



Public Transportation in Montana

Revenue and Transportation Interim
Committee Meeting
June 9-10, 2016

Purpose

- The Transit Section **administers and manages funding** programs of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and limited state transit funds.
- Staff allocates funds from various program sources and assists grantees to ensure **compliance** with the laws and regulations associated with the use of these funds.





Transit History

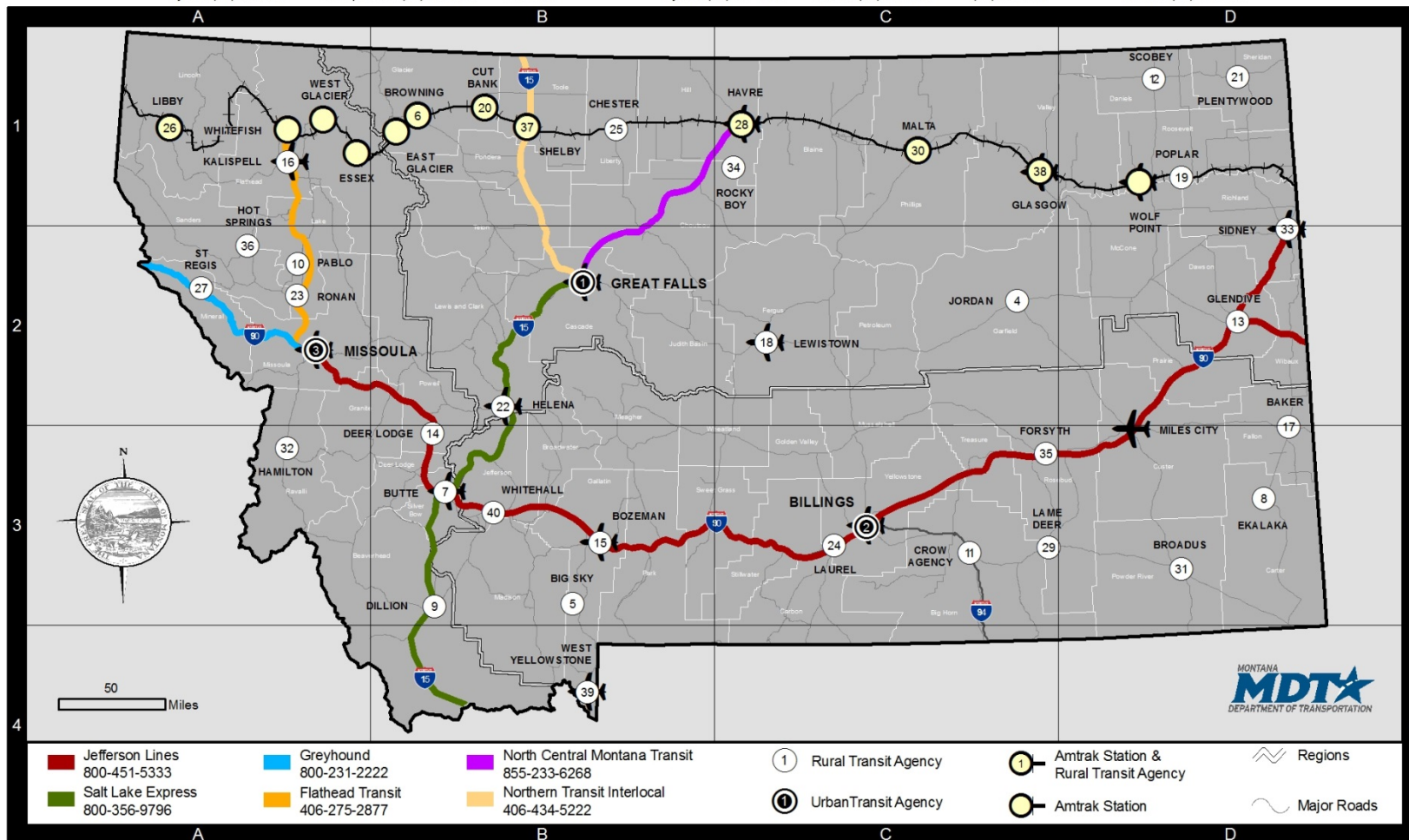
- 2005-2015 (SAFETEA-LU & MAP-21)
 - 9 Rural Systems
 - 3 Small Urbanized Systems (Great Falls, Missoula, Billings)
 - Approx. \$2M in rural operating funds
 - Approx. \$2.6M in urban operating funds
 - Approx. \$400K in rural and urban capital funds*
- 2016 (FAST-ACT)
 - 37 Rural Systems
 - 3 Small Urbanized Systems (Great Falls, Missoula, Billings)
 - Approx. \$10.2M in rural operating funds
 - Approx. \$4.3M in urban operating funds
 - Approx. \$3M in rural and urban capital funds*

**Formula funding*

MONTANA PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS

2014

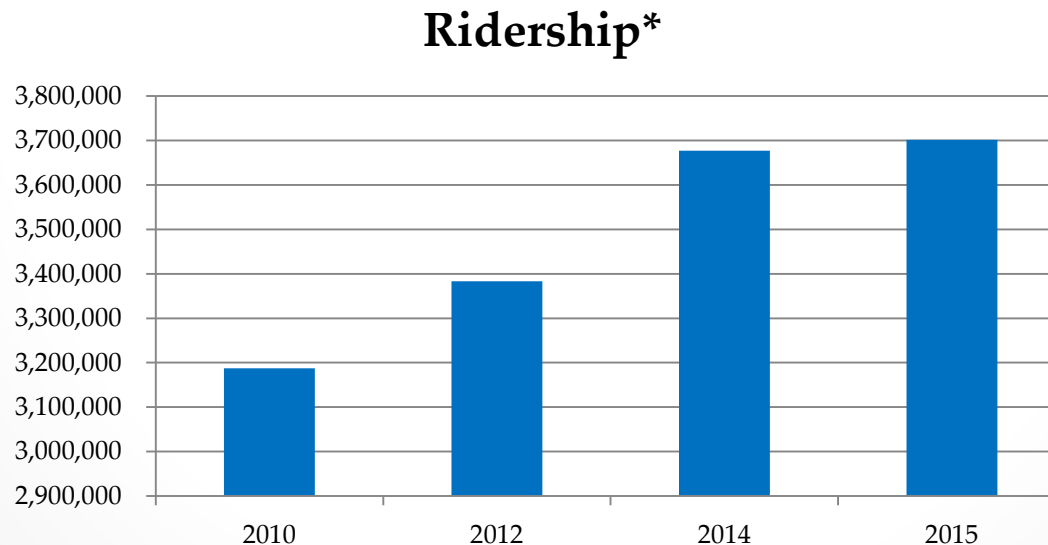
Urban Bus Services	Rural Bus Services	8 Carter Charter (D3) 775-8751	13 Dawson County Transit Authority (D2) 377-1364	18 Fergus County COA (C2) 535-7486	23 Lake County COA (A2) 676-2367	28 North Central Montana Transit (C1) 265-3699	33 Richland County Trans. (D2) 433-7433	38 Valley County Transit (D1) 228-8744
1 Great Falls Transit District (C2) 727-0382	4 Big Dry Transit (C2) 557-2501	9 City of Dillon (B4) 683-4245	14 Powell County Public Trans. (A3) 846-9789	19 Fort Peck Transit (D1) 768-3909	24 Laurel Transit Authority (C3) 628-4796	29 Northern Cheyenne Transit (D3) 637-6253	34 Rocky Boy's Transit Service (C1) 395-4490	39 West Yellowstone Found. (B4) 640-2030
2 MET Transit (C3) 657-8218	5 Big Sky Transit District (B4) 995-6287	10 Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (A2) 675-2700	15 District IX HRDC/ Galavan (B3) 587-2434	20 Glacier County Transit (B1) 873-5083	25 Liberty County COA (B1) 759-5244	30 Phillips Transit Authority (C1) 654-5301	35 Rosebud Transportation (D3) 346-4223	40 Whitehall Public Trans. (B3) 287-2300
3 Missoula UTD (A2) 543-8386	6 Blackfeet Transit System (B1) 338-5007	11 Crow Nation Res. Transit System (C3) 638-2430	16 Eagle Transit (A2) 758-2427	21 Glen-Wood, Inc. (D1) 765-1018	26 Lincoln County Transit Service (A1) 293-8024	31 Powder River Trans. (D4) 436-2243	36 Sanders County Trans. (A2) 741-2345	
	7 Butte-Silver Bow Transit System (B3) 497-6521	12 Daniels County Transportation (D1) 783-7029	17 Fallon County COA (D3) 778-3595	22 Helena Area Transit System (A3) 447-1580	27 Mineral County Pioneer Council (A2) 649-2019	32 Ravalli County COA (A3) 363-7484	37 Toole Co. & Northern Transit Interlocal (B1) 470-0727	



Transit Performance

- SFY 15 Transit Performance Data
 - Annual Ridership – 4,569,327*
 - Annual Mileage – 9,804,064*

**Includes rural, urban, and specialized transportation providers data*



**Includes only general public rural and urban data*

Bus and Bus Facilities

- Since 2010, MDT has purchased 273 public transportation vehicles for communities around Montana.
- MDT has provided funding for 20 bus facilities in the state.
- MDT currently has 202 public transportation vehicles on lien by the state.



Transit Programs

- Section 5311 (\$10.2M)– Rural Operating funds for systems with populations less than 50K.
- Section 5310 (\$870K)– Transportation for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities.
- Section 5307 (\$4.3M)– Small Urbanized Operating funds for systems with population of 50K – 200K.
- Section 5339 (\$2.1M)– Bus and Bus Facility
- Section 5303/5304 (\$542K)– Planning
- TransADE (\$750K*)– Transportation Assistance for the Disabled and Elderly

**Estimated funding based on the fiscal note from the 2015 Legislative Session*



TransADE



- Transportation Assistance for the Disabled and Elderly – MCA 7-14-112
 - Effective Date – January 1, 2016
 - Provides operating and/or matching funds for services that serve the elderly and disabled to expand and/or meet unmet needs.
 - 25% of the revenue collected on the base rental charge for rental vehicles.
 - Legislation added tribal governments and urban transportation districts to already eligible counties and incorporated cities
 - Legislation requires coordination of services through participation with a local Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Funding is used as match to leverage more federal funds and provide additional service.



Transit Application Process

- Annual Application
 - Application for Operating and Capital - Webgrants
 - Consolidated Application – Lead Agency
 - Locally Developed Coordination Plan
 - Allocation Formula –Operating
- Capital Assistance Review
 - Transit Section's Review - Content
 - CAR Committee Evaluation - Need
 - Final Approval



Transit Oversight

- State and Federal Regulations
 - Grant Recipients report to MDT quarterly
 - Transit Asset Management Plan (coming soon..)
 - Public Transportation Safety Plan (coming soon..)
 - Vehicle and Facility Inspections
 - Compliance Reviews
 - MDT Internal Audits
- FTA Oversight
 - Budget & Milestones
 - National Transit Database
 - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
 - State Management Review
 - Drug and Alcohol Audit



Questions

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