

Mountain Line Legislative Priorities

Federal Priorities

Ensure Reauthorization of Transportation Funding:

The 5-year funding levels authorized in the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) have been instrumental in improving infrastructure and keeping our state of good repair with a variety of programs to fit our needs. This was a historic investment and maintaining existing federal funding levels and ensuring adequate flexibility for its use are the region's top priorities. (National Transit Associations)

Seek an increase in the Small Transit Intensive Cities Set Aside from 3% to 5%:

Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) funding is a mechanism to provide added funding to high performing small urban transit systems (communities under 200,000 people). Increasing the set-aside does not require more funding and ensures that authorized funding is distributed to high-performing transit systems that prioritize performance. (National Transit Associations)

Update Transit Regulations:

During reauthorization, policy and regulatory reform can ease the burden on transit agencies to make it more cost effective to maintain and expand service. (National Transit Associations)

- Allow transit agencies to keep value of sold end-of-life vehicles.
- Reduce the administrative burden by eliminating conflicting rules and reducing requirements.



State Priorities

State Funding for Transit: (ongoing)

Make the case for the State of Arizona to make available reoccurring funding that can be used as match by transit agencies across the state to drawdown and keep federal funding in Arizona.

Introduce transit support changes to regulations and rules: (modified, ongoing)

Advocate for the State of Arizona to support transit operations through laws like Yield to Bus, Bus Stops on Roadways, and Transit Signal Priority.



Local Priorities

Codify Transit into City Regional Plan and Development Process: (continued from prior year)

Advocate for transit and inclusion of transit planning methods and features in City development plans and codes, including bus pass credits, bus operating contributions, bus lanes, bus stop investments, pedestrian crossings and bike lanes, and signal priorities.



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