

美國大眾捷運法介紹

美國捷運系統之建造可溯至1868年紐約市第一條高架捷運鐵路始，其後芝加哥、波士頓、費城、克里夫蘭等地亦於1990年代初期起陸續興建高架或地下的捷運鐵路。當時並無有關捷運系統的法規，直到1960年代才在「聯邦補助公路法」(Federal-Aid Highway Act)及「住宅及都市發展法」(Housing and Urban Development Act)中散見一些有關補助發展大眾運輸的相關規定，之後，國會發現大多數人口集中於急速發展的都會區，卻因運輸設施不足，成為都市發展的嚴重障礙，認為由聯邦政府提供財政援助，發展大眾運輸系統以解決都市發展問題至為重要，才於1964年制定「都市大眾運輸法」(Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964)。

一九六八年聯邦政府二號重組計畫(Reorganization Plan No.2, of 1968)，將原屬於住宅與都市發展的大眾運輸職權移轉至運輸部(運輸部係於一九六六年成立)，在其下設置都市大眾運輸署(Urban Mass Transportation Administration)，統籌都市運輸事宜。1970年通過「都市大眾運輸援助法」(Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970)，明定在未來十二年間應資助至少一百億美元以加強1964年大眾運輸法之執行。一九七四年增訂「國家大眾運輸援助法」(National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974)，進行研究為老年人及殘障人士提供免費服務的大眾運輸系統，以及補貼因減低費率而導致營運虧損的大眾運輸系統。

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Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970

National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974

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