



AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION

Public Transit Program Updates
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% of Funds – Total for Ops (FY '22-'26)

| Total Budget |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$24,221,909 | \$36,518,172 | \$32,352,294 | \$34,134,137.00 | \$34,905,695.43 |
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| Total % of Budget By Provider |
AT 5.2%	AT 4.3%	AT 4.2%	AT 3.6%	AT 3.4%
GMCN 5.0%	GMCN 4.9%	GMCN 4.3%	GMCN 4.4%	GMCN 5.3%
GMT-Urban 16.9%	GMT-Urban 18.8%	GMT-Urban 19.5%	GMT-Urban 19.7%	GMT-Urban 22.2%
GMT-Rural 16.7%	GMT-Rural 19.1%	GMT-Rural 19.3%	GMT-Rural 19.3%	GMT-Rural 16%
MVRTD 18.6%	MVRTD 14.3%	MVRTD 13.9%	MVRTD 14.3%	MVRTD 14.2%
RCT 8.5%	RCT 9.6%	RCT 8.3%	RCT 8.8%	RCT 9.3%
TVT 14.8%	TVT 15.6%	TVT 16.0%	TVT 14.5%	TVT 16.3%
SEVT 14.3%	SEVT 13.4%	SEVT 14.5%	SEVT 14.4%	SEVT 13.3%

% of Funds – State for Ops (Fy '22-'26)

| Total State Funds |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| \$1,309,409 | \$3,543,217 | \$6,799,238 | \$6,583,000.00 | \$7,011,000.00 |
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| Total % of State Budget |
AT N/A	AT N/A	AT 2.0%	AT 2.2%	AT 2.0%
GMCN N/A	GMCN 1.7%	GMCN 1.1%	GMCN 1.3%	GMCN 2.6%
GMT Urban 84.0%	GMT Urban 59.1%	GMT-Urban 35.5%	GMT-Urban 32.2%	GMT-Urban 31.4%
GMT Rural N/A	GMT Rural 16.4%	GMT-Rural 14.6%	GMT-Rural 17.6%	GMT-Rural 16.8%
MVRTD N/A	MVRTD 5.6%	MVRTD 17.6%	MVRTD 14.1%	MVRTD 14.6%
RCT 8.4%	RCT 5.4%	RCT 6.1%	RCT 5.6%	RCT 5.6%
TVT N/A	TVT 4.0%	TVT 11.4%	TVT 12.4%	TVT 12.5%
SEVT 7.6%	SEVT 7.8%	SEVT 11.7%	SEVT 14.6%	SEVT 14.5%

GMT-Urban Award History

State Fiscal Year	State Funds – Non fed match for Ops	State funds – Capital and other	Federal Funds for Ops (Flexed)	Federal funds - Capital
SFY 2026	\$2,207,100	\$1,149,182	\$4,850,000	\$9,702,996
SFY 2025	\$2,640,000	\$588,696	\$4,455,000	\$6,755,269
SFY 2024	\$3,265,802	\$1,045,055	\$3,903,419	\$12,169,357
SFY 2023	\$2,100,000	\$882,638	\$3,584,816	\$3,188,169
SFY 2022	\$1,100,000	\$327,115	\$3,000,000	\$4,362,133

Driver Compensation Information Request

Provider	Region	Hourly Wage Range	Driver Contributions to Healthcare plan	Retirement contributions	Total driver costs (FY '25)
AT	Upper Valley	\$28.50 - \$38.61	20%	4%	\$3,860,892
GMCN	Bennington	\$17.00 - \$26.00	25%	5%	\$1,278,852
GMT	CC, Wash, F/GI	\$30.00 - \$31.00	0%	2%	\$8,322,098
MVRTD	Rutland	\$21.63 - \$29.71	20%	5%	\$2,474,722
RCT	Northern VT	\$18.00 - \$27.54	10%-25%	5%	\$1,918,979
SEVT	Southeast VT	\$24.00 - \$31.24	25%	3%	\$3,408,871
TVT	Addison, N. Orange	\$23.69 - \$28.32	0%	3%	\$2,637,000
SEVT	Southeast VT	\$24.00 - \$31.24	25%	3%	\$3,408,871

Mobility and Transportation Grant Program



Support innovative strategies and projects that improve both mobility and access to services for:

- Transit-dependent Vermonters,
- Reduce the use of single occupancy vehicles
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and
- Complement existing mobility investments.

Mobility and Transportation Grant Focus Areas

- Support Land Use Planning and Transit Orientated Design work
- Support the Creation of Telework Policies and Programs
- Extension of existing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs
- Creation of new TDM programs
- Support the Creation of Micromobility Services
- Creation and marketing of TDM Resources
- Expansion of first mile/last mile programs
- Support for employers and/or employees to adopt TDM measures (including incentives), in collaboration with an existing or new TDM program provider
- Implementation of planned TDM programs (bike share, car share, microtransit, etc.)

MTI Data 2023-2026

Annual Award Amounts (# of Projects)

- 2023 - \$894,763 (14)
- 2024 - \$673,614 (13)
- 2025 - \$1,638,264 (13)
- 2026 - \$1,019,351 (9)

Project Activities

- 2023 – CarShare support, e-bike access, roller bags, outreach and education, micro-match
- 2024 – CarShare support, e-bike access, roller bags, outreach, micro-match
- 2025 – CarShare support, mapping, outreach, staf support, e-vehicles, volunteer outreach, bike access
- 2026 – CarShare support, volunteer recruitment, e-vehicle, outreach

MTI program assessment

Benefits

- Engaging with several organizations throughout the state.
- Testing the effectiveness of multiple projects and approaches.
- Ensure new (and eligible) ideas have a way to access federal and state funds.
- Effective way to award and track one-time funds through the legislative process

Costs/Negative Impacts

- 9-13 new grants each year. Smaller orgs may lack the ability and resources to comply with all fed and state rules.
- Oversight, grants, invoices, communications, tracking, etc.... it's a lot of admin.
- Not seeing significant (or any) GHG reductions or increase in transit use.
- \$4,225,992 spent on these projects ('23-'26) – almost equal to annual FTA Formula awards used for transit operations. Should we be prioritizing transit service over TDM projects?

MTI recommendations

- Maintain grant program, but at lower funding levels (\$300K-\$350K).
- Maintain grant process to allocate one-time funds (examples; microtransit support, Section 24, Volunteer recruitment assistance).
- Sustain partnerships with proven organizations and services.
- Reduce bike/ped awards and refer orgs to the VTrans Bicycle and Pedestrian Program.
- Reduce awards to TMAs and focus on statewide TDM services (Go Vermont, automated carpool matching, vanpools, improved access to bus, rail, ferry, etc.)

Volunteer Recruitment Awards - \$600k

Applicant Name	Activities	Amount
Green Mountain Transit Authority	Volunteer Coordinator: Michelle Thomas Marketing materials for volunteer recruitment outreach efforts. These will include renting space at volunteer recruitment fairs including costs for renting tables, chairs etc.	\$81,000.00
MVRTD	Marketing Coordinator, Manager, Engagement Specialist, Community Driver Rack Cards, Micro Transit Rack Cards, O&D brochures, bus ambassador program brochure, flyers, Indeed and Meta advertising Community drivers, Community driver roundtables	\$159,039.00
Rural Community Transportation Community Drivers Veh	2 Toyota RAV4 PHEV SE for Community drivers, graphic wraps, Snow tires mounted and balanced	\$104,060.00
Rural Community Transportation Training Video	Creation of a professionally-made Community Driver Training Video	\$8,100.00
Tri Valley Transit	Dispatchers, Print materials, Radio & newspaper ads, furniture and IT, events, training, incentives	\$115,960.00
Southeast Vermont Transit	Visit Rotaries, Chamber of Commerce Offices, Eagles, VFW, make a pitch, distribute poster and flyer, put ads in all SEVT buses, church bulletin boards, movie theatre advertising, get Latchis signed up, work on getting volunteer stories into radio, tv, and print, rack cards, up to \$300 per volunteer for gas cards for those reaching xx miles, SEVT sites social media, staff 25 hours per week.	\$131,841.00
	Total	\$600,000.00