

FY 1992 - FY 2010

Highlights from

Transportation Enhancements Spending Report:
Analysis of the States' Use of Federal Funding

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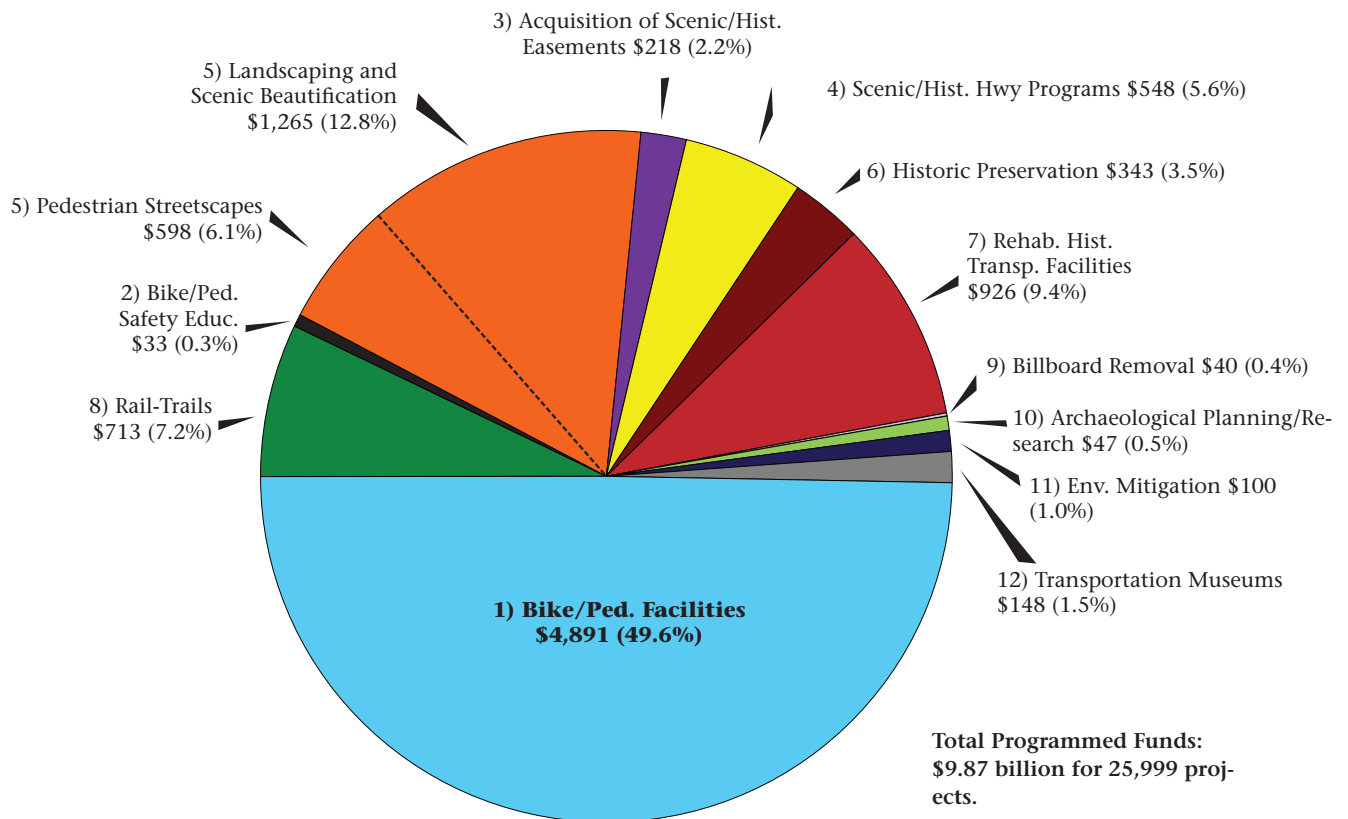
Background and Introduction

The 2010 Transportation Enhancements Spending Report: Analysis of the States' Use of Federal Funding is the latest in a series of reports prepared by the National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse (NTEC). TE projects expand travel choices and improve America's travel experience. Congress has defined this mission and given the program a specialized structure to achieve the aims of livability. TE funding helps build an American transportation system that supports diverse travel choices and is seamlessly integrated with our natural, economic, and social ecosystems.

NTEC is operated by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy under a cooperative agreement with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). NTEC provides transparency to a complex program, promotes best practices, and provides to citizens and policy-makers an opportunity to learn how states have used this dedicated funding. The Fiscal Year 2010 Spending Report explains how states spent nearly \$12.5 billion in Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds from fiscal year (FY) 1992 through the end of FY 2010.

The data in this report were obtained from the FHWA Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS) and through direct interaction with staff and data systems at every one of the state transportation agencies. To access the full-report, visit www.enhancements.org.

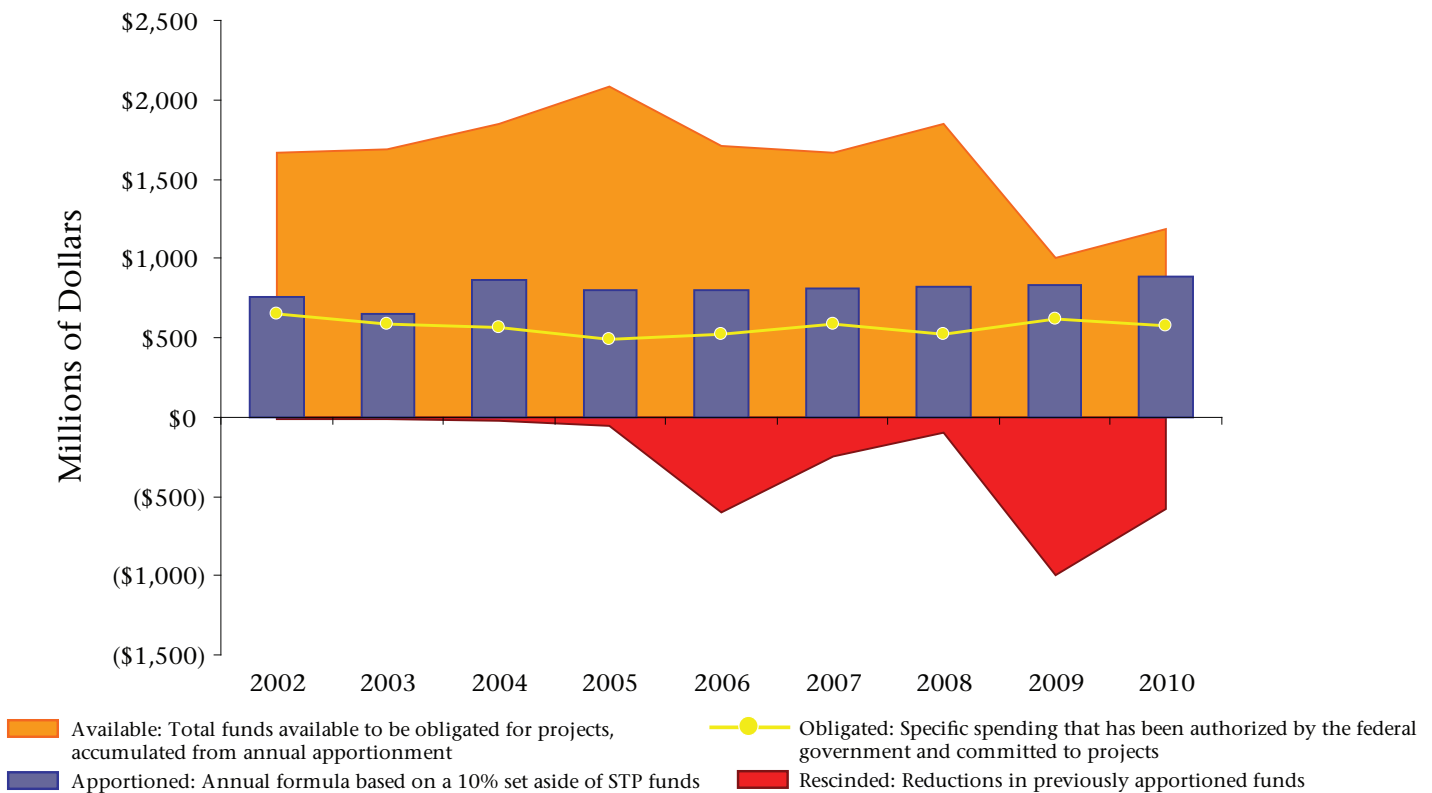
Distribution of Programming by Eligibility



Project Count for Each Category:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
13,298	189	370	1,034	5,649	1,104	2,004	1,369	66	204	416	296	25,999

Nationwide TE Balances



Major Findings

Since the TE program was established in FY 1992, Congress has provided \$12.5 billion of funding for nearly 26,000 projects across the United States. The [FY 2010 Spending Report](#) presents these major findings:

- States have cumulatively obligated 70% of original apportionments. Individual state rates range from a low of 56% to a high of 96% (page 11).
- There was radical variation in states' treatment of TE funds in response to an August 13, 2010 rescission of Federal-aid highway funds. Some states rescinded no TE funds, while others rescinded mostly TE funds (page 18).
- The [12 TE-eligible activities](#) were funded at similar percentages as in past years. Projects and programs intended to improve conditions for walking and cycling received 57% of programmed funding, followed by landscaping and scenic beautification projects at 19% and historic preservation and rehabilitation projects at 13% (page 20).
- Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act continued with an additional \$316 million in obligations (page 15).
- The nationwide unobligated balance rose slightly in FY10, but the number of states with large balances relative to their apportionments declined. Just 6 states receiving only 17% of national apportionments carry half of the remaining national unobligated balance (page 13).

About the National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse

The National Transportation Enhancements Clearinghouse (NTEC) is funded in equal parts by Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and the Federal Highway Administration and exists to increase knowledge of the Transportation Enhancements program. It works to provide professionals, policy makers, and citizens with timely and accurate information necessary to make well-informed decisions.

NTEC provides these services related to Transportation Enhancements:

- technical assistance, free to the public;
- searchable databases of project information;
- tracking and analysis of federal funding;
- training for and communication between professionals, decision-makers, and citizens; and
- state-level contacts and information sheets for all 50 states plus the District of Columbia.

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