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## New Report Shows State DOTs Continue Major Support for Public Transportation

A new report by the AASHTO Standing Committee on Public Transportation, "Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation," shows that states spent approximately \$13.6 billion on transit programs in Fiscal Year 2010, which is an increase of \$6.1 billion more than was spent in FY 2000. By comparison, the federal government spent \$10.1 billion on transit programs in 2010.

Looking back to 2008, the U.S. Department of Transportation found that states directed \$11.4 billion at these systems, while the federal government put in \$9 billion. These numbers accompanied the \$18.5 billion local share, as well as the \$13.7 billion that came from system-generated revenue four years ago ([1.usa.gov/FTA2010report](http://1.usa.gov/FTA2010report)).

The latest report is the 30th edition of the publication, which provides a snapshot of state-by-state investments in public transportation from federal, state, and local funding sources. The data is used by public transportation industry officials, national associations, and federal and state governments.

AASHTO supports member state departments of transportation activities with all modes of transportation, including aviation, rail, and transit. To that end, AASHTO supports a vision of doubling transit ridership to more than 20 billion by 2030 and 50 billion by 2050.

The "Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation" is available for download at [bit.ly/publictranspfunding](http://bit.ly/publictranspfunding).

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