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# A Look at Rural Transportation Programs

## Funding and Leveraging Mechanisms

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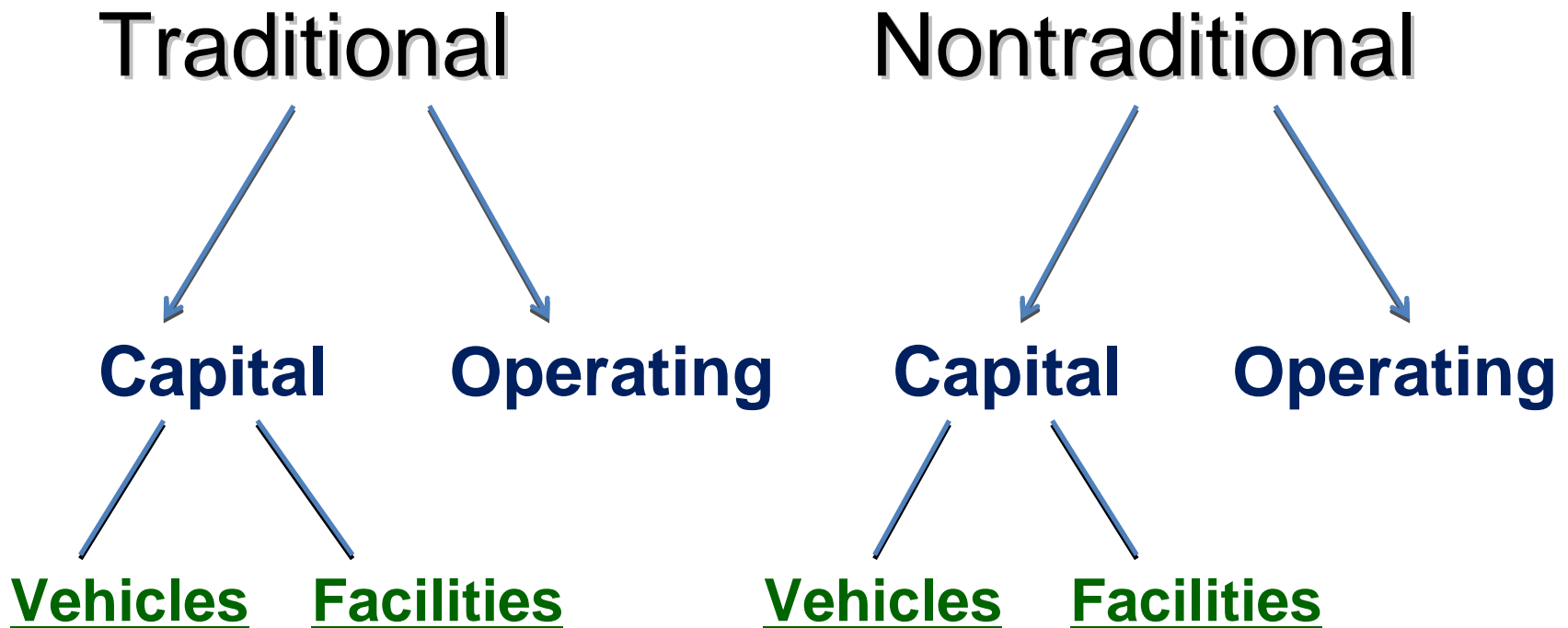
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# Availability of Local, State and Federal Dollars

- **Local:** Metropolitan or Rural Planning Organization; Chamber of Commerce
- **State:** UWR Federal Partners - A Guide for the State
- **Federal:** Transit Sources and HHS Sources

# Types of Funding



# Conventional Federal Funding Federal Transit Administration Programs

- **Sec. 5309** Capital
- **Sec. 5310** Elderly & disabled capital
- **Sec. 5311** Rural capital & operating
- **Sec. 5311(c)** Tribal transit planning, capital, operating
- **Sec. 5316** Job Access/Reverse Commute
- **Sec. 5317** New Freedom

# FTA Section 5309

- Capital program.
- Recipients must be public bodies.
- 80%+ Federal share (90% for Clean Air or ADA equipment).

# FTA Section 5310

- Capital assistance for elderly persons and persons with disabilities. (Purchase of service option)
- State administered.
- 80%+ Federal share.
- Coordination requirement.

# FTA Section 5311

- Rural (<50,000 population) general public.
- Operating/administrative/capital program.
- State administers allocation.
- 80% Federal share for capital.
- 50% Federal share of operating deficit.



# FTA Section 5316

## FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute

- For employment related services to welfare recipients/low income individuals.
- Capital and operating funding.
- 50/50 match.
- Coordination requirement.

# FTA Section 5317

## FTA New Freedom Program

- Capital and operating assistance.
- For transit services beyond those required by ADA.
- Coordination requirement.
- Federal share: 80%+ capital/50% operating.

**Federal funding levels for  
transportation have increased...**

**But communities have difficulty  
securing local match**

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# Contract Match

- Contract revenue can serve as match.
- State DOT option.
- Coordination opportunity.
- Existing agency transportation services can leverage Federal funds.
- Section 5311

# In Kind/Donations as Match

- Private donations can serve as local match.
- Funds, real property, materials and services are eligible.
- Recipient must document value of in-kind contributions.

# Coordination Opportunities

- Coordination partners may generate revenue from provision of functions and services.
- FTA can participate in non-public transit portion of project *if* it generates revenue to support public transit
- Could apply to any FTA capital program

# Basic Definition

For our purposes,

Coordination means:

the sharing of transportation resources, responsibilities, and activities of various agencies with each other for the overall benefit of the community.

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# CCAM Recommendations

## 1. Coordinated Transportation Planning

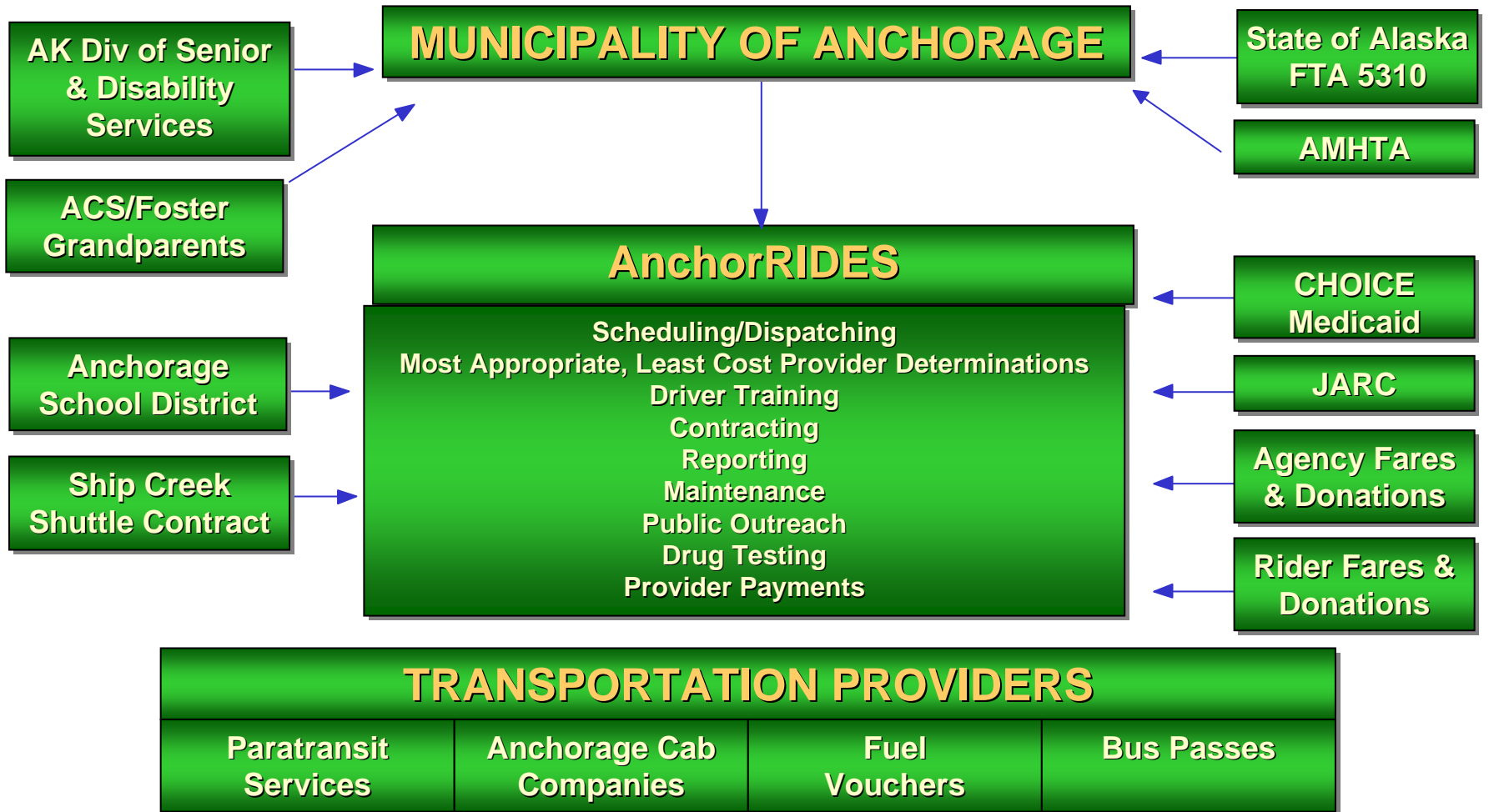
- In order to effectively promote the development and delivery of coordinated transportation services,
- the CCAM recommends that the Administration seek mechanisms (statutory, regulatory, or administrative)
- to require participation in a community transportation planning process for human service transportation programs.

## 2. Vehicle Sharing

- In order to reduce duplicative transportation services, as well as idle time for drivers and vehicles,
- the CCAM recommends that vehicles used in human service transportation be made available to other federally-funded programs, consistent with the Common Grant Rule.
- Within the next year, each Federal Department should review and modify its policies and procedures to proactively promote the sharing of vehicles with recipients and sub-recipients of other Federal programs.



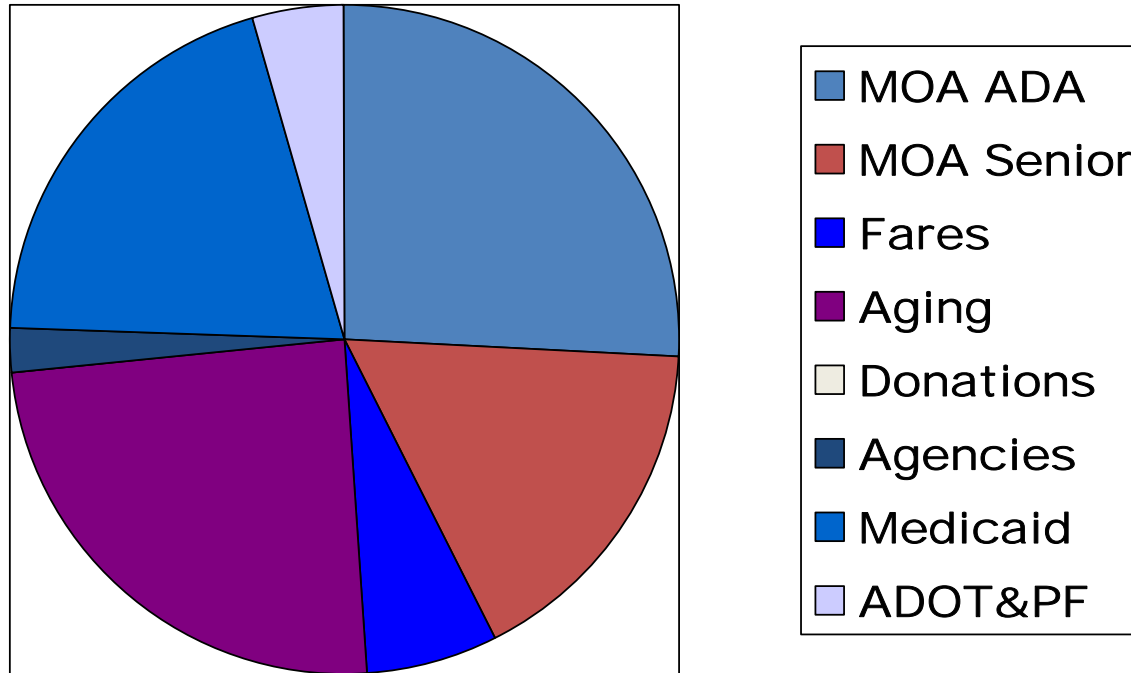
# Human Services Transportation Funding



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# AnchorRIDES



Total 2006 Funding \$1,053,296



# Mobility Management

- **A strategic approach** to managing transportation resources that emphasizes
  - moving people instead of moving vehicles
  - the discrete travel needs of individual consumers
  - emphasis on the entire trip
  - making visible improvements to the effectiveness, efficiency, and quality of the travel services being delivered
  - improving the information available about those services.
- **A process** of managing a coordinated community-wide transportation service network comprised of the operations and infrastructures of multiple trip providers in partnership with each other

# Stimulus Funding

- **\$400 million** for the purchase of alternatively fueled buses
- **\$2.1 billion** for Head Start
- \$1.5 billion for community health centers
- **\$8.6 billion** for Medicaid Expansion to include recently unemployed persons
- **\$2.5 billion** in Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
- **\$4 billion** for WIA related job training
- **\$500 million** for vocational rehabilitation
- **\$2 billion** in rural business loan guarantees
- **\$200 million** in rural community facilities projects
- **\$100 million** for faith-and community-based organizations' "critical safety net services"

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