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## Emergency Relief Funding and Emergency Docket



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# Agenda

- FTA Emergency Relief Program
- Other U.S. Department of Transportation funding programs
- FTA Emergency Docket
- U.S. Department of Transportation National Response Program

# FTA Emergency Relief Program

- Authorized by Congress in 2012 under MAP-21
- FTA may issue grants to reimburse capital and operating costs associated with response to and recovery from a declared emergency or major disaster
- Authorized, but requires additional appropriation (general or event specific)

# When funding has been appropriated:

- FTA can issue grants after:
  - Stafford Act declaration
    - Emergency
    - Major Disaster
  - “Emergency” declared by the governor of a state and concurrence by the Secretary of Transportation
- FTA Emergency Relief must be used before FEMA funds

# When FTA ER Funding is Awarded:

- FTA portion is 80% of project costs
  - FTA Administrator can waive the non-federal share
  - FTA Administrator can defer the local share
- Reimburses approved costs incurred
  - Grantees must keep detailed records of costs and alignment of costs specifically with the approved project
  - Pre-award authority

# FTA ER Funding Can be Used For:

- Capital Costs
  - Repair, replace, reconstruct seriously damaged public transportation system elements
    - Rolling stock
    - Equipment
    - Facilities
    - Infrastructure
  - Emergency protective measures
    - Emergency communications
    - Security forces
    - Sandbagging
    - Bracing/shoring damaged structures
    - Debris removal
    - Dewatering
    - Removal of health and safety hazards

- Operating Costs
  - Emergency transportation services
    - Evacuations
    - Rescue operations
    - Bus, rail, or ferry service to replace inoperable rail service
    - Additional service for influx of passengers
    - Returning evacuees to their homes
    - Net project costs to reestablish, expand, or relocate public transportation services

# When FTA ER Funds Are Not Appropriated:

- FEMA funds may be requested under a Stafford Act Declaration
  - Requested via the state
  - 75% federal Share, 25% non-federal share
- Use of formula funds under Section 5307 and Section 5311 may be requested
  - 80% federal share for capital
  - 50% federal share for operating



# FHWA ER Program

- May be available in cases of a road or bridge being damaged or destroyed by a disaster
- May be available for reimbursement of additional transit services
- Eligible costs may include cost of vehicles; rental fees for vehicles; maintenance and operation costs for vehicles; and docking and loading facilities
- Contact Regional FTA office before FHWA

# FTA Emergency Docket

- 49 CFR 601, subpart D
- Can provide temporary relief from the provisions of any policy statement, circular, guidance document or rule applying to FTA grantees or subgrantees
- Opened within two business days of an emergency or disaster declaration where FTA grantees/subgrantees impacted
- Can be opened in advance of event
- Petition process to open the docket

# By January 31<sup>st</sup>, each year

- Establishment of Emergency Relief Docket:
  - Accessed on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)
  - Notice placed in the Federal Register  
(<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/19/2017-01172/notice-of-establishment-of-emergency-relief-docket-for-calendar-year-2017>)
  - Posted on FTA website  
(<https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-guidance/notices/2017-01172>)

# Transit Safety Rulemaking and Guidance

Regulation	Rulemaking Timeline	Status
<b>Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan</b> <b>49 CFR Part 673</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Published: 2/5/2016</b> <b>Comment By: 4/5/2016</b>	<b>Final Rule in Development</b>
<b>Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program</b> <b>49 CFR Part 692</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Published: 12/3/2015</b> <b>Comment By: 2/1/2016</b>	<b>Final Rule in Development</b>
<b>Preventing Transit Worker Assault NPRM</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Expected: 2017</b>	<b>NRPM in Development</b>
<b>National Public Transportation Safety Plan</b>	<b>Proposed National Safety Plan</b> <b>Published: 2/5/2016</b> <b>Comment By: 4/5/2016</b>	<b>Final Guidance</b> <b>Published: 1/17/17</b>
<b>Public Transportation Safety Program</b> <b>49 CFR Part 670</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Published: 8/14/2015</b> <b>Comment By: 10/13/2015</b>	<b>Final Rule</b> <b>Published: 8/11/2016</b> <b>Effective: 9/12/2016</b>
<b>Bus Testing</b> <b>49 CFR Part 665</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Published: 6/23/2015</b> <b>Comment By: 8/24/2015</b>	<b>Final Rule</b> <b>Published: 8/1/2016</b> <b>Effective: 10/31/2016</b>
<b>Transit Asset Management</b> <b>49 CFR Part 625</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Published: 9/30/2015</b> <b>Comment By: 11/30/2015</b>	<b>Final Rule</b> <b>Published: 7/26/2016</b> <b>Effective: 10/1/2016</b>
<b>State Safety Oversight</b> <b>49 CFR Part 674</b>	<b>NPRM</b> <b>Published: 2/27/2015</b> <b>Comment By: 4/28/2015</b>	<b>Final Rule</b> <b>Published: 3/16/16</b> <b>Effective: 4/15/16</b>



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