



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration



U.S. Transportation Secretary Foxx Announces \$8 Million in Groundbreaking Mobility on Demand Grants to Transform Public Transit

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA), part of the U.S. Department of Transportation, developed the Mobility on Demand (MOD) initiative to help communities nationwide incorporate the latest technology into their public transit services, with the goal of making them more effective, efficient, and equitable. Urban, suburban, and rural communities alike will benefit from better first and last mile connections, improved paratransit services, smart congestion management, and more.

Under the leadership of Secretary Anthony Foxx, the first-ever MOD Sandbox Program builds on the Department's ongoing initiatives to promote innovative transportation technologies, such as the [Smart City Challenge](#), [Federal Automated Vehicles Policy](#), and [Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Deployment Grants](#).

Secretary Foxx participated in the [White House Frontiers Conference](#) in Pittsburgh on Thursday, October 13, where he explained how the award of nearly \$8 million to 11 projects will use innovative public-private partnerships to deploy, demonstrate, and evaluate on-demand concepts in transit.

These projects will use smartphone apps, open data platforms, and other advanced technologies to better connect transit riders to their destinations, aided by private companies and research institutions in fields such as software development, ride-sharing, and bike-share.

Selected Grantees and Projects:

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| Regional Transportation Authority <i>(Pima County, AZ)</i> | Integrates fixed route, subscription based ride-sharing and social carpooling services into a platform to address first mile/last mile issues. | \$669,158 |
| Valley Metro Rail <i>(Phoenix, AZ)</i> | Smart phone mobility platform that integrates mobile ticketing and multimodal trip planning, including ride-hailing, bike sharing, and car-sharing companies. | \$1,001,000 |
| City of Palo Alto, CA | Commuter planning project incorporating trip reduction software, a multi-modal trip planning app, and workplace parking rebates. | \$1,085,000 |
| Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority | Mobility on demand partnership with the car-sharing company, Lyft. *This project, led by LA Metro, includes a companion project in Seattle, WA. | \$1,350,000 |
| San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit | Integrated carpool-to-transit program. | \$358,000 |
| Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority <i>(Pinellas County, FL)</i> | On-demand paratransit using taxis and a car-sharing company to provide door-to-door service. | \$500,000 |
| Chicago Transit Authority | Incorporates local bike-sharing company Divvy into CTA's transit trip planning app. | \$400,000 |
| Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon <i>(Portland, OR)</i> | Platform integrating transit and shared-use mobility options. By integrating data, the project will allow users to plan trips that address first/last mile issues while traveling by transit. | \$678,000 |
| Dallas Area Rapid Transit | Integrates ride-sharing services into DART's GoPass ticketing app. | \$1,204,000 |
| Vermont Agency of Transportation | Statewide transit trip planner incorporating flex-route, hail-a-ride, and other non-fixed-route services into mobility apps. | \$480,000 |
| Pierce Transit <i>(Pierce County, WA)</i> | Limited Access Connections project connects service across two transit systems – local and regional – and ride-share companies to increase transit use across the Seattle region. | \$205,922 |