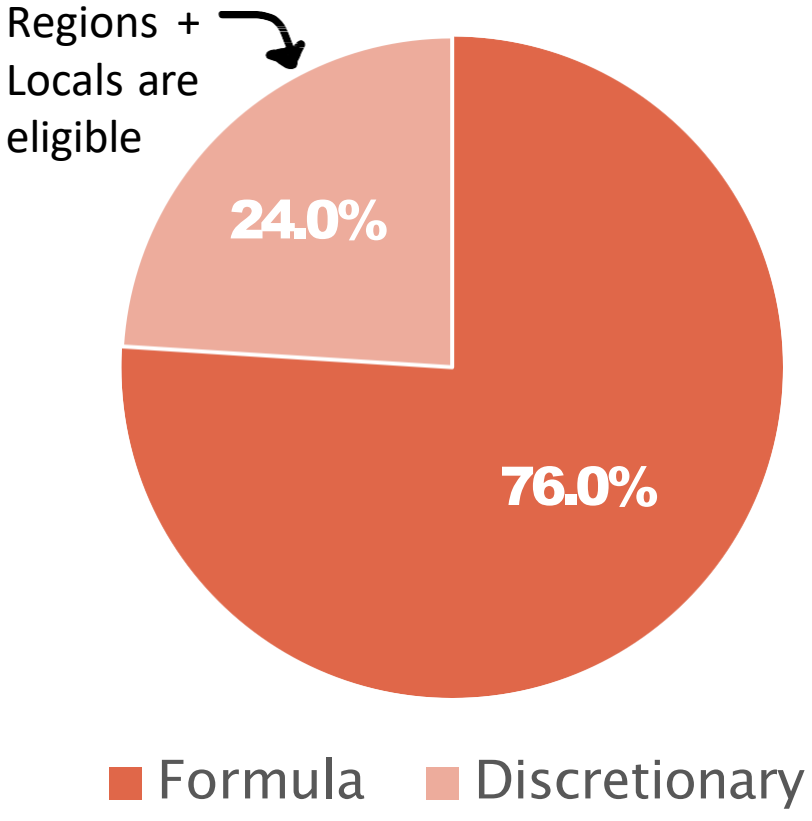


Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

$567 billion investment in surface transportation

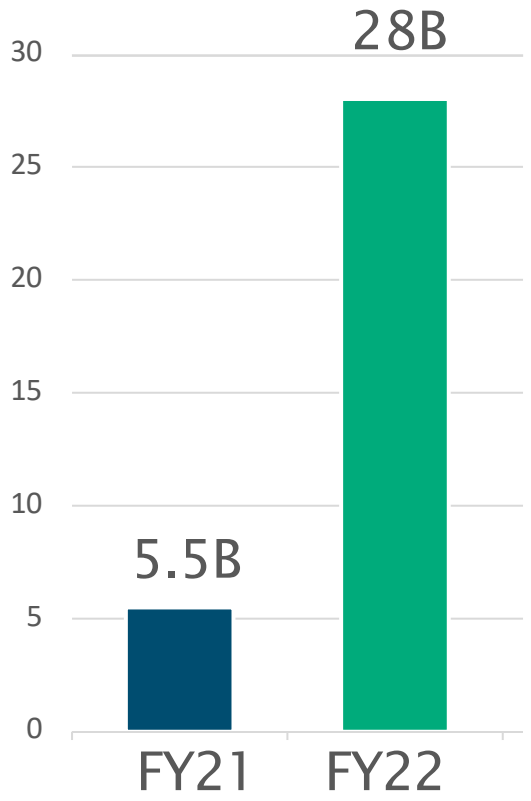
Total Funding Split

FY22 – FY26



Discretionary Funding

FAST ACT ➔ IIJA/BIL



SECTION 01 — BACKGROUND

What Is the BUILD America 250 Act?



"Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development for America's 250th Act"
The House version of the next surface transportation reauthorization

Jointly Released by U.S. House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee Chair and Ranking Member of May 17, 2026

Approved by T&I on May 22, 2026 (62-2)

What Is the BUILD America 250 Act?

IIJA Expires Sept. 30, 2026

Congress must pass a new surface transportation bill or an extension.

BA250 is the House T&I Committee's proposed reauthorization for next surface bill.

Note: previous bill was the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

$580.9 B Over 5 Years

BA250 authorizes **$580.9B** for FY2027–2031 (IIJA $567B).

This is a **4%** overall increase from the IIJA.

Highway Trust Fund covers ~**$474B** ; General Fund covers ~**$107B**.

Major Structural Shift

90% of authorized funding is in formula programs. Different approach from IIJA, which had many competitive programs.

Local and regional entities are positioned to receive **~22%** of total federal transportation funding.

Specific Programs in BUILD America 250

Federal-Aid Highway Program

Most formula programs increase by 2% (National Highway Performance Program (NHPP), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), MPO Planning).

Bridges

$9 billion in annual bridge funding is up from $5.4 billion annually in the IIJA, and 25% of that is reserved for locally owned bridges.

Surface Transportation Accelerator Grants (STAG)

$12 billion guaranteed over five years (FY 2027–2031).Project Eligibility: Discretionary funding designed to help local governments complete specific, critical community infrastructure needs outside of major state-level allocations.

Transit and Passenger Rail in BUILD America 250

Public Transit

BUILD America 250 authorizes $103.3 billion (including $87.6 billion of guaranteed funding) for public transit (FY 2027-FY 2031). The IIJA authorization baseline is $119.9 billion (including $101.6 billion of guaranteed funding) for public transit. BUILD 250 cuts public transit investment by $16.5 billion (including $14.0 billion in guaranteed funding)(-14%) over five years compared to IIJA.

Passenger Rail

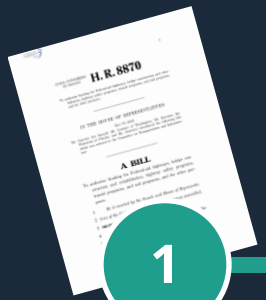
BUILD America 250 authorizes $64.3 billion (including no guaranteed funding) for passenger rail (FY 2027-FY 2031). The IIJA authorization baseline is $112.9 billion (including $71.0 billion of guaranteed funding) for passenger rail. BUILD 250 cuts passenger rail investment by $48.7 billion (-43%) over five years compared to IIJA and provides no guaranteed funding.

America Public Transportation Association (APTA)

Where We Are: Legislative Timeline

Congress is working on the next surface transportation reauthorization. IIJA was the last surface bill — expires Sept. 30, 2026.





1

May 17, 2026
House Base Text Released
BUILD America 250 Act

2

May 21, 2026
House T&I Committee Markup (H.R. 8870)

3

Ways & Means
In progress (revenue)

Future
Potential House Passage

4

The Senate
No companion text released

- EPW
- Commerce
- Banking

Senate Committees — no bill yet

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Extension
Highly likely outcome due Congressional calendar

Maryland State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)
Federal Percentage

FINAL FY 2026 - FY 2031 CTP SUMMARY *** ($ Millions)					
MODAL ADMINISTRATIONS	**STATE FUNDS**	**FEDERAL AID**	**OTHER***	**TOTAL**	**PERCENT OF TOTAL**
TSO	252.7	39.6	0.7	293.0	1.3%
MVA	104.1	-	-	104.1	0.5%
MAA **	334.3	255.3	368.3	957.9	4.3%
MPA	1,260.5	286.4	126.8	1,673.7	7.6%
MTA	3,022.6	2,251.1	414.4	5,688.0	25.7%
WMATA	1,848.6	-	1,394.6	3,243.2	14.7%
SHA	1,747.5	5,811.6	290.0	7,849.1	35.5%
HUR	2,297.1	-	-	2,297.1	10.4%
Totals	**10,867.5**	**8,644.0**	**2,594.7**	**22,106.2**	**100.0%**

Maryland CTP Capital

MTA 40% Fed

SHA 74% Fed

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