

Dedicated Revenue Sources for Major U.S. Transit Agencies

Agency	2001 Total Budget Op & Cap (millions)	2001 % from Dedicated Funds	Key Source of Dedicated Funding
New York MTA (TA, LIRR, M-N)	\$8,055.1	19.5%	New York MTA Sources include a variety of taxes and revenues, including: 1/4% sales taxes throughout region, tax on gross receipts of petroleum business, tax on long-distance transportation and communications, mortgage recording taxes in region, surplus tolls from bridges & tunnels. In addition, these revenues are used to support debt that finances much of the MTA capital program.
New Jersey Transit	\$1,806.3	15.3%	New Jersey Transit has no dedicated sources per se, but is largely funded from the State Transportation Trust Fund (motor fuel taxes, etc).
Chicago Agencies (CTA and RTA)	\$1,981.6	25.6%	Transit Revenues for the Chicago region raised through sales taxes (1% in Chicago and Cook County, 1/4 % in collar counties) and distributed among agencies by formula.
Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)	\$1,331.0	36.5%	Recent legislation in Massachusetts allocates 20% of all State sales tax revenues raised in region to MBTA.
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	\$1,296.9	1.6%	WMATA has no dedicated revenues except a small Northern VA gas tax.
Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	\$1,059.4	12.0%	Pennsylvania has state legislation dedicating a variety of taxes to a statewide transit fund (Public utility tax, auto rentals, vehicle leases, and a portion of sales tax) However, this package has been unstable and has not provided security to its recipients.
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LAMTA)	\$972.5	52.2%	Sales tax package including 1/4% of state sales tax and two 1/2%.
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)	\$819.3	22.0%	Mixed package including 1/4% of state sales tax, two 1/2% local optional sales tax and a small district property tax.
San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni)	\$718.5	24.2%	Sales tax package including 1/4% of state sales tax and 1/2% local optional sales tax.
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA)	\$664.0	35.9%	Sales tax within two counties: 1%, with no more than 1/2 for operations.
Dallas Area Rapid Transit Authority (DART)	\$589.2	76.6%	Sales tax of 1% within participating jurisdictions in county.
Denver Regional Transportation District (RTD)	\$583.0	64.9%	Sales tax of 0.6% within district, referendum pending to increase to 1%.
Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Houston Metro)	\$572.0	61.4%	Sales tax of 1% within participating jurisdictions in county.
Santa Clara Valley Transportation			

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Authority (VTA)	\$532.2	42.7%	Sales tax package including 1/4% of state sales tax and 1/2% local optional sales tax (recently extended).
Maryland Mass Transit Administration (MTA)	\$445.1	0.0%	Maryland MTA funded from proceeds of State Transportation Trust Fund (fuel taxes and transportation fees).
King County DOT (Seattle Metro)	\$400.5	58.1%	King County bus operations funded with 0.8% sales tax
NYC Department of Transportation	\$377.6	58.0%	NYC transportation shares in taxes identified under NY MTA above Transaction pending to transfer these bus operations to MTA.
Port Authority of Alleghany County (Pittsburgh)	\$374.4	17.6%	See note for SEPTA above.
Minneapolis Metro Transit	\$368.7	20.8%	Pass through of State Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, plus small property tax for transit debt service.
Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Portland)	\$347.8	44.3%	Regional payroll tax of .06218%.
Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDT)	\$323.2	17.6%	Local option increase to state gas tax, recently augmented by 1/2% sales tax to fund "People's Transportation Program".
Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Seattle Sound Transit)	\$293.2	59.5%	Sound Transit operations & construction funded by separate 0.4% sales tax.
The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)	\$286.2	61.3%	1% sales tax.
Bi-State Development Agency (BSDA) (St. Louis Metro)	\$286.0	5.2%	Dedicated 1/4 cent sales tax in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. Sales tax of 1/2 cent in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St Clair County, IL collected primarily for Bi-State, but are subject to reappropriation
Average		34.7%	

Sources: Budget Data from FTA National Transit Database as shown in Brookings Report "Deficits by Design"
Dedicated Revenue Sources from Agency Reports