MoDOT – Transit Overview





The Missouri Department of Transportation Transit Section provides financial and technical assistance to public and specialized transit providers across the state. This function is carried out through the administration of state and federal programs for both general public transportation and programs serving senior citizens and persons with disabilities. In partner with statewide transit associations and planning organizations, the Missouri Department of Transportation Transit section provides financial assistance to study and develop comprehensive transportation plans for local and metropolitan areas of the state.

Transit Programs

State Programs	Operating	Capital	Planning
State Transit Assistance	X	X	
MEHTAP	X		
Capital Assistance Program		X	
Integrated Transit Planning System			X
Federal Programs			
5304 Statewide Planning			X
5339		X	
5310	X	X	
5311	X	X	X

Operating – Financial assistance for salaries, wages, materials, supplies, and equipment in order to maintain equipment and buildings for transit related services.
Capital – Financial assistance for the cost of long-term assets of a public transit system such as property, buildings, vehicles, etc.
Planning – Financial assistance for studies or research related to transit activities. (Example – Transit Development Plan – TDP)

State Funding

State Transit Assistance - Rural and urban public transit agencies benefit from state funded operating assistance. This general revenue fund and/or state transportation fund program helps to defray a portion of the costs those agencies incur in providing mobility services in their communities.
FY 2027 appropriation - $1,710,875 STF
FY 2027 appropriation - $2,500,000 Capital Preservation Fund

Missouri Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Assistance Program (MEHTAP) - A state-funded program that helps defray a portion of the transportation costs incurred by agencies providing mobility services to senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Half of the annual general revenue funding in this program is allocated to the 10 Area Agency on Aging districts statewide.
FY 2027 appropriation - $1,274,478 STF
FY 2027 appropriation - $3,725,522 GR

Capital Assistance Program Supporting Transportation for Seniors, Individuals with Disabilities and Low-Income – A state-funded capital subsidy program for eligible transit agencies supporting the transportation of elderly, individuals with disabilities and low-income individuals.
FY 2027 appropriation - $3,588,165 (Revenue Replacement Fund-ARPA)

Integrated Transit Planning System – An Integrated Transit Planning System program for a non-profit organization founded in 1982 - and located in a county with more than one hundred thousand but fewer than one hundred twenty thousand inhabitants and with a county seat with more than four thousand but fewer than six thousand inhabitants - that serves seniors ages 60 and over for the development and implementation of an integrated transit planning system and services for seniors, veterans, and the disabled in a county with more than one hundred thousand but fewer than one hundred twenty thousand inhabitants and with a county seat with more than four thousand but fewer than six thousand inhabitants, a county with more than two hundred thirty thousand but fewer than two hundred sixty thousand inhabitants, and a city with more than forty thousand but fewer than fifty thousand that serves as the county seat in a county with more than seventy thousand and fewer than eighty thousand inhabitants.
FY 2027 appropriation - $1,500,000 (GR)

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Federal Funding

FTA Section 5304 – Statewide Planning – The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides planning funds to support statewide planning activities for area Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, MO transit association and other entities.

✓**BIL - FFY 2026 Allocation- $488,858**

FTA Section 5339 – Bus & Bus Facilities – FTA Section 5339 provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities. Statewide allocation is distributed to urban and rural programs.

✓**BIL - FFY 2026 Allocation- $4,000,000**

FTA Section 5310 – Enhanced Senior & Disability Transportation – FTA Section 5310 formula grants target agencies serving the mobility needs of senior citizens and/or persons with disabilities. MoDOT administers the Section 5310 program as a capital program to procure and fund 80% of the cost of vehicles for such agencies as developmental disability resource boards (Senate Bill 40 boards), sheltered workshops, senior citizen services boards (House Bill 351 boards), and senior centers as well as not-for-profit medical service agencies.

✓**BIL - FFY 2026 Allocation- $5,800,000**

FTA Section 5311 – Non-Urbanized / Rural Transit Program – FTA provides grants to states on a formula basis for nonurban transit in the Section 5311 program. Rural transit providers and intercity bus carriers apply to MoDOT's Transit Section for these Section 5311 grants to carry out rural public transit related service, planning and capital projects. In addition, $418,533 is dedicated to the RTAP (rural technical assistance) program which provides training to rural transit providers.

✓**BIL - FFY 2026 Allocation- $26,738,394**

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