

Community Transportation Association of America



The Direction of Public Transportation Policy
Public Transportation Summit
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What We'll Cover Today

THE DC Update

What you should expect over the next year.

Vehicle Crisis Continues

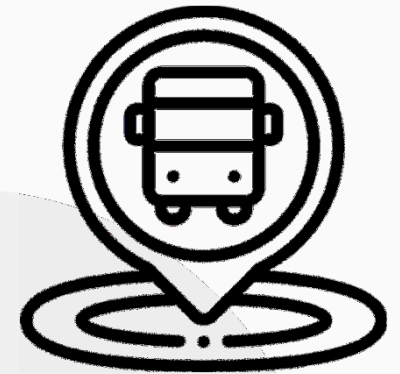
We're not where we were, but it's far from ideal.

Relevance = Transit's Goal

What does relevance look like?

What CTAA is Doing

What CTAA is up to.



What's Happening in DC

BIL

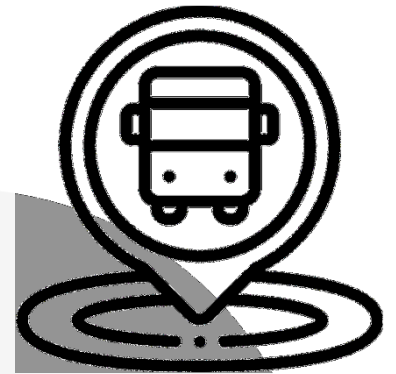
- Expires September 30, 2026
- No appetite for major change until reauth

Appropriations

- FY '25 initial bills complete
- Expect CR and delays

Next Congress

- Majority change(s)?
- New authorization/appropriations leadership



Nov. 5 Vote

- Fleet electrification
- Regulatory reform
- Labor influence
- Project 2025

Fiscal Cliff

- Largest UZAs
- Hundreds of millions of \$\$ operating deficits
- Most visible transit systems in US

Rural Progress

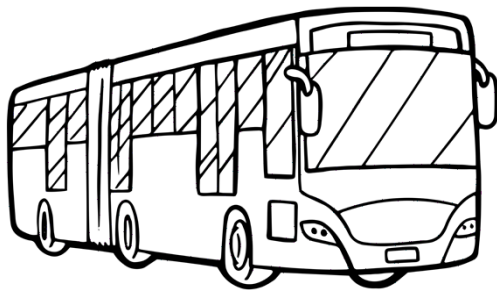
- Senate bi-partisanship
- Soon
- More flexibility

Small Urban

- Bus Purchasing Coop
- STIC changes
- Regulatory reform

Technical Corrections

- NEPA
- Used Bus Sales
- Saliva testing
- Spare ratios



Discussion Drivers

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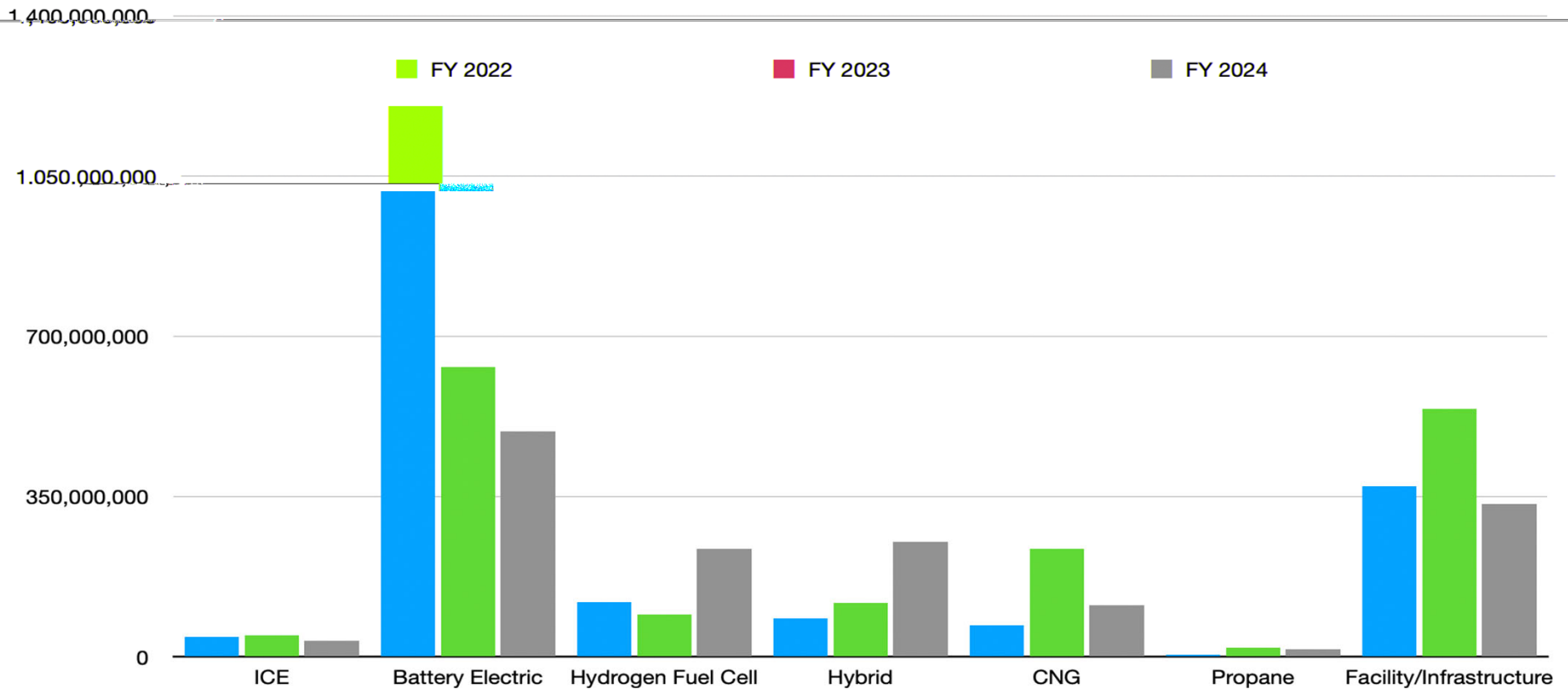
Rural Transit Bill

Local Match	80/20 for operating
	80/20 for capital
Tribal	5311 Tribal set aside change?
	5% of 5339/low-no
	Self-gov pilot for 5311?
Driver Shortage	Volunteer driver fix
	CDL requirement issues
Regulatory Right-	Joint state/DOE/DoED program for rural zero-emission infrastructure
Sizing	5311s
Low-No	Develop joint FTA/DOE/DoED program for rural zero-emission infrastructure
	Allow 5311 agencies to do cooperative low-no projects with munis for EV
	Rural set aside in 5339 to 15%
Vehicle Shortage	Joint procurement
	Production credit for meeting threshold to transit agencies
Social Services	Study on streamlining transit and social service programs
RTIA	Rural Transit Intensive Area

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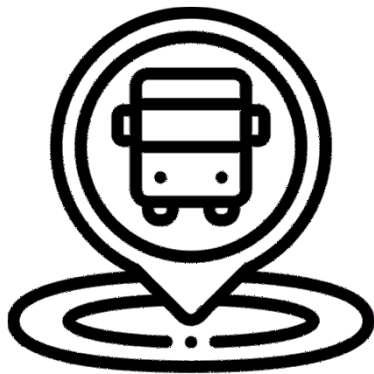
Bus Grants by Type

Bus Grants by Vehicle Type



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Takeaways from the past three years of FTA Competitive Bus Grants



BEBs

BEB investment has reduced from \$1.2b to \$493.

Fuel Cell & Hybrids

Fastest growing aspects of the program.

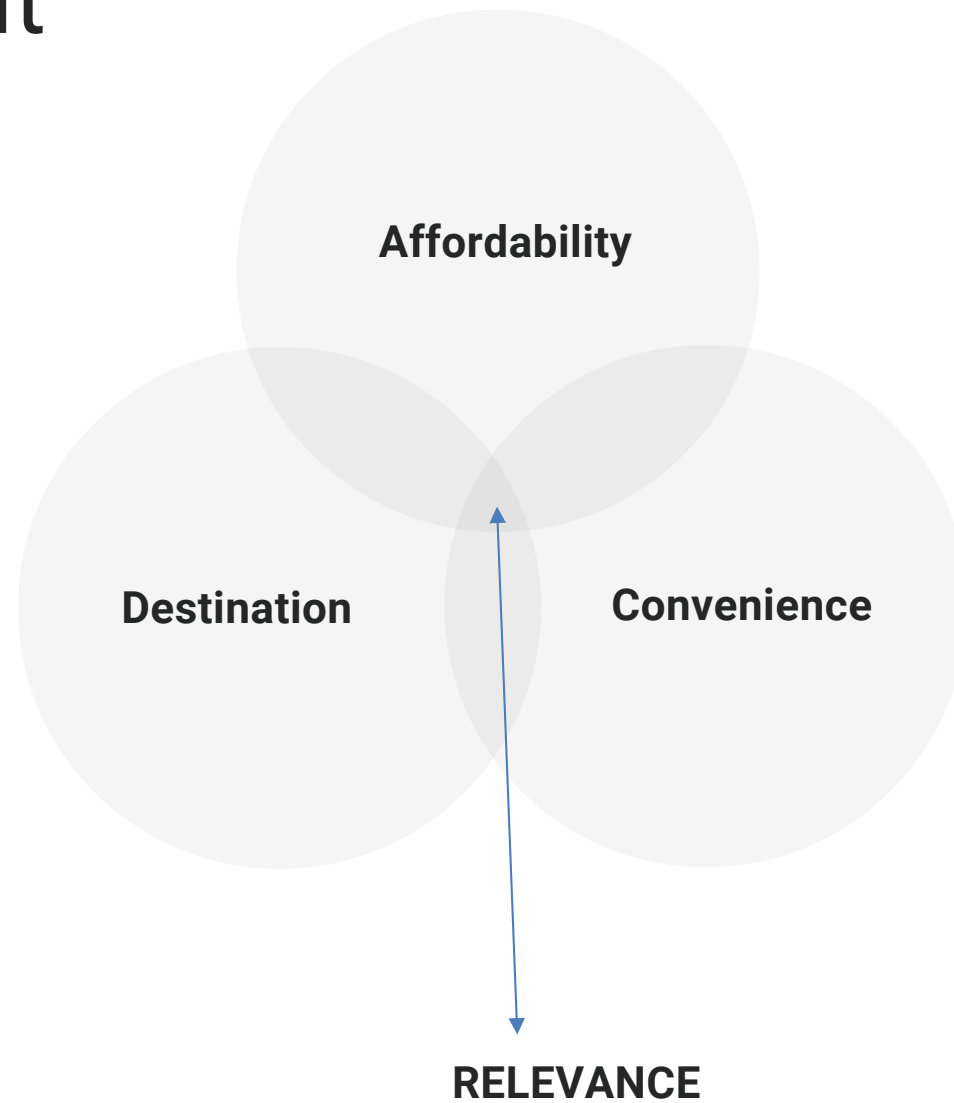
Facilities

Every year, second biggest investment category.

Fleet Diversification

What was once a battery electric bus program is becoming a no-low fleet diversification program

The Transit Relevance Sweet Spot



Affordability

- Fares
- Fareless?
- Discounts

Convenience

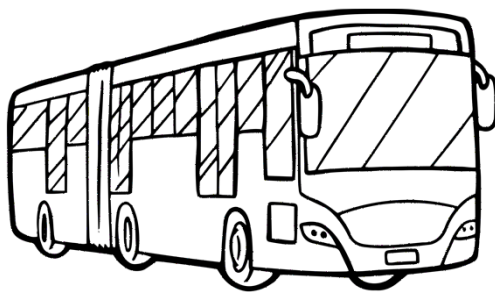
- Frequency
- Technology
- Service Hours

Destination

- Routes
- Trip Generators
- Flexibility

Relevance

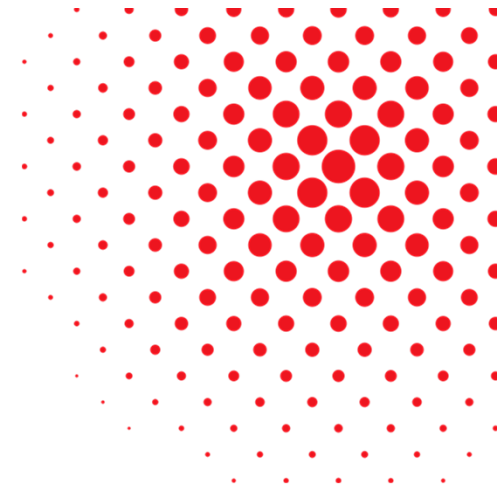
- Winning back riders
- Building local support
- Capturing outcomes



Relevance: How it works

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Intentionality

Relevant public transit requires intentionality on the part of system leadership.



Comfort with Change

Relevant public transit requires initial and regular change.

About CTAA

- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Member Services
- ▶ Training and Certification

- ▶ Technical Assistance and Grant Programs:
 - ▶ National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)
 - ▶ National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT)
 - ▶ Administration on Community Living Accessible Transportation Resource Center (ATRC)

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