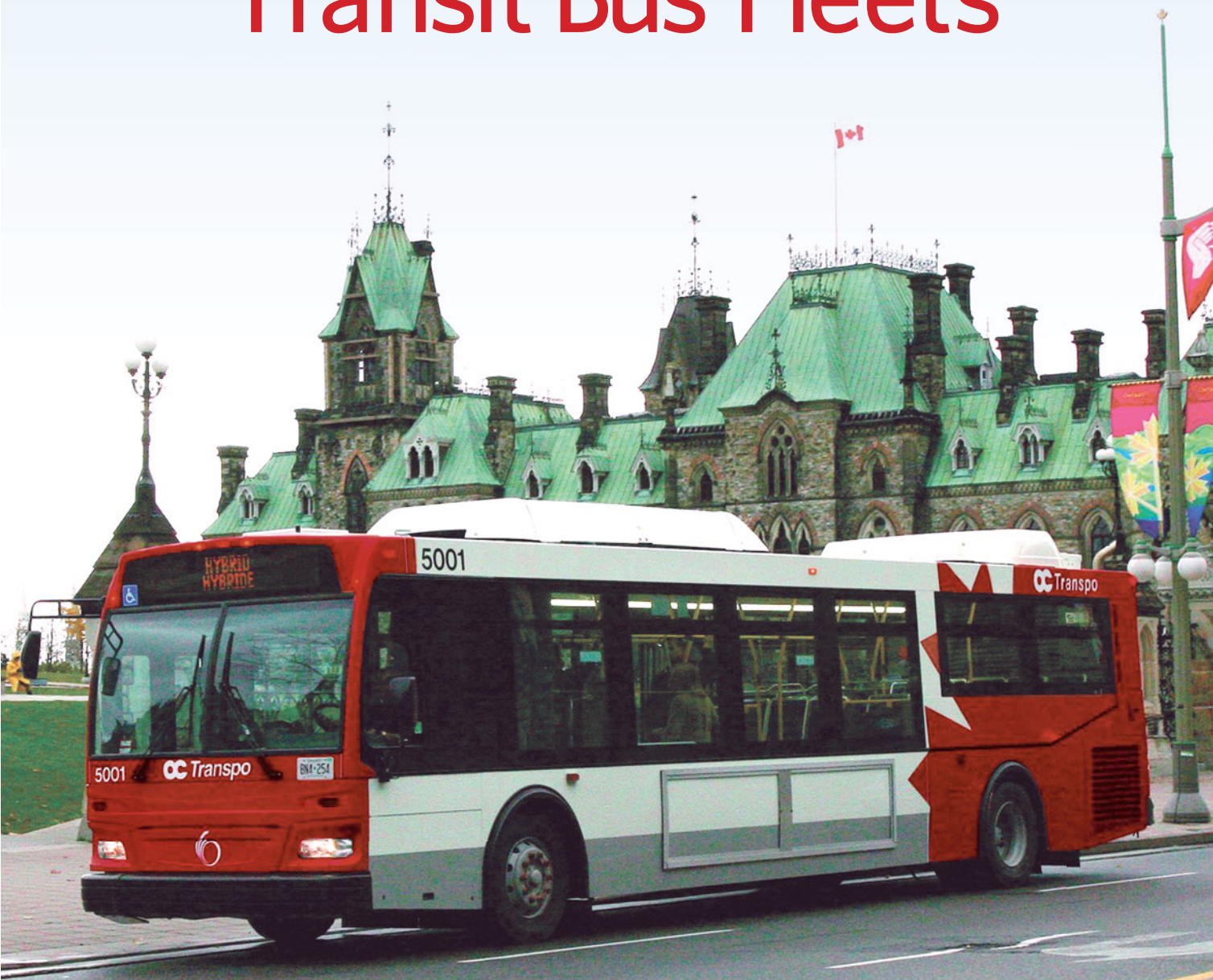


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Despite Stimulus, Funding Issues Remain for *Top 100*

Sixty-five percent of this year's respondents report difficulty providing services due to steady ridership demands and decreased funding. New York City Transit holds down number one slot.

BY ALEX ROMAN, Managing Editor

PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S AMERICAN RECOVERY AND Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) is impacting transit agencies around the nation, with 70 percent of this year's respondents to *METRO's* Top 100 Transit Bus Fleets survey saying they have received ARRA funds.

Even with that bit of good news, there was only a slight growth of 867 vehicles for a total of 64,698 reported by 101 — there was a tie at 100 — transit agencies from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico. **New York City Transit** still holds the top spot with 4,611 buses; a slight increase from 2008. The **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority** (Metro) (2,702) takes the number two slot, while the remaining positions in the top five are filled with the usual suspects — **Pace Suburban Bus** (2,647), **New Jersey Transit** (2,347) and the **Chicago Transit Authority** (2,221). Collectively, the top five increased their fleet sizes by 234 vehicles compared to the previous year.

Eugene, Ore.-based **Lane Transit District** and Indianapolis' **IndyGo** tie to round out this year's Top 100 with 156 buses each, while Toronto's **Go Transit** holds the No. 50 slot with 401 buses, increasing its fleet in 2009 by 38 vehicles.

SHIFTS, FUNDING ISSUES

One significant drop in the Top 100 is **Metro St. Louis'** fall from No. 46 in 2008 to No. 83 in 2009. With a difference of 198 vehicles, Metro officials report that it has been facing severe financial issues for the last five years. Following a failed tax referendum in November 2009, the agency had to cut service overall by 45 percent. The agency obtained some emergency funds from the state and moved some federal funding around to return 40 percent of the amount cut by August, but its current funding will run out in April 2010.

Metro St. Louis' issues are a microcosmic look into the larger issues facing U.S. public transit agencies — conversely, many Canadian agencies are reporting record growths in ridership and public support. Sixty-five percent of those agencies that responded said that they are having problems balancing rising demand for service with funding issues. Be-

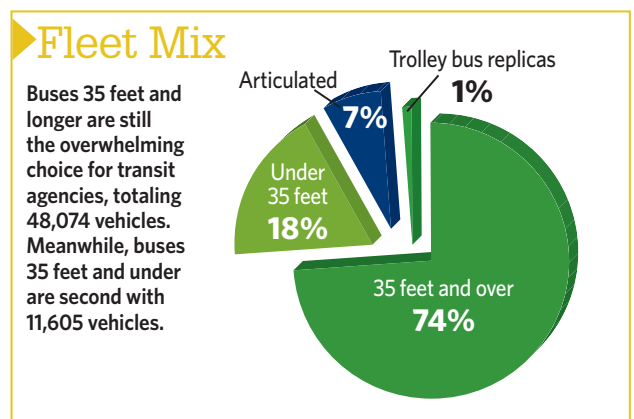
cause of state budgeting issues where state transit funding has been eliminated, the problems for California-based transit agencies are only exacerbated.

Around the nation, many agencies have begun exploring various options to help to circumvent those funding issues, such as public-private partnerships, focusing on creating operational efficiencies and trying to pass tax referendums that create a new steady source of dedicated funding. Agencies are also implementing wage and hiring freezes and extending bus replacement intervals. Unfortunately, many are also having to raise fares and cut services to help deal with the funding gap.

FLEET NUMBERS

A closer look at the numbers reveals 48,074 buses are 35 feet or longer; 45 percent, or 28,840, of the total vehicles are low-floor applications; and 11 percent are demand response. Sixty-six percent of the 7,387 demand-response vehicles reported are contracted, while only 10 percent of the 41,582 vehicles that run fixed-route service are contracted, according to survey respondents.

With all the budget and staff cuts going on around the nation, *METRO* would especially like to thank all of the transit agencies for participating this year. If you know a fleet that belongs on this list or have suggestions on how to improve our future lists, please let us know. **■**



TOP 100 TRANSIT BUS FLEETS



2009	2008	Agency	35 ft. and under	Over 35 ft.	Artic.	Trolley	2009 Total	2008 +/-
1	1	MTA New York City Transit New York City	0	3,983	628	0	4,611	63
2	3	Metro Los Angeles	62	2,250	390	0	2,702	67
3	2	Pace Suburban Bus Chicago	2,213	427	0	7	2,647	-
4	4	New Jersey Transit Corp. Newark, N.J.	116	2,146	85	0	2,347	-
5	5	Chicago Transit Authority Chicago	45	1,998	178	0	2,221	104
6	6	Toronto Transit Commission Toronto	329	1,737	0	0	2,066	413
7	7	Montreal Urban Transit Montreal	0	1,671	0	0	1,671	76
8	8	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Washington, D.C.	65	1,373	76	0	1,514	13
9	10	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Philadelphia	110	1,170	155	38	1,473	104
10	9	King County DOT/Metro Transit Seattle	137	653	669	0	1,459	30
11	12	Coast Mountain Bus Company Vancouver, B.C.	134	841	173	236	1,384	42
12	11	MTA Bus Company, New York City New York City	0	1,322	0	0	1,322	-39
13	14	Valley Metro Phoenix	503	712	50	16	1,281	124
14	13	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County Houston	62	1,059	130	0	1,251	32
15	15	OC Transpo Ottawa, Ontario	92	743	277	0	1,112	13
16	20	Orange County Transportation Authority Orange, Calif.	398	627	50	0	1,075	155
17	17	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Boston	0	977	76	0	1,053	30

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18	18	Maryland Transit Administration Baltimore	313	677	58	0	1,048	71
19	16	Regional Transportation District Denver	159	757	119	0	1,035	-27
20	22	Calgary Transit Calgary, Alberta	102	805	41	0	948	46
21	25	Port Authority of Allegheny County Pittsburgh	108	783	50	0	941	80
22	24	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District Portland, Ore.	307	601	0	0	908	21
23	23	Metro Transit Minneapolis	0	727	155	0	882	-16
24	21	Edmonton Transit System Edmonton, Alberta	40	820	13	0	873	-33
25	19	Miami-Dade Transit Authority Miami	75	774	0	14	863	-61
26	31	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada Las Vegas	284	382	81	0	747	62
27	27	San Francisco Municipal Railway San Francisco	30	551	153	0	734	-102
28	30	MTS Bus Operations San Diego	172	468	39	0	679	-20
29	28	Dallas Area Rapid Transit Dallas	5	657	0	0	662	-78
30	33	AC Transit Oakland, Calif.	103	423	112	0	638	6
31	26	BC Transit Victoria, B.C.	149	488	0	0	637	-200
32	32	Utah Transit Authority Salt Lake City	270	361	0	0	631	-10
33	34	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Atlanta	22	578	0	0	600	-1
34	35	Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation Detroit	466	123	0	1	590	-

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35	29	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Cleveland	39	487	20	11	557	-157
36	38	Winnipeg Transit System Winnipeg, Manitoba	35	500	0	0	535	0
37	36	Department of Transportation Services Honolulu	37	403	91	0	531	-33
38	42	Delaware Transit Corp. Wilmington, Del.	329	151	0	5	485	51
39	39	Detroit Department of Transportation Detroit	0	480	0	0	480	-32
40	40	Milwaukee County Transit System Milwaukee	18	448	0	0	466	-18
41	42	VIA Metropolitan Transit San Antonio	2	441	0	20	463	29
42	37	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority San Jose, Calif.	71	343	40	0	454	-109
43	41	South West Ohio Regional Transit Authority Cincinnati	53	385	0	2	440	-8
44	44	MTA Long Island Bus Garden City, N.Y.	91	330	0	0	421	1
44	50	Mississauga Transit Mississauga, Ontario	24	352	45	0	421	28
46	58	Charlotte Area Transit System Charlotte, N.C.	126	273	0	20	419	77
47	47	Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority Rochester, N.Y.	170	228	20	0	418	16
48	45	Capital Metro Austin, Texas	208	193	0	14	415	-3
49	48	CTTRANSIT Hartford, Conn.	14	388	0	0	402	1
50	53	GO Transit Toronto	0	401	0	0	401	38
51	49	Los Angeles Department of Transportation Los Angeles	289	107	0	3	399	3

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52	52	Montgomery County Transit Rockville, Md.	220	155	0	0	375	-
53	51	Broward County Transit Pompano, Fla.	85	274	6	7	372	-16
53	55	Hampton Roads Transit Hampton, Va.	138	220	0	14	372	25
55	54	Westchester County Department of Transportation Mount Vernon, N.Y.	50	222	78	0	350	-7
56	57	Transit Authority of River City Louisville, Ky.	126	200	0	19	345	1
57	84	Sun Tran Tucson, Ariz.	117	226	0	0	343	140
58	61	Metropolitan Bus Authority San Juan, P.R.	133	202	0	0	335	-
59	59	Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Buffalo, N.Y.	22	305	0	5	332	-5
60	60	San Mateo County Transit District San Mateo, Calif.	66	204	55	0	325	-10
61	64	Community Transit Everett, Wash.	48	144	130	0	322	5
62	65	Foothill Transit West Covina, Calif.	7	277	30	0	314	-
63	62	Reseau de transport de Longueuil Longueuil, Quebec	0	287	16	0	303	-22
64	66	Capital District Transportation Authority Albany, N.Y.	95	197	0	3	295	-14
65	69	Halifax Metro Transit Halifax, Nova Scotia	27	249	14	0	290	8
66	73	Societe de Transport de l'Outaouais City Gatineau, Quebec	0	287	0	0	287	21
67	67	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority Kansas City, Mo.	121	164	0	0	285	-16
68	63	Central Ohio Transit Authority Columbus, Ohio	71	208	0	0	279	-43

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69	68	LYNX Orlando, Fla.	39	230	0	0	269	-21
70	74	Omnitrans San Bernardino, Calif.	91	173	0	0	264	-3
71	75	Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Syracuse, N.Y.	102	159	0	0	261	-
72	71	Jacksonville Transportation Authority Jacksonville, Fla.	168	76	0	11	255	-25
73	80	Fairfax Connector, FCDOT Fairfax, Va.	98	154	0	0	252	37
74	90	Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority Dayton, Ohio	111	88	0	52	251	70
75	70	Memphis Area Transit Authority Memphis, Tenn.	82	136	7	19	244	-37
76	76	Sacramento Regional Transit District Sacramento, Calif.	25	212	0	4	241	-12
77	72	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Providence, R.I.	30	210	0	0	240	-37
77	77	Sound Transit Seattle	0	163	77	0	240	2
79	-	Sun Metro El Paso, Texas	90	135	0	0	225	-
80	78	Long Beach Transit Long Beach, Calif.	30	180	13	0	223	-5
80	83	Madison Metro Transit Madison, Wis.	19	204	0	0	223	19
82	79	Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority Toledo, Ohio	57	164	0	0	221	2
83	46	Metro St. Louis	54	159	0	0	213	-198
84	81	Hamilton Street Railway Hamilton, Ontario	0	202	7	2	211	2
85	85	Golden Gate Transit San Rafael, Calif.	4	193	10	0	207	7

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86	82	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Clearwater, Fla.	71	118	0	16	205	-
87	56	Pierce Transit Tacoma, Wash.	30	169	0	0	199	-146
88	86	Big Blue Bus Santa Monica, Calif.	12	186	0	0	198	2
88	88	Metro Regional Transit Authority Akron, Ohio	83	115	0	0	198	11
90	88	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority Tampa, Fla.	101	90	0	5	196	9
91	-	Fort Worth Transportation Authority Fort Worth, Texas	114	62	0	7	183	-
92	91	SATCO/VATCO Springfield, Mass	13	164	0	2	179	-
93	92	Kitsap Transit Bremerton, Wash.	120	55	0	0	175	2
94	99	ABQ Ride Albuquerque	0	148	24	1	173	23
95	94	GRTC Transit System Richmond, Va.	55	108	0	0	163	5
95	-	Durham Region Transit Whitby, Ontario	4	159	0	0	-	163 -
97	93	Greater Hartford Transit District Hartford, Conn.	133	28	0	0	161	-6
98	100	Mass Transportation Authority Flint, Mich.	17	143	0	0	160	14
99	96	Des Moines Area Regional Transit Des Moines, Iowa	44	100	7	6	157	4
100	98	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. (IndyGo) Indianapolis	57	99	0	0	156	6
100	-	Lane Transit District Eugene, Ore.	48	97	0	11	156	-

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