



Colorado Association of Transit Agencies CASTA



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CASTA is an organization to support transit agencies and professionals in Colorado

- 60+ agency members statewide
- 40 business members



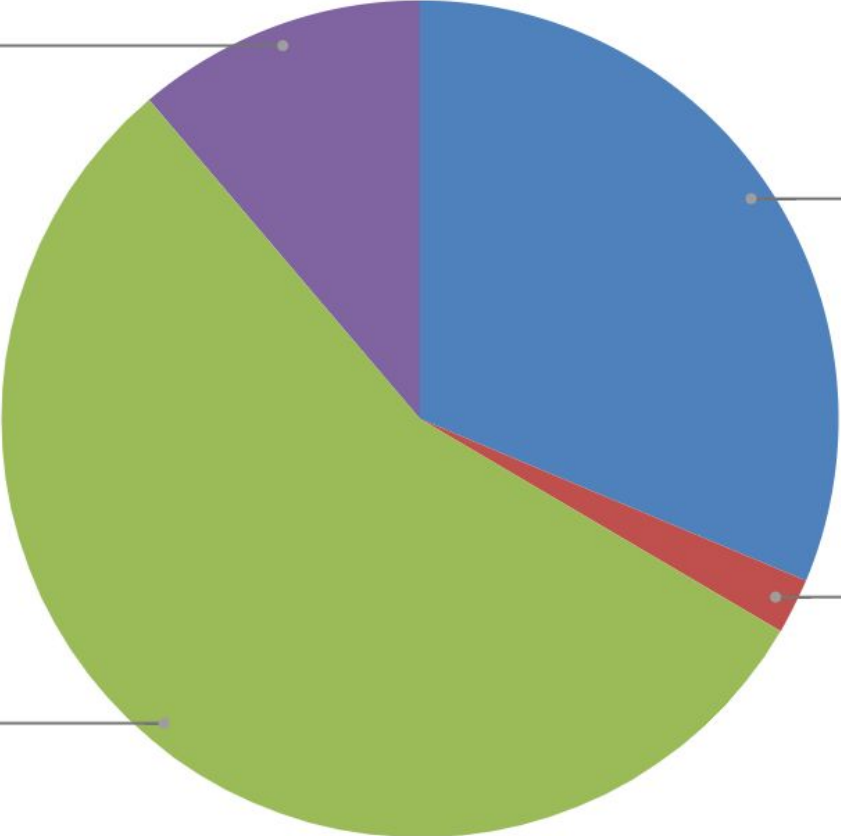
Colorado Transit Funding 2022 NTD Data

Percentage Other
11.2%

Percentage Federal
31.3%

Percentage State
2.2%

Percentage Local
55.3%



31% Federal
2% State
55% Local
11% Other

FY24 FTA Bus and Low- and No-Emission Grant Awards: almost \$52,000,000 to Colorado!

- City of Greeley- CNG buses (\$3.5 million)
- Telluride- Modernize maintenance facility (\$1.9 million)
- Archuleta County- new park-and-ride to support new regional bus route
- Eagle Valley RTA- buy hybrid-electric buses (\$4.5 million)
- RFTA- modernize maintenance facility to support EV's (\$32.8 million)
- Loveland- transit center construction (almost \$4 million)
- Durango- replace buses, safety at bus stops (\$660,000)
- Gunnison Valley RTA- expansion buses (\$1.5 million)
- Fort Collins- improve transit infrastructure (\$2.4 million)



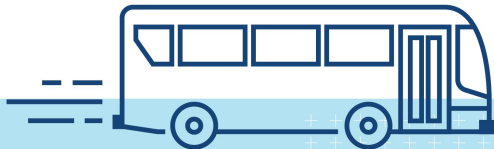


Local Transit Priorities

- **Fort Collins: Elizabeth Street BRT**
 - CSU main and Foothills campus'
 - Business District
 - Multi-family housing
 - \$99 million project
- **Montezuma County: New fixed route**
 - Connecting: Mancos, Dolores, Durango, Towaoc, Mesa Verde and Dove Creek
 - 7 days a week 7am-7pm 30 minute frequency in town and commuter/access shuttles for employment and regional centers



ZERO FARE *for* Better Air



Zero Fare Program Summer 2024

OSTG Participants

- 13 agencies participating
- 17 agencies are fare free year round

Youth Ride Free

- Application process will open soon
- One year program, September 2024 to August 2025





2023 Survey results:

- When asked “How would you have traveled today if transit wasn’t free?” 20% said a personal vehicle while almost 10% said they would not have traveled.
- Over 40% reported that they were not a regular transit rider before Covid (2020).
- “This was awesome to do for the community as I ride almost everyday and it means alot to me helps me and my daughter get her to daycare everyday bless you all”





Next on the horizon: Senior Transportation

- Colorado's elderly population is growing faster than most other states and transit agencies are already feeling the impact in both urban and rural areas
- Rides not on a fixed route system are the most expensive to provide and funding is not increasing with the number of riders



Additional Impacts

- Adult day care centers that used to shuttle their own patients have jettisoned those rides to public transit
- Organizations that pre-covid provided some transportation for their long term care patients can not afford to run their vehicles so some of these rides have moved to public transit.
- Agencies who provide ADA service have to deny rides
 - Funding
 - Vehicles
 - Drivers
- Funding for senior services in our state has decreased



Next on the horizon: Non-emergent Medical Transportation



- HCPF considering a statewide brokerage
- National Guidance Supports prioritizing transit agencies as non-emergent transportation providers
- National Guidance Embraces new cost principles that include a fully allocated cost of NEMT services





Next on the horizon: Transit Workers Safety

- Transit worker assault was changed from a felony to a misdemeanor in 2022
- Assaults have increased but there is typically not much follow through from law enforcement because it is not a felony
- Seeing assaults around the state
- National issue-drivers report assaults as a significant reason to leave their position
- Looking for positive solutions



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