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AMERICAN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION



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Update To Sequester Amounts, Percentages

On Friday night, President Obama issued an order to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), to begin the process of sequestering the Federal budget. OMB subsequently released a report to Congress outlining the final sequester numbers, which differ slightly from the numbers reported in APTA's Legislative Alert from March 1. The chart below represents the updated values, and adds Fiscal Year 2012 enacted figures, as well as percentages.

Agency	Program	FY 2012 Enacted Level (millions)	Projected FY 2013 Funding Level (millions)	Sequestered Amount (millions)	Projected Post- sequester FY 2013 Funding (millions)	Sequestration Percentage
OST	Salaries and Expenses	102.50	103.00	(5.15)	97.85	-5.00%
OST	Tiger Grants*	500.00	503.00	(25.15)	477.85	-5.00%
FHWA	Federal-aid Highways	739.00	739.00	(37.69)	701.31	-5.10%
FHWA	Emergency Relief	-	2,022.00	(101.10)	1,920.90	-5.00%
FHWA	General Fund Payments to Highway Trust Fund	-	6,200.00	(316.20)	5,883.80	-5.10%
FRA	Safety and Ops	178.60	179.69	(8.98)	170.71	-5.00%
FRA	Amtrak Operating Grants	466.00	468.85	(23.44)	445.41	-5.00%
FRA	Amtrak Capital Grants	952.00	957.83	(47.89)	909.94	-5.00%
FTA	Administrative Expenses	98.71	99.31	(4.97)	94.34	-5.00%
FTA	Research	44.00	44.27	(2.21)	42.06	-5.00%
FTA	Capital Investment Grants	1,955.00	1,966.97	(98.35)	1,868.62	-5.00%
FTA	Emergency Relief	-	10,900.00	(545.00)	10,355.00	-5.00%

*TIGER Grants were funded in FY2012, and therefore continued under the current Continuing Resolution (CR). Decisions on whether TIGER grants are funded in the final FY2013 Appropriations have yet to be made.

FTA Continues National Online Dialogue

The Federal Transit Agency's ongoing National Online Dialogue is now accepting comments from stakeholders who have experience and knowledge of current transit provider representation in Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and who will be affected by the new requirement, set forth in MAP-21, regarding representation of providers of public transportation in MPOs. You can join the National Online Dialogue by visiting <http://transitmpo.ideascale.com>.

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