COVID-19 Response Program Information Collection Fact Sheet for Urban and Tribal Transit Providers

Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is launching a new online application to collect information from FTA recipients and subrecipients on the impacts of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). FTA will use information submitted through the application to inform FTA actions in support of the transit industry's COVID-19 recovery efforts and implementation of the federal mask requirement for public transportation. This collection of information is covered by OMB Control Number 2132-0581.

FTA requires transit agencies that receive Section 5307 funding and all Tribal transit providers that receive Section 5311 funding to provide regular updates on the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency on their transit agencies. Applicable agencies will provide these monthly updates using FTA's new online application.

The COVID-19 Online Application

Applicable users will access the COVID-19 online application on the Transit Integrated Appian Platform, the platform that hosts the National Transit Database, using existing login credentials. The first time that users log in they will submit two forms for their agency: a Baseline Form and a Recurring Form. For future submittals, users will submit only the Recurring Form.

Baseline Form

The Baseline Form, available on system launch, collects information on service reductions and suspensions between March 13, 2020, and February 28, 2021. Agencies will fill this form out once (due April 16, 2021).

Recurring Form

The Recurring Form collects cumulative data from the previous reporting period (previous month) on the following:

- Transit Workforce: Number of transit operators, other frontline essential personnel, and other workers.
- Service Impacts: Agency's operation status (dropdown menu).
- COVID-19 Data:
  - Cumulative counts of transit worker COVID-19 positives, fatalities, recoveries, and unvaccinated employees.
  - Yes or no responses on whether the agency is requiring workers to be vaccinated and whether the agency has implemented the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Order and Transportation Security Administration Security Directive, which require workers and passengers to wear masks on public transit.
- Vaccine Access: Yes or no responses on whether the agency has used FTA funds to support vaccine access for transit workers or the public through activities such as free or reduced fare rides to COVID-19 vaccinations, facilities or other assets used as vaccination sites, etc. If users select "yes," they will be prompted to identify the FTA funding used to support vaccine access and the kinds of vaccine access services provided by the agency.

Each successive Recurring Form will pre-populate with the previous form's data for convenience. Recurring Forms are due on the 15th of the following month (or the next business day if the 15th falls on a weekend).

Technical Assistance

Visit FTA's Transit COVID-19 Response Program Information Collection website to sign up for future webinars, view recordings of previous webinars, and access more information.

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