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\$2.5B transportation proposal to create jobs

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WASHINGTON (WUSA9) -- A \$2.5 billion proposal in President Barack Obama's Fiscal Year 2015 budget was highlighted Wednesday by U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx for advancing construction of transit options and creating jobs in 16 states.

The project plans to advance the construction or completion of 26 rail, bus rapid transit (BRT), and streetcar projects, funded through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant Program (CIG), and create or sustain thousands of construction-related jobs.

"President Obama has laid out a bold vision for investing in 21st century transportation infrastructure that removes barriers to success for millions of Americans while strengthening our nation's economy today and in the future," Secretary Foxx said in a statement. "We are committed to ensuring that every American has access to the ladders of opportunity that lead to success – and access to public transportation is essential to making that happen."

During the Obama Administration, and as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), FTA has successfully put in place several new measures to streamline the CIG Program – one of the largest discretionary grant programs in the Federal government – a so that projects move more efficiently through the pipeline, bringing the benefits of expanded transit choices to communities sooner than in the past, according to a news release.

FTA's Annual Report on Funding Recommendations for the FY2015 Capital Investment Grant Program, including links to individual project profiles, is available on FTA's website. (http://www.fta.dot.gov/12304_15872.html)



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