



TDOT
Department of
Transportation



Grant Programs

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Mission, Vision, Values



Mission

Provide a safe & reliable transportation system to support economic growth & quality of life.



Vision

Pursue Excellence
Modernize & Manage Infrastructure
Empower Workforce
Strengthen Customer Trust

Values



Empowering People through:

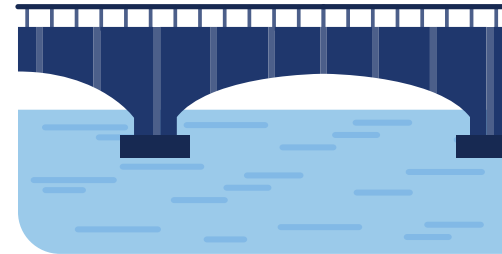
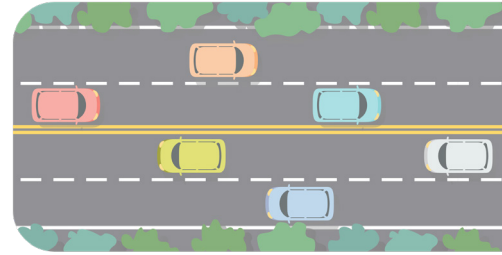
- Development
- Innovation
- Safety
- Collaboration

Influencing Culture through:

- Family
- Integrity
- Stewardship
- Consistency

TDOT Overview

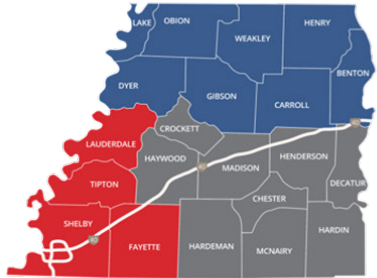
- **1.2K miles** of interstate highways, **14K miles** of state highways
- **8.4K** state owned bridges
- Inspect over **20K** bridges in TN
- Aviation, Transit, Rail, Waterways & Numerous Federal & State Grant Programs



- Federal: **\$1.5B**
- State: **\$1.3B**
- Total **\$2.8B**

TDOT Overview

Region 4



21 Counties

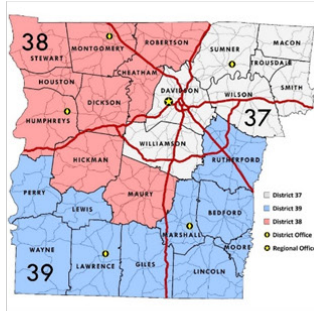
22% Population

+9,500 Lane Miles

+6,000 Bridges

+530 Employees

Region 3



26 Counties

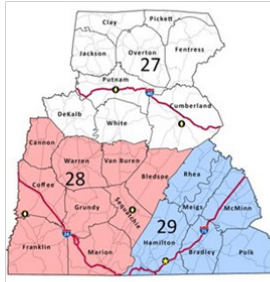
37% Population

+11,350 Lane Miles

+10,200 Bridges

+550 Employees

Region 2



24 Counties

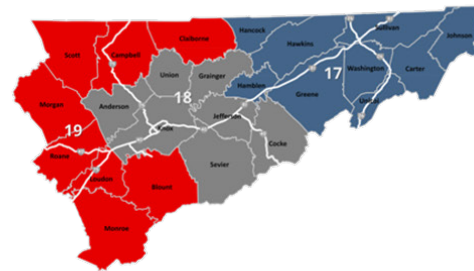
16% Population

+7,700 Lane Miles

+3,100 Bridges

+500 Employees

Region 1



24 Counties

26% Population

+9,100 Lane Miles

+4,400 Bridges

+575 Employees

- **3,100** Employees
- Headquarters (Nashville)
- 4 Regional Offices (Jackson, Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga)
- 12 Districts, Garages, County offices

TDOT Overview

In Tennessee, we have:

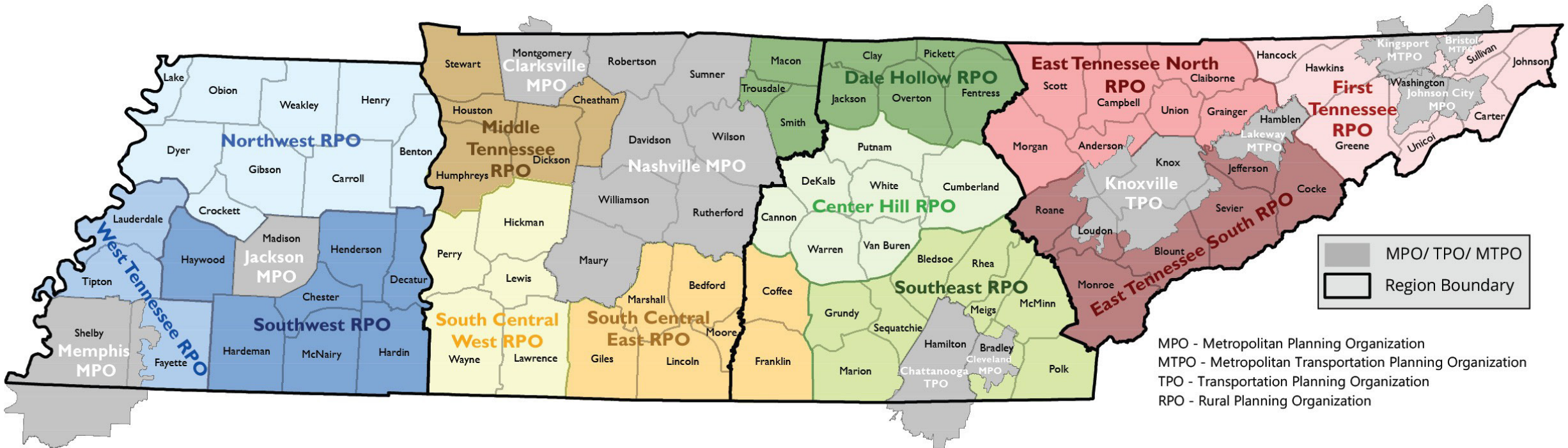
- 27 Transit Agencies
(11 Rural Systems & 16 Urban Systems | Transit Service in all 95 Counties)
- 77 Public-Use Airports
(6 Commercial & 71 General Aviation)
- 6 Class I Railroads, 21 Short Line Railroads, & 16 Short-Line Rail Authorities



TDOT Overview

TDOT works with:

- All 95 Counties
- Cities Large and Small
- Regional Organizations
- Authorities
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Universities



Funding Breakdown - 10-Year Plan



Appx. \$1.2B
Annual Work Program



Transportation
Modernization Act (TMA)



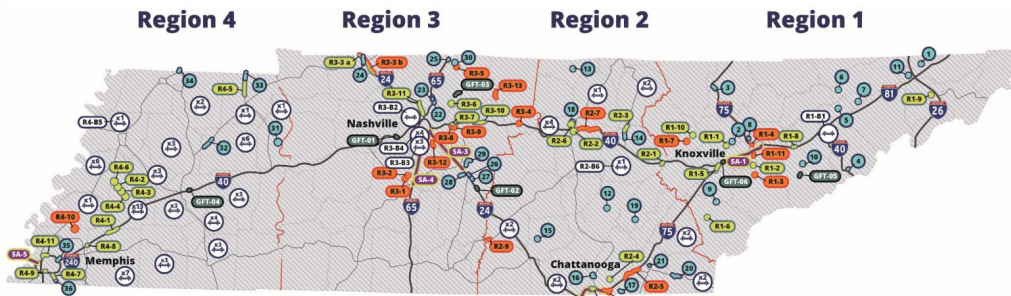
10-Year
Project Plan

\$15B

for the next decade

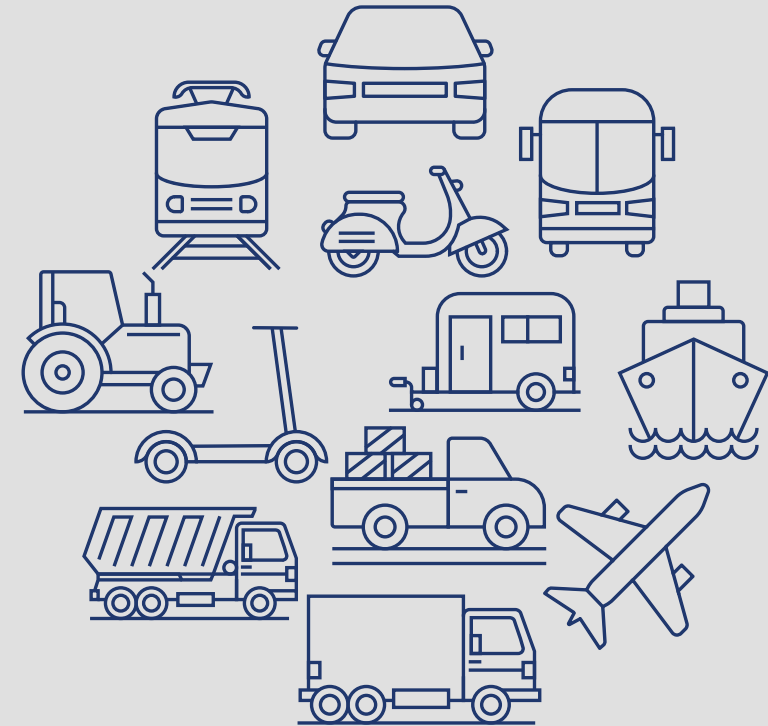


\$6B over the next decade in
multimodal transportation assets



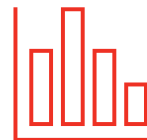
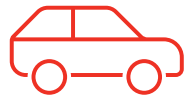
Approximately \$600M in Annual Multimodal Investments

- \$200M Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Program
- \$145M Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Program
- \$40M Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
- \$17M Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
- \$22M Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- \$18M Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG)
- \$7M Shortline & Highway/Railroad Grade Crossing Safety
- \$147M Other (Safety, NEVI, PROTECT, SIA, State Aid Funds)



TDOT Administers - Two Types of Grants

Non-Discretionary
(Formula Based)
Federal | State



Discretionary
(Competitive)
Federal | State



Highways & Bridges

Non-Discretionary
(Formula Based)

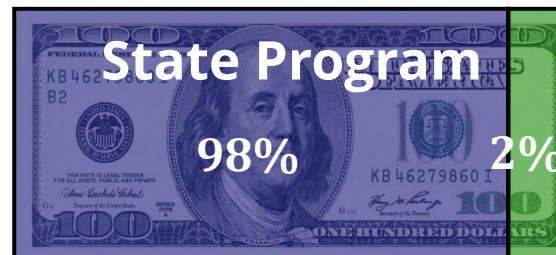


State Aid Program

- Provides funds to county governments for the improvement or rehabilitation of roads on the State Aid System

Types of Qualifying Work Includes

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Planning | Drainage |
| Engineering | Bridge Construction |
| ROW Acquisition | Pavement Upgrades |
| Grading | Pavement Rehabilitation |



Highways & Bridges

Non-Discretionary
(Formula Based)



State Bridge Grant Programs

- TDOT has several grant programs for local off-system bridges:
 - 1990 Bridge Grant Program
 - High Priority Bridge Replacement Program (HPBRP)

Available to cities and counties with the replacement and rehabilitation of deficient bridges under their jurisdiction

50% of funds distributed to all 95 TN counties; 50% based upon need (counties with the most bridges in poor condition)



Highways & Bridges

Discretionary
(Competitive)

Traffic Signal Modernization Program

- The TSMP is designed to help communities and their local traffic signal maintaining agencies modernize existing traffic signal equipment and operations.

Eligible Items Include

Controllers & Conflict Monitors
Controller Cabinet & Equipment
Signal Heads & Flashing Beacons
Supplemental Signal Heads
Pedestrian Signal Heads & Push Buttons

Advance & Stop Line Detection
Signal Timing Optimization
School Zone Flashing Beacons Plans



Highways & Bridges

Discretionary
(Competitive)

Interchange Lighting Program

- Provides funding to interstate interchanges and exit ramps on interstate or interstate-type facilities.
- All projects must be completed in compliance with TDOT standards
- Projects are funded through a 50% state and 50% local government match.
- A local governing agency must submit a written request to the TDOT Commissioner for approval.
- Requires a maintenance agreement.



Sidewalks, Bikeway, & Trails

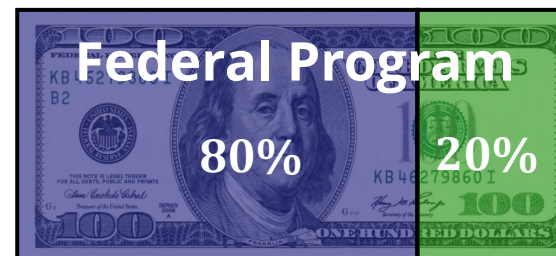
Discretionary
(Competitive)

TDOT administers two grant programs that provides funding to cities and counties for sidewalk, bikeway, and trail projects.

- **Multimodal Access Grant (MMAG)** – is a state funded program for sidewalk & bikeway projects along state highways.
- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – is a federal funding program for on-and off-road bicycle & pedestrian facilities.



- Distressed & At-Risk Counties 5% match*
- Max Award Amount: \$1.25M



Transit

Non-Discretionary

(Formula Based)

Discretionary

(Competitive)

TDOT administers federal & state transit funds with oversight and compliance duties. Major grants:

- **5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants** - for areas over 50K in Pop. Funds capital, operating, & transit related planning.
- **5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas** - for areas under 50K in Pop. Funds for rural systems available for both operating and capital.
- **5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities** - capital funding for rural and small urban areas (including non-profits).
- **5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Grants** - capital funding for buses, equipment, facilities, and low/no-emission upgrades (formula + competitive).

Federal Program		
Capital	80%	20%*
Operating	50%	50%*

TDOT offers ½ non-federal match*



Transit

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Discretionary

(Competitive)

TDOT's State transit grant funds include:

- **Urban Operating Program (UROP)** - Capital and operating support for public transit systems in Tennessee's urban areas.
- **Critical Trips Program (CRIT)** - Operating support for demand-response transit in urban areas not served by core urban system.
- **IMPROVE Transit Investment Grant** - Capital investments (facilities, vehicles, equipment) that enhance ridership and improve operational efficiency, reduce congestion, and support community resilience.

State Programs		
Capital	80%	20%
Over \$1M*	50%	50%

*UROP & CRIT - First \$1M (80%/20%)
Over \$1M (50%/50%)



Aviation

Non-Discretionary
(Formula Based)

Discretionary
(Competitive)

Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

- Provides funding to be used on federally eligible public-use airport projects. Has both formula based and competitive funding opportunities
- Eligible projects include improvements related to airport safety, capacity, security, and modernization.

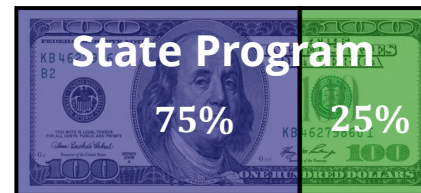


Aviation

Non-Discretionary (Formula Based)

Discretionary (Competitive)

- **Airport Maintenance Grants** - Provides annual funding to publicly owned, public-use airports in the state for routine airport maintenance for safe and efficient airport operations.
- **Maintenance Equipment Grants** - Provides funding to procure grounds maintenance equipment for public-use airports.
- **Aviation Education Grants** – Competitive funding opportunity for education institutions providing aviation education programs.



Short Line Rail

Non-Discretionary
(Formula Based)



TN Short Line Railroad Grant Program

Since 1987 TDOT has been providing state funding to Tennessee's 16 Railroad Authorities via the State's Transportation Equity Fund (TEF). Tennessee's short line railroads include 800+ miles of mainline track, 500+ bridges, and 960+ public at grade crossings.

- Formula funding is based on track and bridge needs and allows for track and bridge rehabilitation projects.



Highway Beautification

Non-Discretionary
(Formula Based)



County Litter Grant Program

- Statewide initiative overseen by TDOT since 1983
- Funded by beverage industry fees (~\$5.5M annually)
- Covers all 95 counties; funding based on population & road mileage
- Supports litter cleanup, education, enforcement, recycling & dumpsite removal



TENNESSEE
ADOPT--HIGHWAY

NOBODY TRASHES TENNESSEE
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

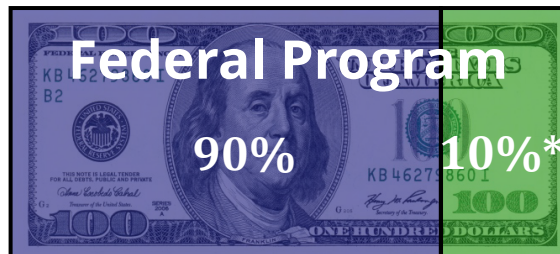
Transportation Planning Assistance

Discretionary
(Competitive)

Transportation Planning Grants

- Assist TN communities with multimodal transportation planning
- Integrates land use planning & transportation planning
- Aids in the creation of planning documents that support improvements in traffic flow, safety, and overall efficiency of the transportation system

- All TN Cities & Counties are Eligible
- Distressed & At-Risk Counties 0% local match*
- Max Award Amount: \$250,000



Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan



Corridor Study

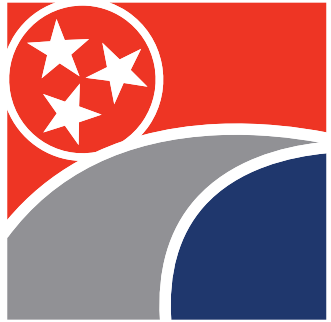


Complete Streets Plan



Community Mobility Plan





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Several Grant Successes

TDOT IMPROVE Capital Transit Grant Program

Opened 5 New Transit Facilities

- Northwest TN HRA Facility & Garage
- Pigeon Forge Transit Center
- Kingsport Transit Center & Garage
- North Nashville Transit Center
- Murfreesboro Transit Center

3 Underway

- Antioch Transit Center
- SW HRA Transit Facility
- Clarksville Transit Center



Federal Discretionary Grants

\$863M since 2020

\$194M Cities & Counties

\$130M Transit Agencies

\$33M Shortline Rail & Other Entities

\$506M TDOT

Safe Streets For All (SS4A)

- 58 Grants totaling \$81M
- 46 Safety Action Plans \$8M
- 12 Implementation Grants totaling \$73M

