



### U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

## State Programs Team FTA 101 Training

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## Overview - Wednesday, August 5

11:00 am Welcome and Introductions

11:15 am FTA Region IV Overview

12:00 pm Working Lunch: Grant Programs and

Guidance Update

1:15 pm *Break* 

1:30 pm Grants (Pre-Award)

2:15 pm Grants (Post-Award)

3:30 pm *Break* 

3:45 pm American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act (ARRA)

4:30 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm Dinner





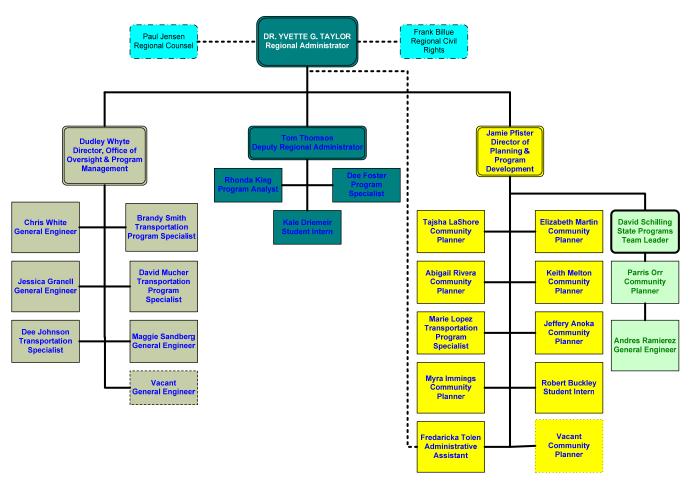
## Region IV Office

- Regional & Deputy Administrator
- Legal & Civil Rights Officer
- Community Planners & Transportation Program Specialists
- General Engineers & Transportation Program Specialists
- State Programs Team
- ARRA Support Staff (Temp)
- Support Staff



#### FTA Region 4

As of: July 15, 2009





# Region IV Office /Partnership with NCDOT and NC Grantees

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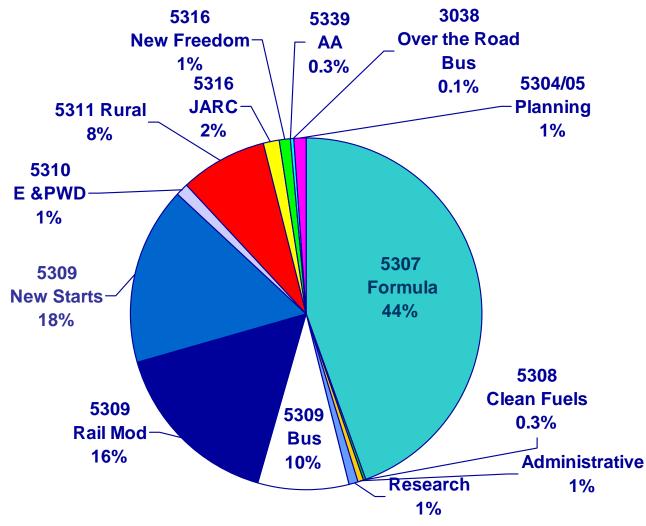
### **Formula Programs**

- 5303, 5304 Planning
- 5307 UZA Funds
- 5310 Elderly & Individuals with Disabilities
- 5311 Non-UZA Funds
- 5309 Rail Mod
- 5316 JARC
- 5317 New Freedom

### **Discretionary Programs**

- 5308 Clean Fuels
- 5309 Bus and Bus Facility
- 5309 New Starts/Small Starts
- 5311 Tribal Transit
- 5314 Research
- 5320 Alternative Transportation in the Parks
- 5339 Alternatives Analysis
- 3038 Over the Road Bus





### Section 5303/5304

- 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program provide funding to support cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive planning for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas
- 5304 Statewide Planning Program provides financial assistance to States for Statewide transportation planning and other technical assistance activities.
- Projects: Planning
- Eligible Recipients: State DOTs and MPOs (through DOTs)
- Circular: FTA C 8100.1C



### Urbanized Area Formula – Section 5307

- Purpose: Supports transit service in cities over 50,000 in population.
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### Nonurbanized Area Formula – Section 5311

- Purpose: Supports transit service in rural areas and small urbanized communities (<50,000)</li>
- Primary Beneficiary: General public in rural and small urban areas
- Typical grantees: State DOTs with rural providers as subrecipients, Tribes
- Projects: Capital, Operating, Administration (up to 15%, no match)
- States must use 15% for Intercity Bus (or certify)
- Circular: FTA C 9040.1



### Bus and Bus Facilities – Section 5309

- Purpose: Supplements formula funding for bus and bus facilities in both urbanized and rural areas
- Primary Beneficiary: General public
- Typical grantees: Transit Agencies and Authorities, States, Cities and Counties
- Projects: Capital
- Circular: FTA C 9300.1



## Elderly Individuals & Individuals with Disabilities – Section 5310

- Purpose: Supports capital cost of special transportation for elderly & people with disabilities
- Primary Beneficiary: Elderly & Individuals with disabilities
- Typical grantees: State DOTs for private non-profit agencies & certain public agencies
- Projects: Capital (*Pilot: Operating*)
- Circular: FTA C 9070.1



### Job Access and Reverse Commute - Section 5316

- Purpose: Supports transportation for welfare recipients, eligible low-income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment, and reverse commute activities
- Primary Beneficiary: Low-income individuals and commuters to suburban employment sites
- Typical grantees: State DOTs and Transit Authorities (subrecipients: public, private non-private, private operators of public transportation)
- Projects: Capital, Planning, Operating
- Circular: FTA C 9050.1



### New Freedom - 5317

- Purpose: Supports new public transportation service and public transportation alternatives beyond those currently required by the ADA that assist individuals with disabilities with transportation
- Primary Beneficiary: Individuals with disabilities
- Typical grantees: State DOTs and Transit Authorities (subrecipients: public, private non-private, private operators of public transportation)
- Projects: Capital and Operating
- Circular: FTA C 9045.1
- New Guidance Federal Register coming soon!



## Coordinated Planning

## New SAFETEA-LU provisions for Coordinated Planning:

- Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 program projects must now be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation <u>plan</u>
- Section 5316 (JARC) changed from discretionary to formula program
- Section 5317 (New Freedom) program established
- Section 5316 and 5317 program projects have to be competitively selected



## Coordinated Planning

Other new requirements under SAFETEA-LU in order to receive 5310, 5316 and 5317 funds:

- DR letter from Governor on file
- Project derived from a local coordinated plan made of up representatives of...
- Project selected through a competitive selection process (5316, 5317)
- Projects in TIP/STIP
- Program of Projects (POP)
- State Management Plan/Program Management Plan developed and approved by FTA (SMP/PMP)

## Oversight Programs

- Project management oversight
- Financial management oversight
- Procurement reviews
- Triennial Reviews
- State management reviews
- State Safety Oversight reviews
- Drug and Alcohol Testing Audits
- Title VI Reviews
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise reviews
- Equal Employment Opportunity reviews
- Americans with Disabilities Act reviews
- Planning Certification reviews





## Research & Demonstration Programs

- National Research & Technology Program (Sec. 5314)
  - Joint partnerships with public and private research institutions
  - Study, design and demonstration of transit policies and advanced technologies
  - International mass transportation program (Sec. 5312)
- National Fuel Cell Bus Program (Sec. 5308)
  - 27 projects to develop and test fuel cell buses in revenue service
- Transit Cooperative Research Program (Sec. 5313)
  - Research directed to local problem-solving in service concepts, vehicles and equipment, operations, human resources, maintenance, policy, and administrative practices
- University Transportation Centers (Sec. 5505)
  - Funding to four universities to perform research in transit disciplines and technologies





## Technical Assistance Programs

- FTA Safety & Security Program
  - Provides training and technical assistance on bus and rail safety, emergency preparedness and public awareness of security issues
- Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)
  - Provides training, technical assistance, research, and related support services to providers of rural public transportation
- ITS Professional Capacity Building Program
  - Supports deployment, integration, and operations of ITS, including both technological and institutional requirements
- Transportation Planning Capacity Building Program
  - Supports effective transportation planning in state, metropolitan, rural, and tribal settings
- National Bus Rapid Transit Institute
  - Facilitates the sharing of knowledge and innovation for increasing the speed, efficiency, and reliability of high-capacity bus service





### **National Initiatives**

#### United We Ride

 Interagency Federal initiative that supports States and their localities in developing coordinated human service delivery systems

### Project Action

 Promotes cooperation between the transportation industry and the disability community to increase mobility for people with disabilities

### JobLinks

 Works to improve transportation opportunities through demonstration projects, technical assistance, sponsoring of employment-transportation conferences, etc.



### Circulars Published in FY 2007:

- 9040.1F: Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Guidance and Grant Application Instructions
- 9045.1: New Freedom Program Guidance and Application Instructions
- 9050.1: Job Access Reverse Commute Guidance and Application Instructions
- 9070.1F: Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Guidance and Application Instructions



### Circulars published in FY 2008:

 FTA C 8100.1C:Program Guidance for Metropolitan Planning and State Planning and Research Program Grants

### Circulars published in FY 2009:

- FTA C 4220.1F: Third Party Contracting Guidance
- FTA C 5010.1D: Grant Management Requirements
- FTA C 9300.1B: Capital Investment Program Guidance and Application Instructions



### New Charter Rule published on January 14, 2008

- Rule went in effect April 30, 2008
- Goals of the new rule are to increase flexibility, clarity and transparency
- FTA created new position to assist with new rule requirements



- New website has been published for help
- http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/leg\_reg\_179.h
   tml
- Contains the new Charter Rule, Q&A and fact sheet, Charter Registration Website and contact information



### **Grant Making**

# How Do I Get My FTA Money?







### **Grant Making**

- Existing FTA Grantee?
- Applying through a DOT?
- Want to become a New FTA Grantee?



FTA New Grantee Packet

Step 1 – Demonstrate Legal Capacity

Step 2 – Civil Rights

Step 3 – Financial Capacity

Step 4 – Technical Capacity

Step 5 – Other Requirements

http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional\_offices\_7507.html





### Step 1 – Demonstrate Legal Capacity

- 1. Opinion of legal counsel
- 2. Authorizing Resolution
- 3. FTA Master Agreement
- 4. Certifications & Assurance



### Step 2 – Civil Rights

- 1. Title VI
- 2. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- 3. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO)



### Step 3 – Financial Capacity

- Submission of a 3-5 year financial plan that must be approved by FTA Region IV department heads.
- Capable of providing the local share portion of the projects
- Submittal of a 3-5 year financial plan allows FTA Region IV to see if the grantee has the necessary funding to provide the local share.



### Step 4 – Technical Capacity

Submission of organizational chart

### Step 5 – Other Requirements

- DUNS Number
- TEAM (TEAM TRAINING)
- Electronic Clearing house Operation (ECHO)







# **GRANTS**PRE-AWARD



- Annual Requirements
  - Recipient Information
    - Contact, DUNS#
  - Certifications and Assurances
  - Civil Rights
    - EEO
    - DBE
    - Title VI
  - Union Information



- Project Specific Requirements
  - Project Information
    - Project Description
    - Congressional Districts
    - Project Details
  - Budget
    - Project Budget
      - Scope Codes, Activity Line Items
    - Extended Budget Descriptions



- Project Specific Requirements (cont.)
  - Milestones
    - Each ALI has a milestone
  - Environmental Findings
    - Each ALI has a finding
    - CE &/or Doc. CE, EA/FONSI, DEIS/FEIS/ROD
  - Fleet Status
    - Spares ratio
    - Replacement vehicle listing
    - Age, mileage, make/model and VIN of vehicles to be replaced
    - Expansion vehicle support





- Program Requirements
  - Appropriated Funds
  - Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)
    - Project in current approved STIP/UPWP
    - FTA Endorsement Date
    - Page Number
  - Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)



## Grant Application Common Errors / Omissions

- Civil Rights documentation incomplete/missing
- Current FY Certs & Assurances missing
- Difficult-to-understand and incomplete project descriptions
- Program Date Errors
- Not running the "Review Errors" tool function FIRST

- Budget:
  - Does not balance
  - Match miscalculated
- Start/End Dates
- Mismatch of ALI's, Milestones, and Environmental Findings
- Spare Ratios
- Vehicle Replacement Information
- Project not in the current STIP



#### **Grant Application Phases**

- Draft Grant Application a grant application that has not been reviewed for completeness and does not have a grant number assigned
- Pending Grant Application a grant application, which has been assigned a draft grant number which is in the process of verification of available funds and OPPD and OOPM review and approval.



#### **Grant Application Phases**

- Complete Grant Application a complete/accurate grant application that has verified funding available and that has an <u>assigned final grant number</u>.
- Submitted Grant Application FTA Review Process (Civil Rights, Legal, OPPD, OOPM, DOL (5307, 5309, 5316), Headquarters (Discretionary)
- Awarded and Executed



### FY 2009 Grant Making

Region IV deadlines for complete grant applications (formula and discretionary) in TEAM:

July 15, 2009

Region IV deadlines for complete ARRA grant applications:

May 29, 2009



#### **FY 2009 Grant Making**

- FY 2009 Apportionment and Allocation Notice
  - Full FY 2009 Apportionment has been published on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 Federal (Vol. 74, No. 79 / Monday, April 27, 2009),
  - Allocation tables and FY 2009 Earmarks will be in later FR
  - FY 2009 Allocation tables can be found at:
    - http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants\_financing\_38.html
- ARRA Apportionment
  - 3/5/2009 Federal Register
- Start preparing grants for ARRA first, then FY07 (lapsing), FY 08, FY 09



## **Grant Process: Friendly Reminders**

- Review recent FTA Federal Register Notices and updated Circulars to ensure new guidelines and procedures are being followed (This includes ARRA)
- Provide allocation letters for direct recipients (5307, 5309, 5316, 5317) – attach in TEAM
- Make sure that the project is in the current approved TIP/STIP prior to notifying FTA to review the draft grant
- Ensure that all transfer funds have been completed prior to initiating a DRAFT review



## Grant Process: Friendly Reminders

- Notify FTA via E-Mail/Phone during grant process (draft review, comment period, submittal, execution)
- Update TEAM Contact Information
- Adequately describe the project and cite the fiscal year source of funding. If funds are from a state apportionment, please indicate in project description.
- Each ALI must have an Extended Budget Description,
   Milestone and appropriate Environmental Finding
- All ALI's should be listed in numerical order
- Include Useful Life for Buses and Capital Renovations over \$5,000.



## **Grant Process: Friendly Reminders**

- Make sure that the ALI's correspond with the proper scope codes (see ALI tree on TEAMWeb Homepage)
- Include Contact Name and Phone Numbers of Recipient Contact and FTA Manager
- Properly PLAN out your projects and grant submittals. Look for options to combine years of funding.
- Allow 2-3 weeks for DRAFT reviews to be completed by FTA
- Allow a minimum of 45-60 days for grants that must be approved by the Dept. of Labor
- For ARRA and discretionary grants (Section 5309) please allow time for the Congressional Release process







# **GRANTS**POST-AWARD

### Post-Award Activities

- Grant Management
- Grantee Responsibilities
- ECHO
- Reporting Requirements
- Budget Revisions/Amendments
- Grant Close-outs



### Grant Management

- Administering and managing the grant in compliance with Federal regulations, grant agreement and applicable FTA circulars.
- Managing and reporting on progress of projects, to expend grant funds in a timely and effective manner and, to close out grants when activity is complete.



- Administer and manage Federal grants and grant supported activities.
- Provide, directly or by contract, adequate technical inspection and supervision by qualified professionals of all work in progress.
- Ensure conformity to grant agreements, applicable statutes, codes, ordinances, and safety standards.



- Maintain the project work schedule and constantly monitor grant activities to ensure that schedules are met and other performance goals are achieved.
- Ensure compliance with FTA requirements on the part of agencies (subrecipients), consultants, contractors, and subcontractors working under approved third party contracts or inter-agency agreements.



- Account for project property, provide for its repair and replacement, and maintain property inventory records that contain all the elements required.
- Request and withdraw Federal cash only in amounts and at times as needed to make payments that are immediately due and payable.
- Keep expenditures within the latest approved budget.



- Demonstrate and retain satisfactory continuing control over the use of project property.
- Ensure that effective control and accountability is maintained for all grants, subgrants, cash, project property, and other assets. Grantees and subgrantees must ensure that resources are properly used and safe-guarded, and that funds, equipment, and property are used solely for authorized purposes.



- Prepare and submit FTA required reports (TEAM, NTD, Civil Rights, Drug and Alcohol, etc.)
- Update and retain FTA required reports and records for availability during audits and oversight reviews.
- Ensure an Annual A-133 Audit is conducted in accordance with OMB Circular, A-133.



#### ECHO (<u>Electronic Clearing</u> <u>House Operation</u>)

- ECHO is a personal computer (PC) based application that processes drawdown requests and makes payment to FTA grantees.
- ECHO consists of a web-based application which grantees can access via the Internet to submit their draw down data.
- ECHO then transmits requests approved for payment to the Grantee's financial institution through Treasury's Automated Clearing House (ACH).



- The FTA Regional or Headquarter office will make the determination to establish a grantee on the ECHO system.
- The FTA accounting staff will provide the necessary ECHO-Web registration forms to be completed and returned by the grantees.
  - Instructions for User Set-up
  - ECHO-Web User's Authorization and Certification Form
  - ECHO-Web User Access Request
  - ECHO-Web System Rules of Conduct



- ECHO System Region IV Contact
  - Ms. Derethia Johnson
    - Phone: (404) 562-3527
    - Email: <a href="mailto:derethia.johnson@dot.gov">derethia.johnson@dot.gov</a>

• ECHO Helpdesk line: 202-366-1004



#### Reporting Requirements

- Financial Status & Milestone Progress Reports (TEAM)
- Civil Rights Reports
- National Transit Database (NTD)
- Annual Single Audit (A-133)



- Financial Status Reports (FSRs)
  - The purpose of the FSR is to provide a current, complete and accurate financial picture of the grant.
  - It is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.
  - FSR must be submitted for all active grants
  - Submitted electronically in TEAM system



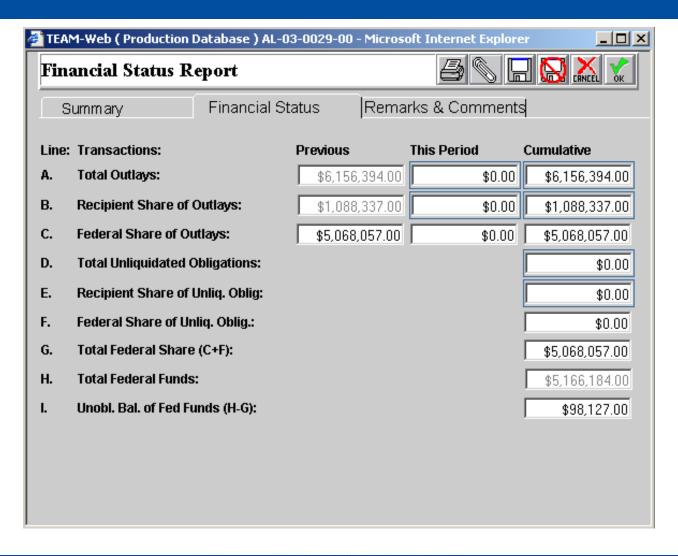
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- Financial Facts
- Financial Data
- Based on required supporting documentation

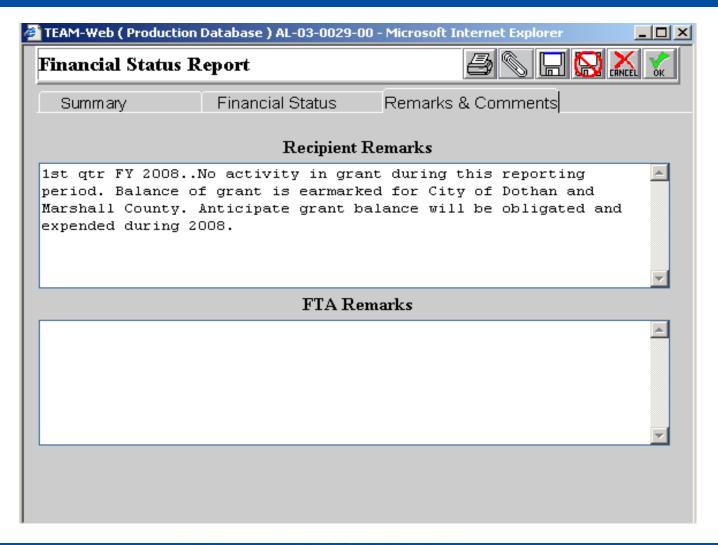


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Pre-Award Authority?	⊙ Yes ⊂ No	Federal Amount:	\$0.00				
Report Status:	MS/P Report In Progress, FSR In Progress						
Project Status:	Active						











- Pre-Award Authority
  - If you have pre-award authority then you must submit an initial FSR
  - If you have not incurred costs, you must submit a \$0 FSR
  - You must enter information in Lines A (Total Outlays) and B (Recipient Share of Outlays) if you have incurred pre-award costs.
  - You must enter information in lines D (Total Unliquidated Obligations), and E (Recipient Share of Unliq. Oblig.) for total and local amounts for contracts awarded but not yet paid (only for the end of the quarter).
- To attach additional files use the paperclip icon



#### Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

#### Milestone Progress Reports contain:

- Detailed discussion of all budget or schedule changes.
- The dates of expected or actual requests for bid, delivery, etc.
- Actual completion dates for completed milestones.
- Revised estimated completion dates when original estimated completion dates are not met.
- Explanation of why scheduled milestones or completion dates were not met.



### Milestone/Progress Reports (MPRs)

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#### FSRs and MPRs

#### Due Dates:

- Annual: 30 days after the end of the Federal Fiscal year, which ends October 30.
- Quarterly: within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, i.e., by January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30.

#### ARRA Due Dates:

 Quarterly: within 10 days after the end of each calendar quarter, i.e., by January 10, April 10, July 10, and October 10.



#### FSRs and MPRs - FTA role

#### FTA Review

- Review FSR Data and comments
- Review Project Fund Status information
- Compare reported expenditures to recorded disbursements
- Review MPR information for current dates and project status
- Monitor progress and status of projects
- Follow-up with grantee on any discrepancies



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### Civil Rights Reports

#### Title VI

- Triennial Basis, report on compliance
- Circular 4702.1

#### EEO

- Applicability: 50 or more employees; \$1 million more of FTA assistance
- Requirement: Triennial Basis, report on compliance

#### DBE

- Applicability: Receive \$250,000 or more in FTA funds each year, excluding vehicle procurement
- Requirement: Establish Goals on an Annual Basis
- Due Date: Required by August 1 of each year
- Submitted to Region CR officer (Frank Billue)



### National Transit Database (NTD)

- Applicability: Recipients of Section 5311 (DOTs)
- Requirement: Annual report containing information on capital investment, operations, and service provided
  - (A) Total annual revenue;
  - (B) Sources of revenue;
  - (C) Total annual operating costs;
  - (D) Total annual capital costs;
  - (E) Fleet size and type, and related facilities;
  - (F) Revenue vehicle miles; and
  - (G) Ridership
- Rural Reporting Manual: <a href="http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/rural.htm">http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/rural.htm</a>



### Annual Single Audit (A-133)

- Applicability: Non-Federal entities that expend more than \$500,000 or more in Federal awards
- Requirement: Conduct an annual organization-wide audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.
- Due Date: Audit completed within 9 mos. of the end of grantee's fiscal year. Depending on results of audit, follow-up action with Regional office as follows:
  - If no FTA or DOT findings, submit copy of clearinghouse transmittal forms (SF-SAC) to Regional office
  - If FTA or DOT findings, submit entire report and copy of clearinghouse transmittal forms (SF-SAC) to Regional office

# Budget Revision

- Budget revisions are allowed if there is no change in the grantee purpose, scope codes, and Federal funding
- Grantees must submit budget revisions in TEAM using the "Revise Project Budget" screen
- Budget revisions are generally changes to ALIs amounts (move funds between existing ALIs)
- Budget revisions require prior FTA approval if:
  - The federal share of the revision exceeds \$100,000 and the change in the cumulative amount of funds is >20% from original
  - Funds transferred between ALIs with different match ratios or between capital/operating/planning activities (change in FPC code)
  - For rolling stock when the # of buses increases by more than 2 (grants with fewer than 10 vehicles) or 20%



### Grant Amendment

- Grant amendments are required when there is either a change in the scope or an addition of Federal funds to an existing grant
- Grant amendments are subject to the same application requirements as a new grant request (FTA, DOL review)
- Grantees submit grant amendments in TEAM using the "Create Amendment" screen



### Grant Close-outs

- "New Closeout Process" in TEAM
- Grantee must submit a Final FSR, MPR, and budget; if necessary, a request to de-obligate funds and any other report as required by the terms of the grant.
- FTA may unilaterally initiate grant closeout.
- All financial, programmatic records and supporting documentation must be retained for a period of 3 years.



#### 2 Year Rule

 FTA has established guidelines to close-out grants with no signs of activity for 2 years, unless the grantee provides justification to support the grant remaining open.

#### 5 Year Rule

 FTA has established guidelines to close-out grants that have remained open for 5 years, unless the grantee provides justification to support the grant remaining open.



# Grant Close-outs: Friendly Reminders

- Prepare & provide close-out schedule for all active grants
- Track 95-100% disbursed
- Consider deobligating small amounts of funding
- Submit Final FSR and MPRs (mark report "Yes, Final Report" in TEAM)
- 3 Checks on the "Closeout" Screen
- Email FTA a list of grants that have been prepared for close-out



### **Post-Award Summary**

- Grants Management
- Grantee Responsibilities
- Reporting Requirements
  - FSRs/MPRs
  - Civil Rights
  - NTD
  - A-133
- Grant Close-outs





### Upcoming FTA Events

- State Management Review Workshop;
   8/10-11 Washington, DC
- State Programs Team Meeting; 8/12-14
  - Washington, DC
- Alternative Analysis Workshop; 9/15-17 Atlanta, GA
- NTI Course: Small Facility Construction Course





### Overview - Thursday, August 6

8:30 am **NEPA** 

9:15 am Real Estate/Transit Facilities

10:00 am *Break* 

10:15 am TEAM

11:30 am Wrap Up/Questions and

**Answers** 





# U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

#### Planning for a Transit Facility in Small Urbanized and Rural Areas

State Programs Team Meeting Raleigh, NC August 6, 2009





### Overview

- Requirements for Transit Facilities
- Enhancing/Developing a specific role for State DOT's
- Selecting Accurate NEPA services
- Real Estate Requirements
- Peer Exchange/Best Practices



### **Transit Facility Types**

- Transit Operations Support Facilities
  - Administrative Office Buildings
  - Maintenance Buildings, Garages, Storage Facilities
- Passenger Amenities Extending Transit into Community, Environment
  - Intermodal Centers/Multimodal Centers
  - Bus/Rail Transit Stations and Terminals
  - Bus Shelters
  - Park-and-Ride Lots



- MTP/TIP/STIP
- Preliminary Evaluation Feasibility \*
- Environmental Documentation
  - Procurement of Services
- Real Estate
  - Uniform Relocation Act
  - Appraisal and Review Appraisal
- Joint Development



- Is the proposed transit facility in a current MTP/TIP/STIP?
- If using FTA funds for *Preliminary Engineering*, *ROW or construction* include
   **phase of work** & funding amount
   (approx) in the TIP/STIP for **correct FY**
- Preliminary Engineering can include NEPA and Design (NOTE: FTA will not award CN of facility unless NEPA is complete)



- Procurement: If you procure consultant services make sure you:
  - advertise & take competitive proposals
  - fair & open procurement
  - document the "how/why" of selection
  - If you procure NEPA services, can the consultant:
    - Document number & types of NEPA projects completed
    - Persons who worked on NEPA projects, &
    - Satisfactory award & Records of Decision (ROD) from FTA
  - Third Party Procurement Circular:
    - http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/circulars/leg\_reg\_8641.html



## Planning for Transit Operations Support Facilities

- Evaluation of existing facilities:
  - Adequate condition?
  - Suitable for anticipated administrative, maintenance functions?
  - Accommodate future needs?
- Develop criteria for identifying alternative sites
- Identify alternative sites in area based on criteria/availability
- Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I and II) Hazardous Materials Assessment; what is likelihood of contamination?
- Project Staging & Financing Plan



#### The NEPA Process

- Who determines the class of action?
- ☐ Three (3) Main classes of Action
  - -Categorical Exclusion or documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE)
  - -Environmental Assessment (EA)
  - -Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- NEPA documentation/actions must be APPROVED by FTA prior to grant award/construction
- How the State DOT's can assist



#### **Categorical Exclusion (CE)**

- CE's are granted for actions that do not individually or cumulatively involve significant social, econ. or environ. Impacts
- 23 C.F.R. 771.117 provides a list of types of projects which are categorically excluded
  - new bus storage & maintenance facilities,
  - Rehab/reconstruction of bus storage & maint. facilities,
  - bus transfer facilities & rail storage facilities &
  - "Hardship" (to the seller) land acquisition, among others
     NOTE: Transit terminal are not automatic CE's
- FTA may require a documented CE; ask for checklist from FTA Region IV
- CE's can result in a higher class of action



#### Environmental Assessment (EA)

- FTA may require an EA when the significance of the environmental impact is not clearly established
- (23 C.F.R. 771.119)
- An open, well documented, public involvement process is essential
- Comments catalogued and addressed; DRAFT EA on web site

#### EA can result in either a:

- Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) requiring no further environmental evaluation, or
- identification of potentially significant impacts requiring applicant to conduct Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Once FONSI is issued applicant may proceed with project app.



- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- FTA may require an EIS based on the outcome of an EA, special studies or scoping of the project
  - when adverse impacts are or could be significant
  - Special impacts like 4 (f), endangered species, parkland or historic resources/district impacts
- EIS process requires
  - substantial technical analysis
  - public review
  - evaluation of project alternatives
  - ID of potential social, economic & environmental impacts &
  - ways to avoid/mitigate impacts
- Successful completion of EIS results in FTA signing a Record of Decision (ROD)
  - Once FTA has signed a ROD, the applicant can proceed with project



#### **NEPA Resources**

http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning\_en vironment\_5222.html

CEQ web site & possible NEPA changes:

http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/ntf/



# REAL ESTATE REQUIREMENTS



- Real Estate (FTA C 5010.D)
- Real property must be acquired, managed, and used in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
  - http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/49cfr24fr.pdf
- FTA Real Estate Resource Website
  - http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning\_envir onment\_5937.html



- Real Estate Appraisals
  - Independent appraisal by a certified appraiser
  - Review of the initial appraisal
- FTA must review and concur in appraisals and review of appraisals for acquisitions over \$500,000 or in-kind contributions of any value before Federal funds are expended, or the value is used as local match.



- Real Estate & Earmark Funds
  - Purchase of property with earmark funds by a grantee that has not completed numerous Federal actions is not allowed
  - Grantees can't purchase property with earmarks without completing NEPA, appraisal & Uniform Act requirements
  - Grantees may be risking a lapsing earmark or the possible future use of Federal funds!



- Joint Development (JD)
- JD involves common use of property for transit & non-transit purposes with "connection to station"
- JD is often project specific, taking place on, above, or adjacent to transit agency property
- The most common joint development arrangements are ground leases and operationcost sharing

http://www.fta.dot.gov/laws/circulars/leg\_reg\_8640.html



- The FTA approval process for joint developments ensures that a proposed project meets the definition of a capital project, supports the use of transit, and provides a fair share of revenue for public transit.
- Joint Development Approval Process:
  - Grantee submits proposal to FTA Region with <u>Joint Development</u> checklist
  - 2. Region staff reviews
  - 3. If the proposal is a straightforward, Region approves
  - 4. If there are difficult or first impression issues, Region consults with Headquarters Joint Development resource staff
  - 5. HQ and Region agree on issue resolution
  - 6. Regional Administrator signs off on project



- Transit Facility Examples
  - Complete NEPA & E & D for facility (5309 funds)
  - Purchase Real Estate and Construct Facility with 5309 funds (Phasing)
  - Construct Facility with 5309 funds with property as local match
  - Reimbursement for facility already constructed
  - Letters of No Prejudice (LONP)
- What are the steps?



### **Open Dialogue**

- Has there been a significant increase in the number of federal environmental actions at the state level?
- What resources can FTA provide in helping you establish/develop a standardized process to address your rural and small urbanized NEPA issues?
- Do you have any best practices?
- Future needs/concerns?



### **QUESTIONS?**





### U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

#### **FTA TeamWeb**

# Region IV State Programs Team August 6, 2009



### TeamWeb at a glance

- What is TeamWeb
  - Transportation Electronic
     Award and Management
     System
- How do I get to TeamWeb???
  - http://ftateamweb.fta.dot.gov/





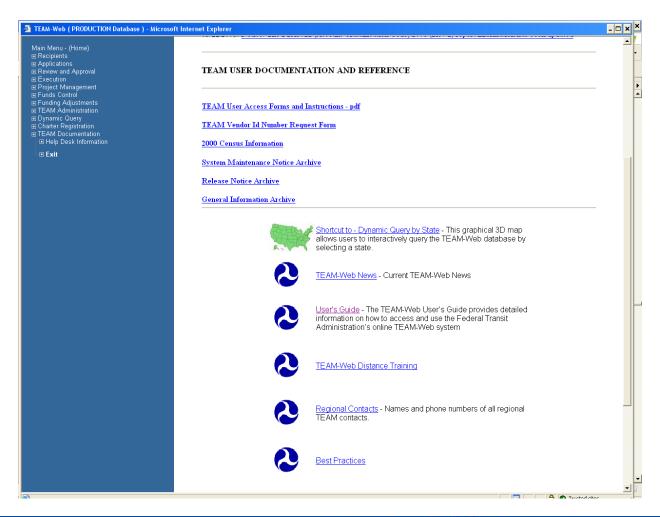


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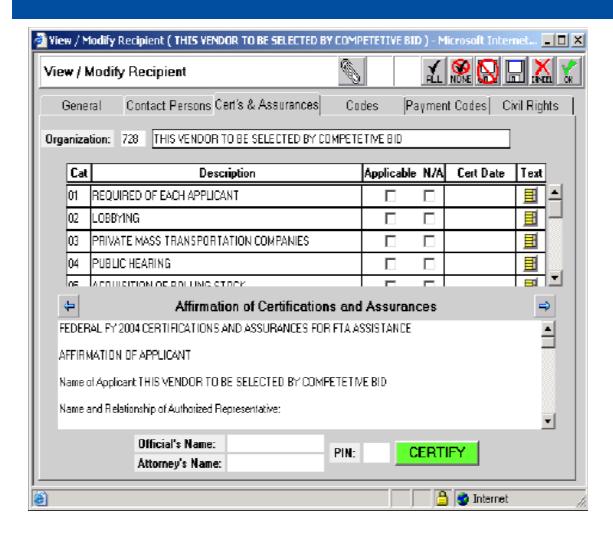


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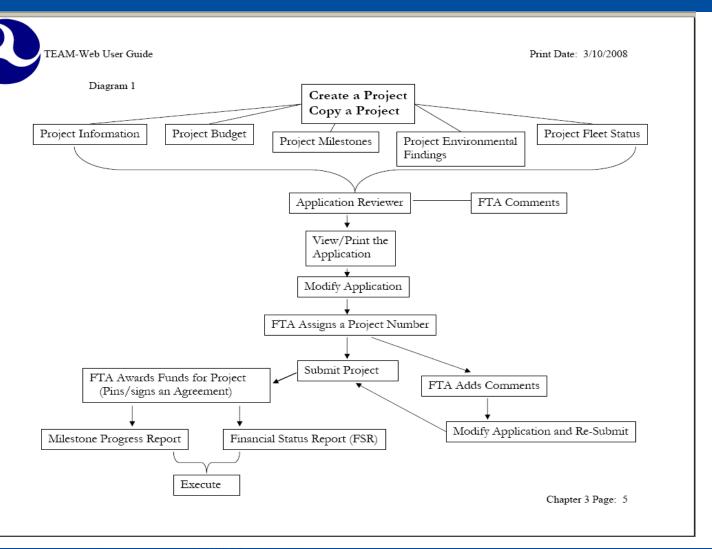




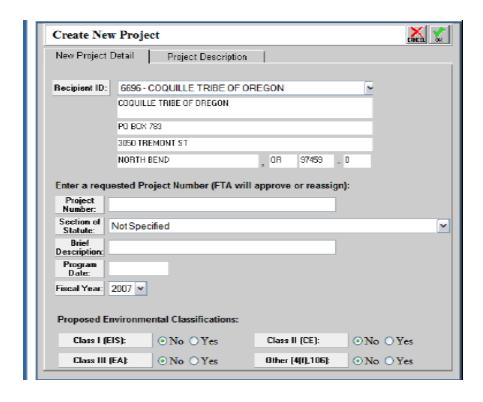


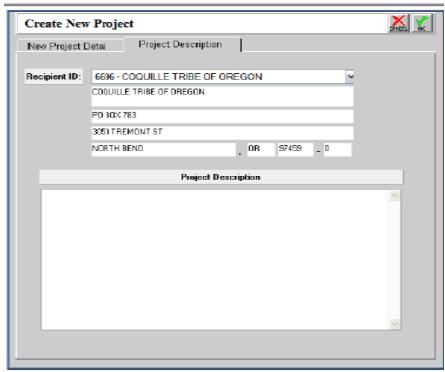


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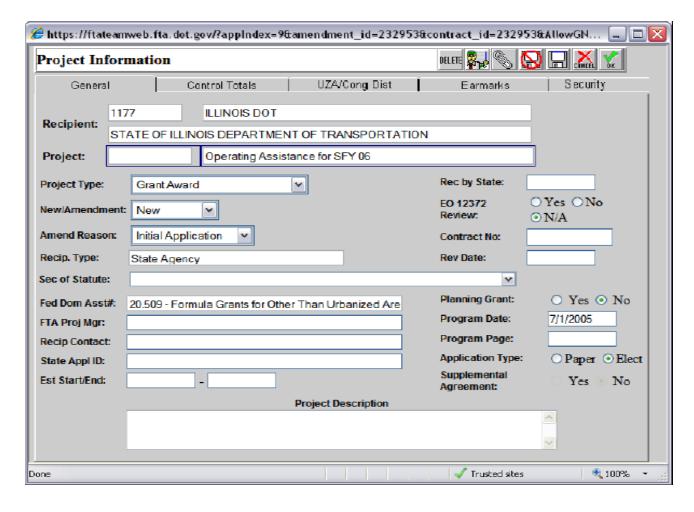






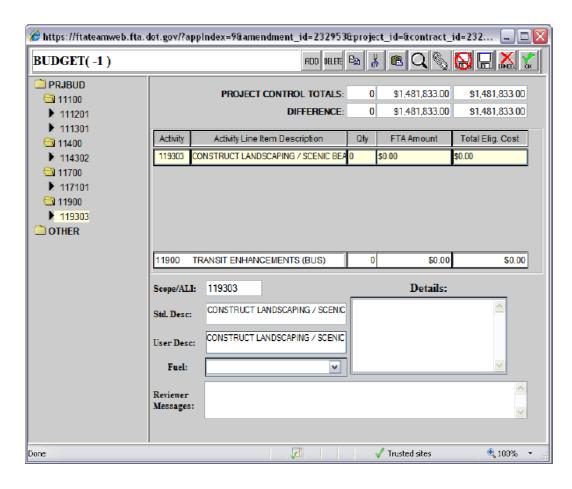






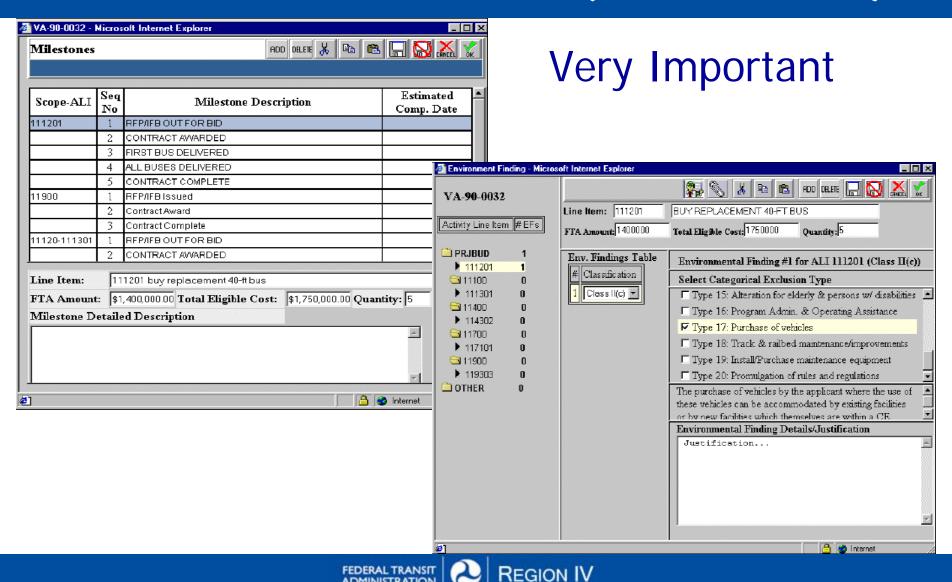
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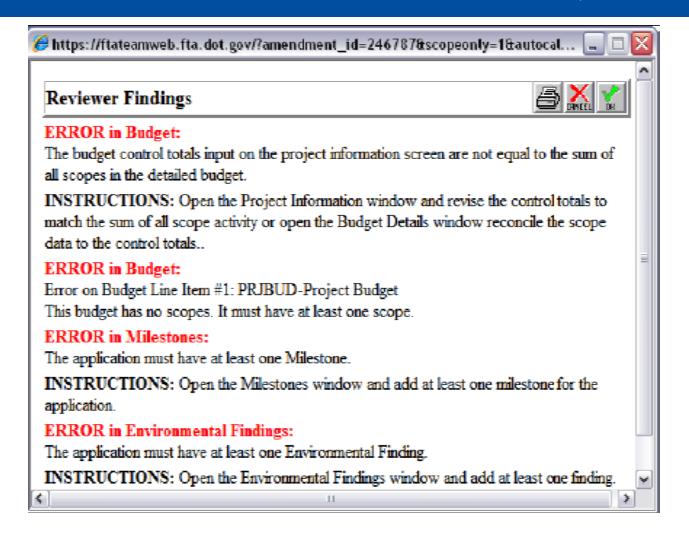




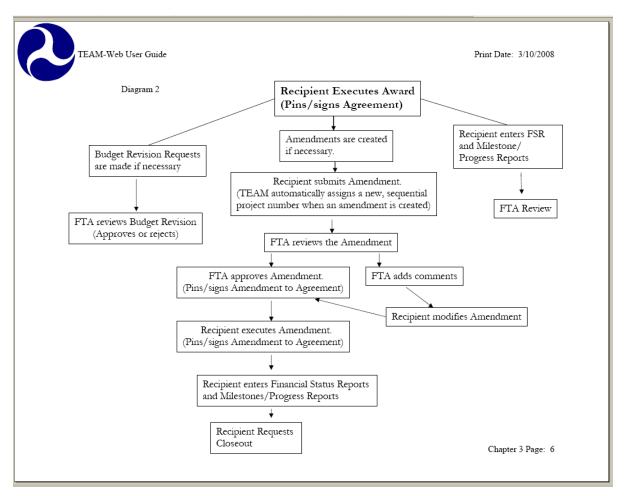


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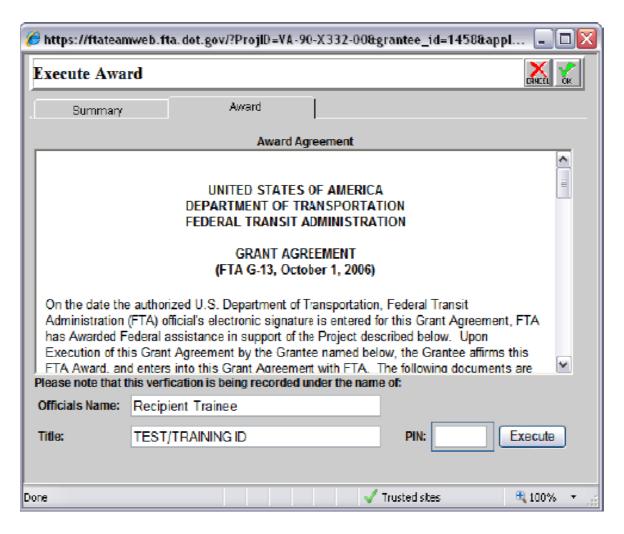






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#### **ARRA**

#### NCDOT - SCDOT FTA Training



August 5, 2009





#### **FTA UPDATES**

- ARRA Purpose and Transit Funding
- 2. ARRA Status of NC/SC Transit Funding and Grants
- 3. ARRA Operating Assistance
- 4. ARRA Reporting Requirements



#### **ARRA: Purpose**

- ARRA designed to stimulate the economy, preserve and create jobs, help state and local faltering economies
  - Recovery
    - Maintain and create jobs
    - Infuse cash into cash strapped state and local economies
  - Reinvest
    - Build and repair infrastructure
- ARRA fundamentals:
  - Responsibility
  - Accountability
  - Transparency
- FTA must ensure purposes and goals are met



## **ARRA Transit Funding**

Program	Amount	Purpose
Urbanized Area Formula (Inc sec 5340)	\$5.97 B	Capital and Operating (10%)*
Non-Urbanized Area Formula (Inc sec 5340)	\$760 M	Capital and Operating (10%)*
Fixed Guideway Modernization Formula	\$742 M	Capital only
New Starts / Small Starts	\$742 M	Discretionary Capital only
Energy Program (TIGGER) [new]	\$100 M	Discretionary Capital only
Tribal Transit	\$17 M	Discretionary Capital only
STP FUNDS MAY BE FLEXED	TBD – Flexed to ARRA Formula Programs	For Ready to Go ARRA Eligible Transit Projects
TOTAL TRANSIT	\$8.4 B	

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Note: Amounts are after takedown for Administration and Oversight





### **ARRA Transit Formula Funding - NC**

- Large UZAs (Section 5307)
  - North Carolina
    - Asheville \$2,590,439
    - Charlotte \$20,766,306
    - Durham \$8,377,719
    - Fayetteville \$3,129,010
    - Greensboro \$5,455,967
    - Raleigh \$9,087,039
    - Winston-Salem \$3,810,207



### **ARRA Transit Formula Funding - SC**

- Large UZAs (Section 5307)
  - South Carolina
    - Charleston \$6,478,887
    - Columbia \$5,346,374
    - Greenville \$2,989,341





### **ARRA Transit Formula Funding – NC/SC**

- Rural Funding (Section 5311)
  - -NCDOT \$33,055,504
  - -SCDOT \$16,617,727
- Small Urbanized Area Funding (Section 5307 – Governor's Apportionment)
  - -NCDOT \$17,290,589
  - -SCDOT \$9,041,882





## **ARRA Transit Formula Funding – NC/SC**

TOTAL

NCDOT - \$103,562,780

SCDOT - \$40,474,210





#### **ARRA Grant Statistics – NC**

- 21 FTA Grantees / 23 ARRA Grants
  - 1 Grants in draft; not yet submitted
  - -22 Grants Submitted
  - -0 Grants at DOL
  - –5 Grants back from DOL; not yet entered release
  - –4 Awaiting release
  - 13 Awarded/Obligated



#### **ARRA Grant Statistics – SC**

- 12 FTA Grantees / 13 ARRA Grants
  - 1 Grants in draft; not yet submitted
  - 12 Grants submitted
  - -0 Grants at DOL
  - –3 Grant back from DOL; not yet entered release
  - –2 Awaiting release
  - 7 Awarded/Obligated



### **ARRA Transit Projects – NC/SC**

- Vehicle Expansions and Replacements (vans, buses)
- Facility/Station Construction and Rehabs; Bus Shelters; P&R Lots
- ITS Automatic Vehicle Locators and Passenger Information Systems
- Bus/Facility Security Upgrades
- Preventative Maintenance



#### **ARRA – Operating Assistance**

- Now eligible under ARRA! Up to 10%
- Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009 (H.R. 2346)
- TIP/STIP Modifications and/or Amendments will be necessary
- Local planning process must be followed
- Changes that affect transportation air quality conformity determinations require formal TIP/STIP amendment
- Notify FTA if going to pursue; split letters needed
- Grant Amendments will be necessary; new scope being added; no NEW money unless the full amount was not obligated in the first application
- DOL certification required
- Please wait! If not needed immediately



#### **ARRA - Reporting Requirements**

- FTA Financial and Milestone Progress
   Reports Oct 10
- ARRA Sec.1201(c)(2) DOT August 16
- ARRA Sec. 1512 October 10
- ARRA Sec. 1609



# QUESTIONS?