

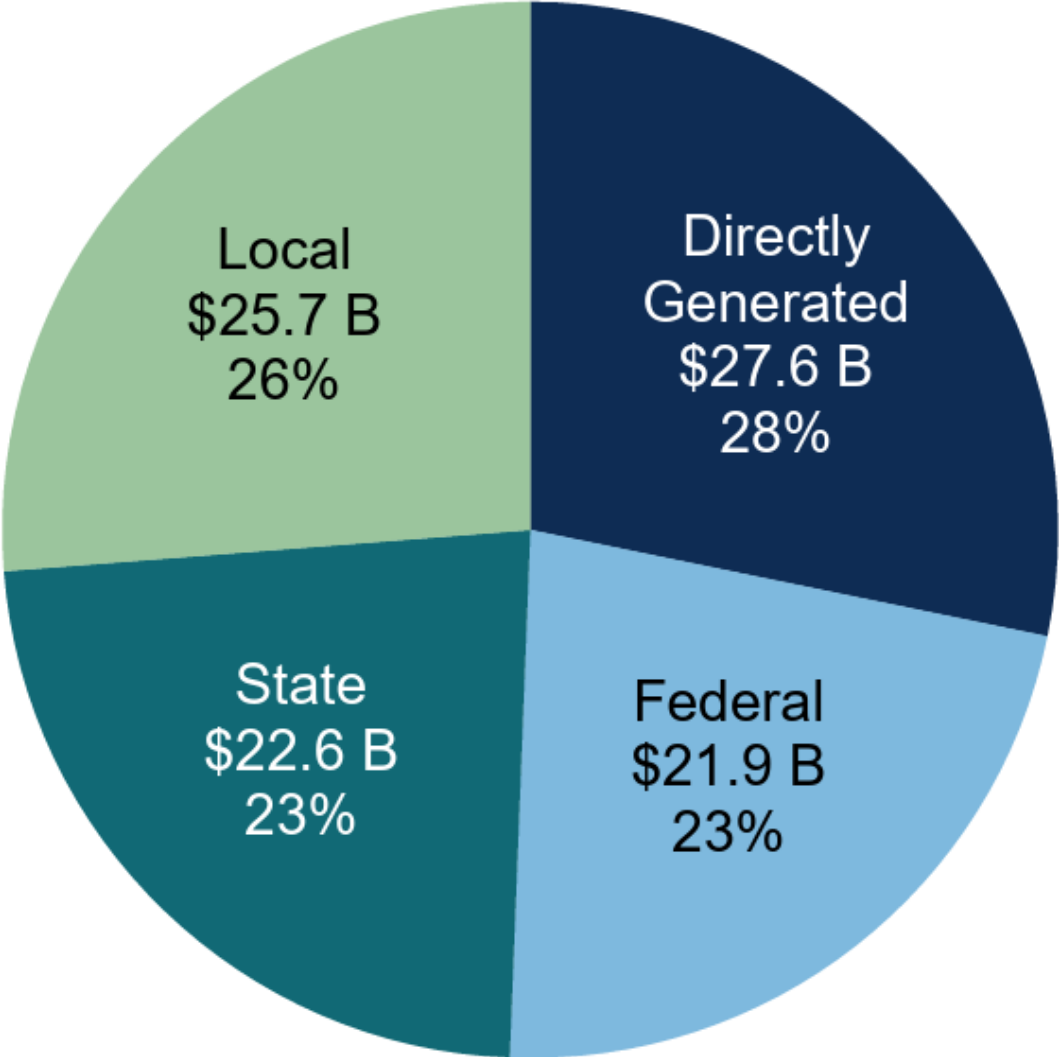
A photograph of the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio, featuring its prominent white dome. In the foreground, a blue and yellow Metro Rapid train is stopped at a street intersection. The scene includes traffic lights, street signs for University Ave, and a cloudy sky. The text 'State and Local Transit Funding Solutions' is overlaid in large white font across the center of the image.

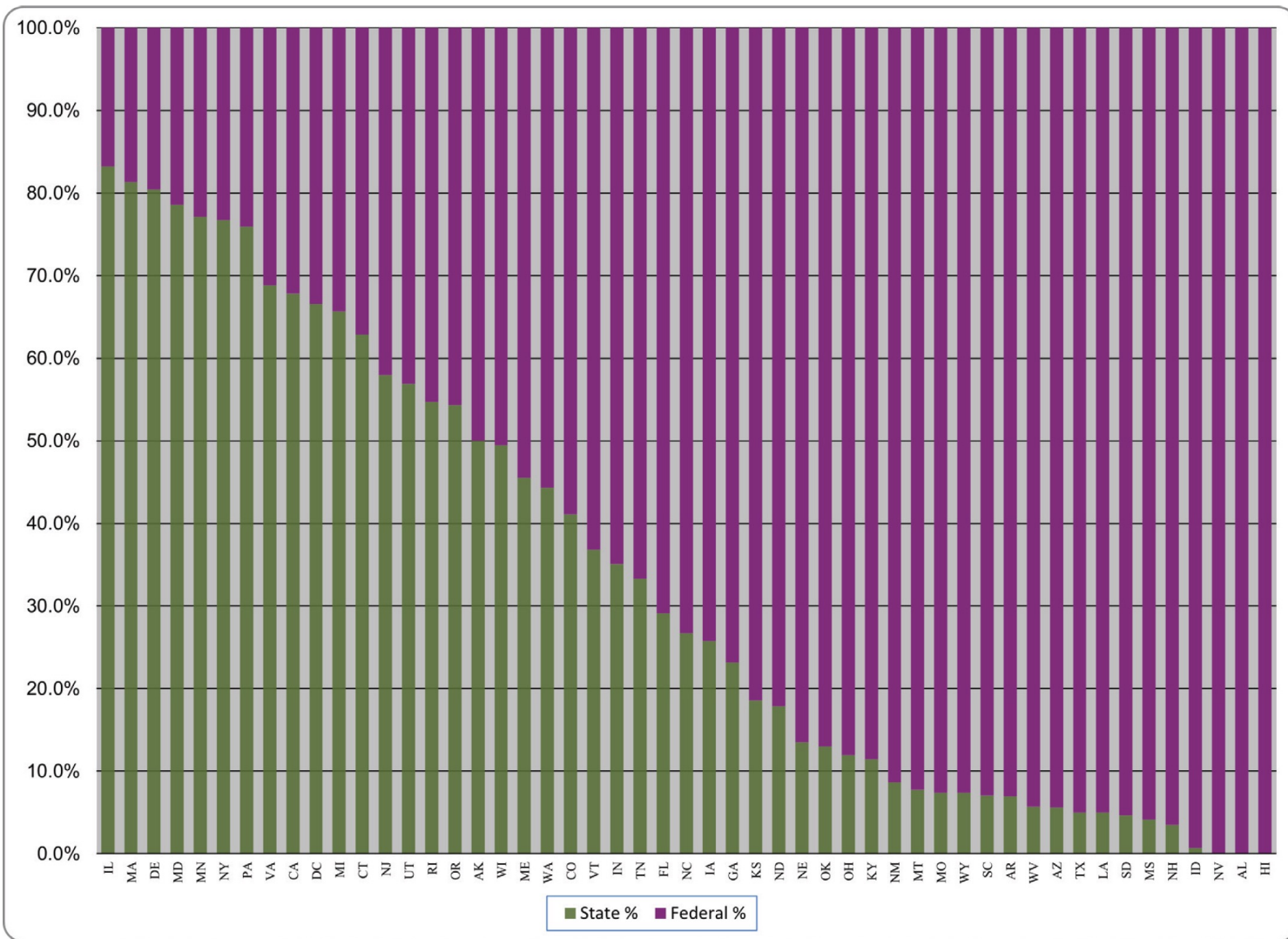
State and Local Transit Funding Solutions

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Who Pays for Public Transit?

FY 2024





Some states provide a lot of transit funding; some states provide none.

Figure 3-1. State and Federal Formula Funding for Public Transit

Most Common Local Sources of Transit Funding

Farebox Revenue – 43 States

City/County General Funds – 42 States

Advertising – 38 States

Service Contracts – 35 States

Local Property Taxes – 22 States

Local Sales Taxes – 21 States

Source: AASHTO Survey of State Funding for Public Transportation – FY 2024 Data

The Pitch: Transit is Worth Investing In



5-TO-1 ECONOMIC
RETURN

IMPROVES EQUITY &
ACCESSIBILITY

REDUCES TRAFFIC

REDUCES
POLLUTION

REDUCES
UNEMPLOYMENT

REDUCES STATE
ASSISTANCE
PAYMENTS

A photograph of a train yard with several commuter trains on tracks, with a city skyline in the background. The trains are white with red and blue accents. The city skyline features various high-rise buildings under a clear blue sky.

Method: Income Taxes

**Winning Campaign:
Massachusetts Millionaire Tax**

The Fair Share Tax is a 4% tax on individual income over \$1 Million

Method: Corporate Taxes

Winning Campaign: New Jersey

The Corporate Transit Fee is a 2.5% tax on corporations that have a net income over \$10 million





Method: Sales Taxes

Winning Campaign: Nashville, TN

- 31 states use sales taxes to fund transit
- Nashville voters approved a transportation sales tax valued at \$3.1 billion in 2024



ATU WINS TRANSFORMATIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT BILL

Our Members, Chicago Locals and the ATU International Union rallied and lobbied to bring this win home.



\$1.5 billion for Illinois transit

- Thousands of layoffs avoided
- 40% service cuts called off

\$860 Million from the Sales Tax on Motor Fuel

\$200 Million from Road Fund and State Construction Account Interest

\$478 Million from a RTA Sales Tax increase of 0.25% (subject to vote by RTA Board)



Method: Gas Taxes

Winning Campaign: Illinois



Method: Congestion Pricing

Winning Campaign: New York

Method: Property Taxes

Winning Campaign: West Virginia

- Cabell County and City of Huntington voters renewed the Tri-State Transit levy.
- Kanawha County voters renewed the public safety levy, a portion of which supports KRT.
- City of Benwood voters renewed the Ohio Valley Regional Transportation Authority mass transit levy.





Method: Taxing Rideshare Companies

Winning Campaign: Georgia

- The Transportation Service Tax is a \$0.50/ride fee on Uber, Lyft, and Taxis
- In 2021 the funds were put into a Transit Trust Fund lockbox

A photograph of a modern transit station. In the foreground, a silver and brown train is stopped at a platform. To the right, a large advertisement for ManTech is displayed on a pillar. The ad features a globe and the text 'Capability Overmatch. Ahead of the curve.' and 'AI-powered Cyber. Trusted advisor. ManTech'. In the background, there is a large, modern building with a glass facade and a distinctive, angular, dark-colored roof structure. The sky is blue with some clouds.

**Method: Special
Assessment Districts**

**Winning Campaign:
WMATA's Silver Line**

Capability
Overmatch.
Ahead of the curve.

AI-powered Cyber.
Trusted advisor.

ManTech



Method: Bonds

Winning Campaign: Oklahoma City

Voters approved \$130 million in new public transit bonds in 2025

**Method: Transit
Oriented Development**

**Success Story:
Sound Transit**



Join the Fight for Funding!

