NCDOT CARES Act Intercity Bus Consultative Process Meeting

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CARES Act Consultative Process

Purpose

1. Discuss the results of the previous Call for Applications
2. To inform participants of NCDOT’s CARES Act funds apportionment
3. To gather input from stakeholders on the disbursement of CARES Act 5311(f) funds
4. To gather questions from meeting participants regarding CARES Act 5311(f) funds and intercity bus service in NC
5. Satisfy FTA Requirement
Current NCDOT Funded Service

- Raleigh—Norfolk
- Raleigh—Jacksonville via Greenville
- Raleigh—Jacksonville via Goldsboro
- Raleigh—Wilmington
- Norfolk—Wilmington
- Charlotte—Wilmington
- Boone—Greensboro
- Boone—Charlotte
- Downeast Express (ConCPT)
- Ridgerunner (ConCPT)
CARES Act Funds

- “The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides $25 billion to transit agencies to help to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

  -FTA website

- Total FTA 5311 Allocation: $2,178,708,336

- Total NC 5311 Funds: $93,491,001

- NC Intercity Bus total CARES Act funds available: $14,023,650
5311(f) CARES Act Allocation

- Who should be eligible?
- What qualifications should determine eligibility?
- Which providers should qualify as eligible for CARES Act funds?
- How much of the total CARES Act funds available for Intercity Bus should be included in the initial disbursement?
- What should be the cutoff date for a new route to be considered eligible for CARES Act funding?
- Are there new services needed in NC as a result of COVID-19?
New Intercity Bus Needs?

-Map of NC Intercity Bus Service Coverage starting July 1st, 2020

○ Intercity Bus Stops

~ Intercity Bus Routes

25-Mile Stop Service Area