



Regional Mobility Grant Program

What is the program?

The Regional Mobility Grant program provides funds to local governments to improve inter-county transit services, park and ride lots, rush hour transit service and capital projects that improve transportation system connections and efficiency. The program is designed to improve the coordination of transit services and to increase the use of transit to reduce congestion on our most heavily traveled highways.

The program helps local governments by funding projects such as:

- Inter-county connections between transit agencies
- Park and ride lots
- Rush hour transit service on congested roadways
- Projects that reduce delay for people and goods

How does the program help reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)?

The program provides support for service and capital improvements to make transportation alternatives more viable and appealing. This program leverages local and federal funds.

What is happening now (current status/activities)?

This competitive grant program provides \$40 million per biennium in state dollars to support projects and service. We are starting our third grant cycle for the 2009-2011 biennium. We are tracking project delivery and are beginning to track performance of completed projects.

What can we be doing with existing resources to enhance the program's ability to reduce VMT?

- Track and report performance of completed projects and use the information to influence future decision-making; and
- Retain VMT reduction as one of the competitive selection criteria.

What could we (or should we) be doing with additional resources? (i.e. where are the opportunities for growth/enhancement)?

- Expand amount of money available for grants;
- Provide additional funds and staff to enhance performance measurement; and
- Provide additional funds and staff to support additional analysis during grant selection process.

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