

Federal Funding

Federal transportation funding is principally allocated through multi-year transportation funding laws. On July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law P.L. 112-141, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), the current federal transportation funding law. Funding surface transportation programs at over \$105 billion for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2013 and 2014, MAP-21 is the first long-term highway authorization enacted since 2005.

MAP-21 is expected to provide Massachusetts with a level of federal funding comparable to that provided in recent years under the previous transportation funding authorization, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Estimated national FFY2014 highway funding apportionment levels increased slightly to \$37.8 billion; similarly, Massachusetts highway funding apportionment increased slightly to \$593 million in FFY2014. On the transit side, the national apportionment levels will increase slightly to \$10.7 billion in FFY2014; specific amounts of transit apportionment for Massachusetts is determined annually based on program criteria.

Under Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), federal transportation funding must be programmed in each state's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); federal transportation funding to be spent in a metropolitan area must also be programmed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of that area's metropolitan planning organization. Both the STIP and individual TIPs are required to cover a period of four years and be updated every 4 years or more frequently if the Governor elects to update more frequently. In Massachusetts, the STIP and TIPs are updated every year.

MAP-21 consolidates existing transportation funding programs as established in SAFETEA-LU. Most highway funding will be distributed through four core programs, while MAP-21 eliminates or consolidates a number of transit programs, and converts a significant amount of program funding that is currently discretionary to formula funding. The FY2014-FY2017 STIP and its underlying TIPs represent the first implementation of the MAP-21 funding categories for the full TIP/STIP development process (the FY2013-2016 TIPs and STIP were revised after their completion to reflect new MAP-21 funding categories).