

Federal Closure Update – Executive Summary

Date: October 3, 2025



Government Shutdown – Transit Impacts

Status: Federal government shutdown began October 1, 2025, due to lack of agreement on a Continuing Resolution.

FTA Operations:

- All 517 staff remain active (funded via Highway Trust Fund & IJJA).
- Reimbursements for approved projects continue.
- New grant approvals are paused.
- Projects requiring interagency coordination may face delays.

FRA Operations:

- 23% of staff furloughed.
- Remaining staff focused on safety oversight.

Strategic Implications for Oklahoma Transit:

- Short-Term: Funding stability for existing projects.
- Risks: Delays in new grants and multi-agency projects.
- Action: OkTA will maintain direct communication with FTA regional offices to monitor developments.

Source: Oklahoma Governor’s Office via *The Oklahoman* – “After talking to our agency leads, we are confident that there will be few, if any, immediate impacts due to this shutdown.” *Abigail Cave, spokesperson for Gov. Kevin Stitt*

State Legislative & Policy Update

Oklahoma Transit Task Force

- **Established by:** HB 2034 (2025 Session)
- **Mandate:** Identify sustainable funding, expand pilots, explore tech integration.
- **Status:** First report due Oct. 1; not yet released.
- **Action:** OkTA monitoring closely; Board will be briefed upon release.

Oklahoma Legislative Interim Studies

- **Topics Monitored:** Rural mobility, workforce development, infrastructure.
- **Relevance:** Potential indirect impacts on transit policy and funding.
- **Action:** OkTA tracking for 2026 legislative session opportunities.

Legislative Watch – Key Items (as of Oct. 3, 2025)

Item	Status	Implications
Federal – Government Shutdown	Active since Oct. 1	Reimbursements continue; new grants delayed
Federal – FY 2026 THUD Appropriations	House: Cuts; Senate: Increases	Final funding levels uncertain
State – Transit Task Force Report	Overdue	Will influence state funding/policy
State – ODOT Long Range Plan	Draft open for comment	Advocacy alignment pending finalization
State – Interim Studies	Ongoing	May inform 2026 legislative proposals

