



Office of Governmentwide Policy • Office of Travel, Transportation and Asset Management

Transportation Policy Program

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Overview. The Federal budget reflects that Federal agencies spent \$26.3 billion on transportation during FY2007. This covers the wide range of items that the government moves, including small packages, household goods, heavy weapons, coal, and office supplies. Most agencies use tenders and tariffs offered by FAS and commercial carriers (trucks, airplanes, railroads, and ships) to transport the majority of these items.

Over the last ten years, OGP has worked with agencies to eliminate paper forms and to implement P.L. 105-264, which required agencies to move from auditing transportation bills after payments to prepayments audits.

Mission

The Transportation Policy Program staff writes policy for transportation payment and audit transportation services management, and the staff promotes best practices in the transportation of small packages, freight, and household goods.

Authorities

31 U.S.C. 3726; 40 U.S.C. 121(c), and 49 U.S.C. 10721, 13712, and 15504 authorizes GSA to regulate transportation payment and audit by Federal agencies.

40 U.S.C. 121 - Public Buildings, Property, and Works provides the general authority to issue transportation regulations and guidance.

Public Law 105-264 – Travel and Transportation Reform Act of 1998 provides additional guidance.

Program Strategy

The Office of Governmentwide Policy is committed to ensuring that government transportation management policy reflects innovations and market-driven changes in private industry to the maximum extent possible, while scrupulously following all relevant laws. OGP meets regularly with agency representatives to gain critical input for creating better policy. MT also collaborates with the Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) to ensure that the policy framework allows for contractual innovation.

In 2009, OGP will re-establish the Governmentwide Transportation Policy Council (GTPC), with members from the transportation industry, major companies that ship frequently, and Federal agencies. OGP's long-term goals are to:

- Establish a certification process for agencies' Federal transportation officers.
- Establish a governmentwide data collection process for transportation.
- Continue to address fuel surcharge issues.
- Complete a new three-year review of the transportation regulations for which OGP is responsible.

Key Business Drivers

Decentralization of federal transportation management

Increasing use of electronic processes in transportation

Fuel surcharges

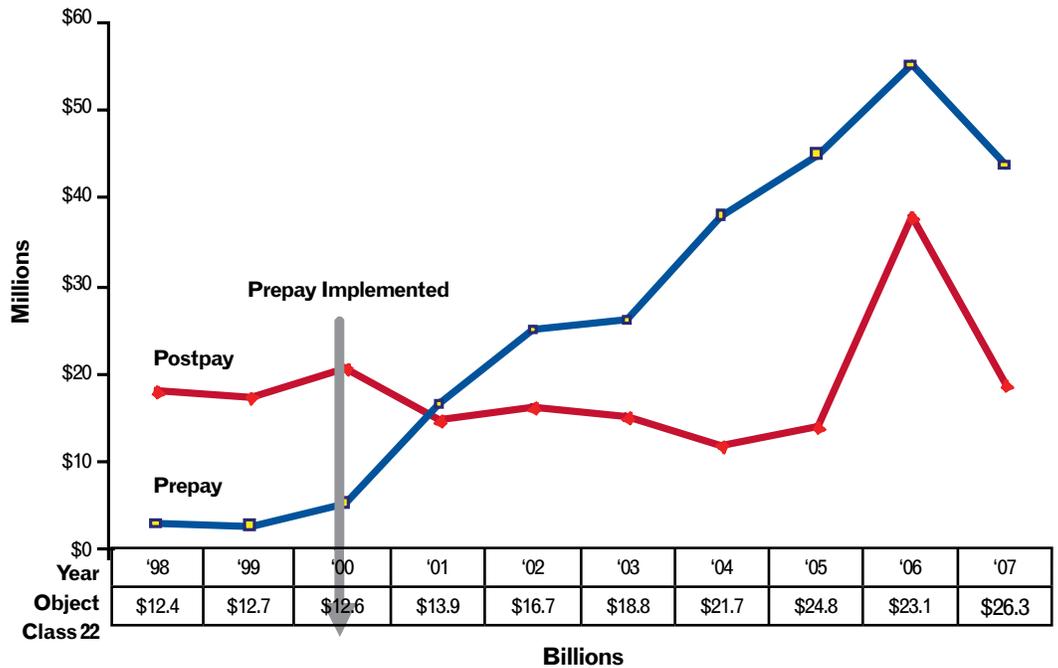
Need To Know

The Federal Government spends over 26 billion dollars a year in transportation services.

On March 31, 2002, the pre-printed Government Bill of Lading (GBL) form was eliminated, by a change in the Federal Management Regulation (FMR), for all domestic shipments by Federal agencies; it was replaced by Commercial Bills of Lading (CBLs).

Statistics, Ratios & Trends

**Measuring the Effectiveness of PL105-264
Transportation Audit Recovery Trends 41 CFR 102-118**



Source: GSA Transportation Audits / Transportation Management Policy

Collaboration

OGP is re-establishing the GTPC to help agencies establish, improve, and maintain effective transportation management policies, practices and procedures. The council will be an interagency group of transportation experts, with approximately 15 agencies represented. The GTPC will review policy proposals, identify, and promote best practices in federal transportation management.

OGP routinely participates in meetings organized by GSA/FSA with Federal agencies and transportation industry providers.

OGP also participates in, and sometimes presents at transportation industry meetings, including the Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) Training Symposium and the American Trucking Association.

Associations/Training

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command Training Symposium

American Trucking Association

Household Goods Forwarders Association of America

Distribution & LTL Carriers Association

Information Technology & Logistics Council

American Moving and Storage Association