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States Taking on Bigger Share in Public Transportation Investments, Report Says

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The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials this week released its report on state transit funding, which shows that states are spending more on transit and widening the gap between what they pay versus federal government investments.

AASHTO's Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation shows that states provided \$14.2 billion in transit funding in fiscal year 2012, while federal funds totaled \$10.2 billion. The survey is viewed by the public transportation industry, national associations, and federal and state governments as one of the most comprehensive resources on state involvement in public transportation. It provides a snapshot of state-by-state investment in public transportation from federal, state, and local funding sources. The report's numerous tables and charts enable readers to understand how states utilize different funding and tax mechanisms to support transit operations and capital projects.

"Historical funding patterns demonstrate the important role that state departments of transportation fulfill in public transportation finance and administration and the results you see in the Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation reflect this ongoing commitment," according to the report's introduction by Delaware Department of Transportation Secretary Shailen Bhatt and AASHTO Executive Director Bud Wright. "States spent approximately \$14.2 billion on transit in FY 2012, which is an increase over the last five years when states spent \$11.1 billion in FY 2008. It's important that these investments continue in order to grow our public transportation system."

The 231-page report (item code SSFP-8-OL) is available as a free download on the AASHTO Bookstore [here](#).

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