

FISCAL YEAR 2016

APPENDIX

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NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS (TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND)—Continued

funding for grant awards or credit assistance on a competitive basis for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area or a region.

The Administration proposes to move a number of current General Fund programs into the Transportation Trust Fund, as part of the surface transportation reauthorization. Amounts reflected in this schedule represent the new mandatory contract authority and outlays supporting these programs. PAYGO costs will be calculated as the change between these amounts and reclassified baseline amounts in the existing General Fund accounts.

PAYMENTS TO AIR CARRIERS
(AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND)

In addition to funds made available from any other source to carry out the essential air service program under 49 U.S.C. 41731 through 41742, **[\$155,000,000]** \$175,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That in determining between or among carriers competing to provide service to a community, the Secretary may consider the relative subsidy requirements of the carriers: *Provided further*, That basic essential air service minimum requirements shall not include the 15-passenger capacity requirement under subsection 41732(b)(3) of title 49, United States Code: *Provided further*, That none of the funds in this Act or any other Act shall be used to enter into a new contract with a community located less than 40 miles from the nearest small hub airport before the Secretary has negotiated with the community over a local cost share: *Provided further*, That amounts authorized to be distributed for the essential air service program under subsection 41742(b) of title 49, United States Code, shall be made available immediately from amounts otherwise provided to the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration: *Provided further*, That the Administrator may reimburse such amounts from fees credited to the account established under section 45303 of title 49, United States Code. (*Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

Program and Financing (in millions of dollars)

Identification code 069-8304-0-7-402	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Obligations by program activity:			
0001 Payments to air carriers	158	166	175
0900 Total new obligations (object class 41.0)	158	166	175
Budgetary resources:			
Unobligated balance:			
1000 Unobligated balance brought forward, Oct 1	13	12	1
1021 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations	8		
1050 Unobligated balance (total)	21	12	1
Budget authority:			
Appropriations, discretionary:			
1101 Appropriation (special or trust fund)	149	155	175
1160 Appropriation, discretionary (total)	149	155	175
1900 Budget authority (total)	149	155	175
1930 Total budgetary resources available	170	167	176
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
1941 Unexpired unobligated balance, end of year	12	1	1
Change in obligated balance:			
Unpaid obligations:			
3000 Unpaid obligations, brought forward, Oct 1	24	33	61
3010 Obligations incurred, unexpired accounts	158	166	175
3020 Outlays (gross)	-141	-138	-167
3040 Recoveries of prior year unpaid obligations, unexpired	-8		
3050 Unpaid obligations, end of year	33	61	69
Memorandum (non-add) entries:			
3100 Obligated balance, start of year	24	33	61
3200 Obligated balance, end of year	33	61	69
Budget authority and outlays, net:			
Discretionary:			
4000 Budget authority, gross	149	155	175
Outlays, gross:			
4010 Outlays from new discretionary authority	123	93	105
4011 Outlays from discretionary balances	18	45	62

4020 Outlays, gross (total)	141	138	167
4180 Budget authority, net (total)	149	155	175
4190 Outlays, net (total)	141	138	167

Through 1997, the Essential Air Service program was funded from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Starting in 1998, the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization funded it as a mandatory program supported by overflight fees under the Essential Air Service and Rural Airport Improvement Fund. In addition to mandatory funding supported by overflight fees, direct appropriations from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to Payments to Air Carriers have been enacted every year beginning in 2002 to meet the needs of the essential air service program. For FY 2016, \$175 million is requested from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for Payments to Air Carriers.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. None of the funds made available in this Act to the Department of Transportation [may be obligated for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to approve assessments or reimbursable agreements pertaining to funds appropriated to the modal administrations in this Act, except for activities underway on the date of enactment of this Act, unless such assessments or agreements have completed the normal reprogramming process for Congressional notification] shall be transferred to the Working Capital Fund without majority approval of the Working Capital Fund Steering Committee and approval of the Secretary.

SEC. 102. The Secretary or his designee may engage in activities with States and State legislators to consider proposals related to the reduction of motorcycle fatalities.

SEC. 103. Notwithstanding section 3324 of title 31, United States Code, in addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department's Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to provide payments in advance to vendors that are necessary to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe benefit program under Executive Order 13150 and section 3049 of Public Law 109-59: *Provided*, That the Department shall include adequate safeguards in the contract with the vendors to ensure timely and high-quality performance under the contract.

SEC. 104. The Secretary shall post on the Web site of the Department of Transportation a schedule of all meetings of the Credit Council, including the agenda for each meeting, and require the Credit Council to record the decisions and actions of each meeting.

SEC. 105. In addition to authority provided by section 327 of title 49, United States Code, the Department's Working Capital Fund is hereby authorized to provide partial or full payments in advance and accept subsequent reimbursements from all Federal agencies for transit benefit distribution services that are necessary to carry out the Federal transit pass transportation fringe benefit program under Executive Order 13150 and section 3049 of Public Law 109-59: *Provided*, That the Department shall maintain a reasonable operating reserve in the Working Capital Fund, to be expended in advance to provide uninterrupted transit benefits to Government employees, provided that such reserve will not exceed one month of benefits payable: *Provided further*, that such reserve may be used only for the purpose of providing for the continuation of transit benefits, provided that the Working Capital Fund will be fully reimbursed by each customer agency for the actual cost of the transit benefit. (*Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2015.*)

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

The following table depicts the total funding for all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) programs, for which more detail is furnished in the budget schedules:

	[In millions of dollars]		
	2014 actual	2015 est.	2016 est.
Budget Authority:			
Operations	9,651	9,741	9,915
General Fund	(3,156)	(1,146)	(1,368)
Facilities and Equipment (Trust Fund)	2,600	2,600	2,855
Research, Engineering and Development (Trust Fund)	133	157	166
Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Trust Fund)	3,480	3,350	2,900
Aviation User Fees	2	0	0
Total net	15,866	15,847	15,836
Obligations:			
Operations	9,816	9,961	10,135