

Investing in Smart Growth + Sustainable Communities

Overview of Key Programs in the Obama Administration's FY 2011 Budget

BUDGET PROPOSES NEW INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

President Obama sent his blueprint for federal spending in FY 2011 to Congress. Despite an overall freeze in non-security domestic spending, the budget calls for significant and vital new investment in good planning, sustainable development, and livable communities. Across agencies, the budget proposes more than \$1.1 billion for sustainability initiatives. The budget also calls for \$6 billion in new infrastructure, high speed rail and affordable housing investment.

US Department of Transportation Smart Growth Highlights

\$527 million Livable Communities Program.

- \$307 million in transit funding to increase the planning and project development capabilities of local communities. Grants would support planning and implementation of livable and place-based investments in transportation.
- \$200 million in highway funding for a competitive livability grant program to integrate planning for transportation, land use, and natural resources. Grants could be used to plan, implement, and assess transportation projects according to livability goals.
- \$20 million to establish an Office of Livable Communities to coordinate multimodal and interagency livability efforts and lead DOT's investment decisions that focus on livable communities. \$12 million would be set aside for grants and technical assistance.

\$4 billion for National Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Fund. This new program combines features of a national infrastructure bank and the recent multimodal TIGER grant program. The fund would be a new structure within U.S. DOT providing both loans and grants for "projects of regional or national significance." Funding will also be available to support project planning.

\$1 billion for High Speed Rail. This continues recent funding for HSR in ARRA and the FY 2010 appropriations bill.

Environmental Protection Agency Smart Growth Highlights

\$32 million for Healthy Communities Initiative. Grant funding is available in four areas: \$10.9 million for technical assistance for sustainable communities; \$9.5 million for community water priorities; \$6.3 million for clean, green and healthy schools; and, \$6 million for air toxics.

Brownfields & Water Infrastructure. The brownfields program would see an increase of \$41.5 million to \$215 million for FY 2011 with expanded project eligibility. The main water infrastructure loan funds would be cut by \$200 million.

Other Agency & Department Highlights

USDA. The Administration is proposing a new \$400 million Healthy Food Financing Initiative, an increase in the urban forestry program to \$32 million, and increases in land conservation consistent with the Farm Bill targets of \$5 billion.

Energy. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program (formula and discretionary) was funded in ARRA. No additional funding is requested for FY 2011. DOE proposes boosting weatherization by 43% to \$300 million.

U.S. Department of Transportation – FY 2011 Budget Summary
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Program	FY 2009	ARRA	FY 2010	FY2011	+/- ('10 and '11)
Highways	\$39.7 billion	\$27.5 billion	\$43.1 billion	\$42.8 billion	+\$300 million
<i>Livable Communities</i>	-	-	-	\$200 million	NEW
Amtrak	\$1.49 billion	\$1.3 billion	\$1.6 billion	\$1.6 billion	0
High-Speed Rail	-	\$8 billion	\$2.5 billion	\$1 billion	-\$1.5 billion
Transit	\$10.2 billion	\$8.4 billion	\$10.7 billion	\$10.8 billion	+\$100 million
<i>Capital Investment Grants</i>	\$1.8 billion	\$750 million	\$1.99 billion	\$1.82 billion	-\$170 million
<i>Transit Formula Grants</i>	\$8.26 billion	\$6.9 billion	\$8.34 billion	\$8.63 billion	-\$290 million
<i>Livable Communities</i>	-	-	-	\$307 million	NEW
TIGER Grants	-	\$1.5 billion	\$600 million	\$0	0
Urbanized Area Programs	\$3.7 billion	-	\$5.3 billion	\$6 billion	+\$700 million
Non-urbanized Area Programs	-	-	-	\$695 million	0
Fixed Guideway Modernization	\$1.4 billion	\$750 million	\$1.7 billion	\$515 million	-\$1.18 billion
Research & Innovation Technology Admin	\$13 million	-	\$13.2 million	\$17 million	+\$3.8 million
NHTSA	\$127 million	-	\$143 million	\$136 million	-\$7 million
Federal Transit Safety Program	-	-	-	\$30 million	NEW
National Infrastructure Innovation and Finance Fund	-	-	-	\$4 billion	NEW
Office of Livable Communities	-	-	-	\$20 million	NEW