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Embark launches new rapid transit service

"We're looking to attract new riders who have maybe never tried transit before, that are looking to maybe park their car, hop on the rapid, and head out to go do some shopping, or maybe meet somebody at a coffee shop like where we're at right now," said Suzanne Wickenkamp, Assistant Director of Administration for Embark. [Read More](#)

METRO and Houston Mayor Celebrate Transit Innovation

METRO and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner unveiled the Authority's all-new autonomous shuttle and provided an update on the agency's move toward zero-emissions vehicles. The event marks a significant step towards transforming the region into a leader in innovative and eco-friendly transportation. [Read More](#)

New Braunfels (Texas) approves public transit system plan to help facilitate explosive growth

New Braunfels City Council recently took the first steps toward the adoption of a new public transit system that will deliver citywide coverage in key corridors and destinations around the city. The city is among the fastest-growing areas in the country as it benefits from fast-paced growth in Austin and San Antonio. [Read More](#)



Legislative Update

[Oklahoma's PICK, New Mexico's Navajo Nation Among 18 Recipients of USDOT Rural Surface Transportation Grants](#)

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced that the Biden-Harris Administration has awarded \$645.3 million from the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (Rural) to help communities around the United States complete transportation projects that will increase mobility, improve safety, and generate regional economic growth in rural areas.

Biden Administration Announces More Than \$300 Million Available to Make Transit Stations Accessible for All

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced the availability of \$343 million in Fiscal Year 2024 federal funding to make it easier for people with disabilities and mobility needs to access some of the nation's oldest and busiest rail transit systems through essential upgrades, such as elevators. Hundreds of transit stations built before 1990, known as legacy stations, are not accessible to people with disabilities. Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV "APPLY" function by January 30, 2024.

These federal grants could help shore up your cyberdefences

There are dozens of federal grants that states and localities might not know about that can help them improve their cybersecurity, according to a Government Accountability Office [report](#) released last week. The agency found that there are 27 federal grants that were not "intended to primarily support cybersecurity activities," but can be used by cities and states to improve the security of computer systems.



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