

Program Summary: Canada-Nova Scotia Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Public Transit Funds

Background

The Government of Canada has established a Federal Public Transit Capital Trust Fund and an Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Public Transit Funds, in the amount of \$37.5 million for Nova Scotia, in support of capital investments in public transit infrastructure both as a means to reduce traffic congestion and to reduce carbon dioxide and other emissions in order to contribute to Canada's response to climate change and environmental goals.

The total allocation to Eligible Recipients for 2006-07 is \$11,732,152 which is contained in an Agreement on the Transfer of Federal Public Transit Funds signed on Nov 24th, 2006.

Program Objective

To support healthy, vibrant, sustainable communities in Nova Scotia through investment in public transit infrastructure which contribute to Canada's environmental goals, based on Nova Scotia's needs and priorities.

Eligible Recipients

Urban Transit Services in Nova Scotia

Metro Transit- Halifax Regional Municipality
Kings Transit Authority
Cape Breton Transit-CBRM

Community Transit Organizations

Handicapped Organizations Representing Persons with Disabilities (HOPE)
Central Highlands Association of the Disabled (CHAD)
Clare Organization Representing Persons with Disabilities (CORD)
Colchester Transportation Cooperative Ltd (CTCL)
West Hants Dial-a-Ride
East Hants Dial-a-Ride
Kings Para Transit Society
Trans County Transportation Society (TCTS)

Eligible Project Categories

All funds must be used for capital purposes.

- i) **rapid transit infrastructure:** light rail, heavy rail additions, subways, transit station, park and rides facilities, grade separated bus lanes and rail lines;
- ii) **rolling stock:** buses (including hybrids, diesel, natural gas, and fuel cell buses), light and heavy rail cars, trolleys, ferries;

iii) **Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)**: fare collection, passenger information, maintenance, communications technologies, transit priority signaling, passenger and traffic information and transit operation systems, including technology that enhance safety and security of operations;

iv) **related capital infrastructure**: transit queue-jumpers and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, storage and maintenance facilities, terminals; and

v) **accessible transit**: rolling stock, fixed capital assets and systems.

Allocations to Eligible Recipients (Fiscal 2006-07)

Under the terms and conditions of the Federal Public Transit Capital Trust, Nova Scotia allocations are based on transit ridership for each existing service.

Service	Total Ridership (2004-05)	Total Allocation for 2006-07	% of total allocation
Metro Transit (HRM)	16,520,365	\$10,889,128	93%
Cape Breton Transit	356,427	\$349,336	2.9%
Kings Transit	312,184	\$321,179	2.7%
Community Transit Organizations	84,772	\$172,509	1.4%
Total	17,273,748	\$11,732,152	100%

Note: Eligible Project Costs incurred before May 18, 2005 are ineligible

The remaining \$25.8M of the Federal Public Transit Capital Trust Fund will be distributed over the next 3 years.

Release of Funding

The requirements for release of funds include:

i) in the case of funding for HRM, CBRM and Kings Transit, signing of the Transit Funding Agreement which includes a requirement to complete a Transit Strategy study, annual reporting on expenditures and outcomes and submission to Nova Scotia of a Public Transit Capital Budget;

ii) in the case of funding for Community Transit Organizations, the Eligible Recipient shall meet the requirements of the Nova Scotia's Accessible Transportation Assistance Program (ATAP), which is an application-based process and enter into a Community Transit Funding Agreement (CFTA) with Nova Scotia.

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