

**Welcome
to the
Federal Transit Administration
Region V**

States in Region V

Illinois

Minnesota

Indiana

Ohio

Michigan

Wisconsin

Region V Table of Organization

Regional Administrator
Marisol Simon

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Angelica Salgado, Transportation Program Specialist
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David Werner, Community Planner
Bill Wheeler, Community Planner

Office of Program Management and Oversight

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Cyrell McLemore, General Engineer
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What We Do

- Process Applications for Federal Funding for Capital, Operations, and Planning Assistance Grants
- Review and Approve:
 - Unified Planning Work Programs
 - Metro and State Transportation Improvement Programs
 - Environmental Documents (CEs, EAs, EISs)
 - Long-Range Transportation Plans
- Conduct Planning Certification and Triennial Reviews
- Participate with FTA Headquarters in Evaluating and Implementing New Starts, Small Starts, and Very Small Starts Projects
- Provide Project Management Oversight

Region V and Illinois Grantees

■ Number of Grantees in Region V:

Transit Operators	118
Metropolitan Planning Organizations	64 (76)
Others	<u>33</u>
	215

■ Number of Grantees in Illinois :

Transit Operators	18
Metropolitan Planning Organizations	11 (14)
Others	<u>19</u>
	48

Recent Grant Awards

Funding Year

Region V

Illinois

Federal Fiscal Year 2007:

Number

418

46

Amount

\$1,198,029,502

\$231,603,309

Federal Fiscal Year 2008:

Number

432

61

Amount

\$1,316,783,012

\$201,415,326

FY 2009 Planning Emphasis Areas for Region V

- Ensure that Projects are Identified in Approved Planning Documents
- Conduct a Regional Seminar to Address NEPA Regulations and the Environmental Review Process
- Provide Grant Preparation Training through TEAM
- Develop Stronger Partnerships with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Transit Agencies

Major National Issues Facing Transit Today

- Record Ridership Increases and the Effects on Transit Systems
- Escalating Fuel Prices
- Declining Highway Trust Fund Revenue
- Reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU
- A New Federal Administration in 2009
- The General Economic Condition of Our Country