

## Transit System Gets Perfect Score in Federal Review

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Ceremony in National City launching low-floor trolley service on the Blue Line. Courtesy SANDAG

The [Metropolitan Transit System](#) received a perfect score for the third time in a row during a wide-ranging audit by the [Federal Transit Administration](#) that takes place every three years.

“To receive a perfect score three audits in a row is almost unprecedented. With 17 major categories and dozens of subcategories, it is rare that the FTA finds no deficiencies,” said Paul Jablonski, chief executive officer of MTS.

“This review is very important to our ability to secure competitive grants from the federal government. As it stands now, FTA hasn’t found any deficiencies at MTS in the last nine years of operations. This is a testament to great work being done top to bottom in the MTS organization.”

MTS has received \$313 million in federal transit funding over the past five years. This includes more than \$45 million to purchase 216 new buses, and funds used toward a \$600 million project to rebuild the trolley’s Orange and Blue Lines.

The triennial audit is designed to ensure compliance with federal regulations and assess the agency’s management and implementation of grant programs.

MTS operates 95 bus routes and three trolley lines providing 300,000 passenger trips daily.