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Metro Area	Agency	Fare Revenues Earned	Total Operating Expenses	Unlinked Passenger Trips	Net Operating Cost / Unlinked Passenger Trip	Average fare / Unlinked Passenger Trip	Fare Recovery Ratio
Heavy Rail							
San Francisco	BART	\$ 317,485,269	\$ 484,177,232	114,654,578	\$1.45	\$2.77	65.6%
Atlanta	MARTA	\$ 50,298,714	\$ 167,025,973	83,346,491	\$1.40	\$0.60	30.1%
Los Angeles	LACMTA	\$ 34,784,500	\$ 88,792,020	46,891,008	\$1.15	\$0.74	39.2%
Chicago	CTA	\$ 230,587,978	\$ 462,014,895	202,569,039	\$1.14	\$1.14	49.9%
Washington, DC	WMATA	\$ 506,151,701	\$ 804,763,471	296,857,158	\$1.01	\$1.71	62.9%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 160,515,594	\$ 298,480,259	148,684,327	\$0.93	\$1.08	53.8%
Philadelphia	SEPTA	\$ 83,946,647	\$ 158,029,363	95,110,125	\$0.78	\$0.88	53.1%
New York City	NYCT	\$ 2,245,620,228	\$ 3,313,127,436	2,358,313,445	\$0.45	\$0.95	67.8%
Light Rail							
New Jersey	NJ TRANSIT	\$ 16,524,437	\$ 98,327,800	16,176,471	\$5.06	\$1.02	16.8%
Seattle	King County M	\$ 342,835	\$ 2,366,620	451,203	\$4.49	\$0.76	14.5%
Los Angeles	LACMTA	\$ 31,092,141	\$ 150,103,773	46,027,518	\$2.59	\$0.68	20.7%
New Jersey	NJ TRANSIT	\$ 4,818,669	\$ 20,472,335	6,152,598	\$2.54	\$0.78	23.5%
San Francisco	MUNI	\$ 29,266,571	\$ 156,466,590	50,744,862	\$2.51	\$0.58	18.7%
Philadelphia	SEPTA	\$ 26,554,588	\$ 60,281,517	29,588,034	\$1.14	\$0.90	44.1%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 75,225,345	\$ 141,028,944	70,707,186	\$0.93	\$1.06	53.3%
Motor Bus, Direct-Operated							
Seattle	King County M	\$ 93,937,578	\$ 373,438,207	90,502,036	\$3.09	\$1.04	25.2%
Washington, DC	WMATA	\$ 111,328,651	\$ 516,012,695	133,773,567	\$3.03	\$0.83	21.6%
New York City	MTABUS	\$ 160,016,443	\$ 506,992,920	119,975,835	\$2.89	\$1.33	31.6%
New Jersey	NJ TRANSIT	\$ 301,717,152	\$ 729,689,044	154,906,967	\$2.76	\$1.95	41.3%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 70,012,369	\$ 331,334,211	99,570,675	\$2.62	\$0.70	21.1%
Atlanta	MARTA	\$ 51,530,071	\$ 206,182,897	72,716,409	\$2.13	\$0.71	25.0%
Philadelphia	SEPTA	\$ 163,669,307	\$ 533,823,570	180,654,500	\$2.05	\$0.91	30.7%
San Francisco	MUNI	\$ 54,900,012	\$ 237,166,251	95,190,296	\$1.91	\$0.58	23.1%
New York City	NYCT	\$ 821,110,623	\$ 2,289,448,330	842,637,587	\$1.74	\$0.97	35.9%
Los Angeles	LACMTA	\$ 260,205,372	\$ 899,018,156	373,098,259	\$1.71	\$0.70	28.9%
Chicago	CTA	\$ 277,525,084	\$ 786,905,237	318,672,798	\$1.60	\$0.87	35.3%

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Commuter Rail							
New York City	MTA LIRR	\$ 509,332,964	\$ 1,104,479,277	97,350,595	\$6.11	\$5.23	46.1%
New Jersey	NJ TRANSIT	\$ 417,474,880	\$ 841,817,971	83,586,312	\$5.08	\$4.99	49.6%
New York City	MTA-MNCR	\$ 501,937,095	\$ 858,509,601	79,464,160	\$4.49	\$6.32	58.5%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 137,526,369	\$ 277,168,433	40,582,915	\$3.44	\$3.39	49.6%
Philadelphia	SEPTA	\$ 123,337,758	\$ 219,782,314	35,653,018	\$2.71	\$3.46	56.1%
Demand Response							
New York City	NYCT	\$ 12,160,564	\$ 440,774,480	5,920,164	\$72.40	\$2.05	2.8%
Seattle	King County M	\$ 850,905	\$ 51,134,908	1,142,452	\$44.01	\$0.74	1.7%
Washington, DC	WMATA	\$ 3,521,539	\$ 86,566,628	2,107,775	\$39.40	\$1.67	4.1%
Atlanta	MARTA	\$ 869,858	\$ 17,296,511	479,493	\$34.26	\$1.81	5.0%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 3,302,090	\$ 65,892,668	1,983,489	\$31.56	\$1.66	5.0%
Philadelphia	SEPTA	\$ 6,283,963	\$ 49,469,779	1,798,211	\$24.02	\$3.49	12.7%
New Jersey	NJ TRANSIT	\$ 1,872,646	\$ 68,916,287	3,971,830	\$16.88	\$0.47	2.7%
San Francisco	MUNI	\$ 1,676,879	\$ 20,401,201	1,140,049	\$16.42	\$1.47	8.2%
Ferry Boat							
Seattle	King County F	\$ 153,584	\$ 1,999,324	52,164	\$35.38	\$2.94	7.7%
New York City	NYCDOT	\$ 254,462	\$ 1,222,912	43,756	\$22.13	\$5.82	20.8%
New York City	MTA-MNCR	\$ 205,895	\$ 3,130,673	196,345	\$14.90	\$1.05	6.6%
New York City	NYCDOT	\$ -	\$ 125,204,929	21,193,271	\$5.91	\$0.00	0.0%
New York City	NYCDOT	\$ 2,796,391	\$ 5,221,193	698,796	\$3.47	\$4.00	53.6%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 5,393,140	\$ 9,222,108	1,209,478	\$3.17	\$4.46	58.5%

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Trolley Bus							
Boston	MBTA	\$ 2,170,181	\$ 15,728,883	3,310,893	\$4.10	\$0.66	13.8%
Seattle	King County M	\$ 17,892,872	\$ 55,870,673	19,719,226	\$1.93	\$0.91	32.0%
San Francisco	MUNI	\$ 41,607,430	\$ 140,633,398	72,142,492	\$1.37	\$0.58	29.6%
Philadelphia	SEPTA	\$ 4,960,826	\$ 11,482,268	5,510,768	\$1.18	\$0.90	43.2%
Motor Bus, Purchased							
New Jersey	NJ TRANSIT	\$ 12,533,661	\$ 80,931,457	15,831,635	\$4.32	\$0.79	15.5%
Washington, DC	WMATA	\$ 1,670,392	\$ 9,842,250	3,120,391	\$2.62	\$0.54	17.0%
New York City	MTA-MNCR	\$ 413,980	\$ 1,409,333	385,419	\$2.58	\$1.07	29.4%
Boston	MBTA	\$ 1,897,131	\$ 4,628,003	1,198,638	\$2.28	\$1.58	41.0%
Los Angeles	LACMTA	\$ 7,907,457	\$ 36,079,870	12,931,499	\$2.18	\$0.61	21.9%
Seattle	King County M	\$ 11,238,115	\$ 6,296,965	846,678	-\$5.84	\$13.27	178.5%