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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

[Docket No. FTA-2025-0134]

Rescission of the National Transit Database Weekly Reference Reporting Requirement

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final notice; response to comments.

SUMMARY: This notice finalizes and responds to comments on the proposed rescission of the National Transit Database's (NTD) Weekly Reference (WE-20) reporting requirement.

DATES: Applicable date: January 15, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chelsea Champlin, National Transit Database Program Manager, FTA Office of Budget and Policy, 202-366-4000, chelsea.champlin@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Congress established the NTD to be the Nation's primary source for information and statistics on the transit systems of the United States. During the COVID-19 pandemic, FTA found it did not have sufficient and timely data on transit ridership or transit service levels to inform decision-makers during the rapidly changing crisis situation. To better understand changes in the transit industry on a timely basis, FTA went through the notice and comment process (Docket number FTA-2022-0018) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5334(k) to, among other things, enable FTA to collect additional data from a sample set of modal reports from across the universe of full, reduced, tribal, and rural reporters on a weekly reference WE-20 Form. FTA finalized the WE-20 reporting requirements in March 2023 (88 FR 13497).

Although the WE-20 reporting requirement provided important data as the country recovered from the pandemic, it is not required by statute, and after two years of experience with this data collection, FTA determined the WE-20 reporting requirement no longer offers sufficient value relative to the administrative burden on transit agencies and is inconsistent with this Administration's deregulatory priorities.

II. Proposed Rescission of the Weekly Reference Reporting Requirement (WE-20) and Responses to Comments

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5334(k), FTA published a notice in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2025 (90 FR 51809) requesting comments on the proposed rescission of the WE-20 reporting requirement. The comment period closed on December 2, 2025. FTA received five comments in support (including three who expressed strong support) of the proposal to rescind the required weekly NTD reporting requirement. Comments were received from three public transit agencies, a consortium consisting of five State Departments of Transportation, and one transportation association. Two of the comments in support of the change justified the rescission by quantifying the time the reporting took them away from other critical work, including transit operations, planning, and analysis. In addition, the consortium specifically noted the filing burden on rural states, where small transit operators have limited staff to attend to administrative and regulatory compliance. FTA received no comments in opposition or providing additional information.

FTA Response: FTA appreciates the support for this change and will move forward with the rescission as proposed. The proposed rescission takes effect immediately upon publication of this final notice.

Marcus J. Molinaro,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Announcement of Fiscal Year 2025 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program and Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 Low or No Emission Program Project Selections

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of project selections and implementation guidance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the award of a total of \$2,027,948,082 for 165 projects. This includes \$397,665,476 under the FY 2025 Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (Bus Competitive Program) for 62 projects and \$1,630,282,606 under the FY 2025 Low or No Emission (Low-No) Grants Program for 103 projects. This notice provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional Office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional Offices can be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/regional-offices/regional-offices>.

Unsuccessful applicants may contact Kirsten Wiard-Bauer, Office of Program Management, at ftalownobusnofo@dot.gov or (202) 366-2053 within 30 days of this announcement to arrange a proposal debriefing. Some unsuccessful applicants, such as those who received an overall rating of Highly Recommended or Ineligible, may receive feedback only via email. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5339(b)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for the Bus Competitive Program. Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5339(c)) authorizes FTA to make competitive grants for the Low-No Program.

Federal public transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5338(a)(2)(M)) authorized \$398,103,239 in FY 2025 funds for the Bus Competitive Program after an oversight takedown. After the addition of available prior year funding, the total available funding for the Bus Program in FY 2025 is \$399,330,754.

For FY 2025, \$76,512,334 was authorized and appropriated for the FY 2025 Low-No Program, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, Pub. L. 117-58) appropriated an additional \$1,029,000,000 after accounting for the authorized takedown for administrative and oversight expenses and the Office of Inspector General (OIG). For FY 2026, \$1,029,000,000 is appropriated under the IIJA for the Low-No Program. After the oversight takedown and transfer to the OIG, and the addition of prior year(s) funding, the total available