

TBC Federal Agenda 2025

The Bus Coalition (TBC) is an advocacy association of over 900 members from all 50 states and Washington, DC working with the Administration and Bipartisan Members of Congress to ensure adequate funding for the nation's critical bus transit programs.

In communities large and small, bus transit has proven a vital lifeline and an engine of opportunity connecting millions of Americans. TBC stands with transit leaders nationwide in building robust, innovative mobility systems for vibrant communities and stronger economies.

The U.S. Bus Fleet, By the Numbers:



Of All Transit Trips Taken By Bus



Of Federal Transit Funds are Directed to Buses



Increase in Buses Operating Past Useful Life



Increase in Buses Operating Past 15 Years

TBC's 2025 Legislative Priorities address a range of simple policy changes aimed at improving the deployment and impact of these funds:

Part 1. Policy & Administrative Reforms:

Priority 1: Grants Application & Administration

1A: 5339 Application Process Reform

1B: Local Match Simplification

Priority 2: Fleet and Facilities Management

2A: NEPA Review Streamlining

2B: Spare Ratio Reform

2C: Build America / Buy America Reforms

2D: NTD Reporting Acceleration

Priority 3: Next-Generation Fuels & Technology

3A: Emissions Reduction & Fuel Diversity **3B:** Tech Capital Procurement Reforms

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Part 2. Federal Transit Funding Priorities:

<u>Priority 4: Federal Transit Revenues & Bus</u> <u>Grant Funding Levels</u>

4A: Maintain \$2 billion 5339 Funding Baseline

4B: Increase & Index the Federal Gas Tax, including an Effective EV Revenue Solution

4C: Maintain Transit in Highway Trust Fund

Priority 5: The Bus Manufacturing Crisis

5A: Supply Chain Innovation & Manufacturing Incentives

Additional background information and justifications on these reform proposals is included in our full 2025 Legislative Requests document available by request.