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**FTA awards \$8.6 million in grants through the Tribal Transit Program**  
By Mass Transit Staff Report

The FY22 competitive grants will aid more than two dozen American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native communities improve transit services.

**LA: Louisiana signs onto Equity in Infrastructure Project**

**CA: California Clearing the Way for Easy Contactless Transit Fares**

**CA: Los Angeles Surpasses S.F. in Public Transit Ridership**



**NY: CDTA celebrates 20th anniversary of the Rensselaer Rail Station**

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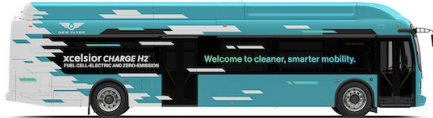
**MA: MBTA plans recruitment fair amid subway dispatcher, bus driver shortages**



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#### **Transit buses will power a first-of-its-kind vehicle-to-building resilience hub in California**

The Mobility House, CTE, AC Transit, New Flyer, Schneider Electric will work on the V2B Oakland pilot, which will deploy electric transit buses as mobile emergency backup power for community centers.

#### **GoTriangle's new CDL training program offers mid-career working parents a opportunity to change paths**

#### **APTA recognizes Metrolink with top sustainability award**

#### **EZfare system now in use across 16 transit agencies**



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#### **WMATA begins 'bold inaugural effort' to gather public input on Better Bus network redesign**

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Alicia B. Gomes, Division Chief for Light Rail Operations, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)



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Sincerely,  
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FDR Scool, Jefferson Elementary School District,  
[1200 Skyline Blvd.](#)  
[Daly City, 94015](#)  
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**IL: City set to redevelop 5 miles of Western Avenue into green, pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods**

**NC: City delays transit expansion**

**MI: Chesterfield Township Board approves community transit contract**

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**Tunnel boring begins on Vancouver's Broadway Subway Project**  
By Mischa Wanek-Libman

One TBM will begin excavation followed the by the second this winter and are expected to take about a year to complete tunnel boring for the five-kilometer subway extension project.

**Tap to pay option for Toronto area commuters now includes American Express**

**Hele-On sees big ridership gains in FY22**

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**Vicinity to supply four electric buses to Honolulu's Daniel K. Inouye International Airport**

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Rebecca Tahchawwickah, Transit Asset Management, Comanche Nation Transit



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### How to build an on-demand transit service

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#### [In this guide, we cover:](#)

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Dear Board Members,

I recently learned about the plan to improve reliability on the ECR route. I think this is a great idea. I live in Redwood City and ECR is the bus I use most often. I am a big fan of all of the proposed solutions in the study, from queue jumps to bus bulbs. I would also be in favor of dedicated bus lanes along certain parts of the route. I know that in Redwood City, El Camino is 3 lanes across in both directions at some points. Making one of these lanes a bus only lane would have a huge positive impact for bus riders. And, if more people took the bus, there may even be fewer cars on the road, resulting in a small impact on traffic overall.

I hope that you will vote to implement these changes. Myself and other bus riders thank you!

Thanks,  
Dylan Finch  
Redwood City Resident and Bud Rider  
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### APTA report looks at root causes and possible solutions for transit workforce shortage

New research provides best practices for recruiting, hiring and retaining transit operations workers.


**NJ:** NJ Transit's first electric bus starts real world testing with riders on board this month

**CA:** OCTA maintenance workers vote to authorize strike as soon as next week

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**VIA Metropolitan dedicates new operations and maintenance facility**

VIAtrans Operations Center and Maintenance Facility is the first maintenance and operations center for public transit to open in San Antonio in more than 75 years.

**NJ Transit deploys AquaTrack machines to clear leaf debris**

**CAT names Dr. Emmanuel Twumasi to be COO**

**The Routing Company launches integrated on-demand, transit trip planning feature**

AVTA's EV bus fleet doubled its range with WAVE wireless charging!

[CLICK HERE](#) to read AVTA's case study.

**WAVE**  
by MagnumForce

**The COMET announces death of Interim CEO and Executive Director Derrick Huggins**

**APTA TRANSform 2022: Book launch for 'Conversations on Equity and Inclusion in Public Transportation'**

**ENC to equip next generation of zero-emission buses with BAE Systems' Gen 3 product line**

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