

Announcements	
<p>If you need any help completing the ROAP Report due soon, please refer to the video here:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dnw3Uu6kUcA&feature=youtu.be</p>	<p>Please refer to today's email about OPSTATS Report Webinars scheduled for July 21, 23, & 24th.</p> <p>Please contact Jeremy Scott at ITRE for any questions.</p>
Questions	Answers
<p>I was told that the state portion of ROAP has been cut but we will still receive the Federal portion of ROAP. Can you please confirm.</p>	<p>ROAP is 100% State-funded.</p>
<p>Will the FY20 unused ROAP rollover funds still be available in FY21?</p>	<p>Yes. Both will be rolled over and used per normal rules.</p>
<p>In respect to the CARES act agreement, we have executed on our end and when we signed, I received an auto reply stating the same is complete. However, there are no signatures on the NCDOT end when I printed off. We are supposed to have all claims filed and invoices uploaded by July 15th. The interpretation of county finance at this point is the agreement is not executed as there are no signatures. Is this the correct interpretation?</p>	<p>You are correct, the agreement is not fully executed if the signatures are blank. You can access the executed agreement from the attachments in EBS.</p>
<p>Has the deadline to submit Op Stats report be "pushed back"?</p>	<p>No. July 15th - 3rd Quarter August 31st - Annual</p>
<p>Can we expect more CARES operation money to help offset the loss of ROAP?</p>	<p>Second disbursement is in process.</p>
<p>What is expected for capital match in FY21? Rural and Urban?</p>	<p>The standard 5311/5339 capital grants has been budgeted for 80/10/10 (Fed/State/Local). 5307 Capital grants are 80/0/20.</p>
<p>Can urban systems receive the actual SMAP allocation worksheet used for FY20 as we have received in the past?</p>	<p>Yes. We will send this out.</p>
<p>Can Cares act funding still be accessed at this juncture for installation of driver shields?</p>	<p>Yes. Any expense after 01/20/20 COVID-19 related can be reimbursed</p>
<p>Please explain what is to be reported on the FY20 ROAP Report- should we show then funds to be carried over and if so, how/when do we report this?</p>	<p>The ROAP report should show total funds received in Period 2, in each program, disbursements to sub-recipients if any, number of trips, transit or non-transit provided, cost per trip. The report will calculate totals. The summary page will show any unspent funds and</p>

	<p>those funds need to be reported on the FY21 report.</p> <p>Period 1 trips will also have to be listed to get an accurate accounting for funds already spent.</p>
Is the TAM report still due 7/15/20?	Yes, there are no changes to the TAM report dates
Can you share how often cares acts claims should be filed by systems?	No more than monthly and no less than quarterly, the same way you submit your 5311 grants.
From the question about match before - Urban state match. That was what I was asking. None expected for FY21	We do not anticipate funding for FY20/21 Urban State Match projects at this time.
So since there is no ROAP next year I am guessing there is no ROAP report requirement for FY21	Depends on whether or not you have rollover funds from FY20 ROAP.
July 1 is hear and we usually start with our trips with ROAP. Not sure how we will be able to assist our passengers if we do not know if we will continue to receive some CARES funds. to offset the lost of the ROAP operating funds. I know what you said about need basis -- but we need to know so we can assist..... Thanks	Yes. Additional funding is in process.
It was my understanding from the ROAP application for FY20 that funds can be used in whatever category we want. Just want to verify that we can move money from EDTAP to RGP or Employment?	EDTAP funds cannot be transferred, RGP and employment can be moved.
An explanation of the SMAP formula was provided but the actual calculation spreadsheet showing status and calculation formulas was not provided	This will be provided on the website in the near future.
Does the DOT have a standard statement about the loss of ROAP funding that could be shared with customers who rely on transportation that is funded by ROAP?	We do not and don't anticipate one being issued at this time.
Where do we submit CARES grant claims? Clarification: Do we remove 5310 expenses prior to submitting CARES claim? If so, how do we show that on the claim form?	5310 expenses are not eligible for CARES funding, please make sure these expenses are not included in your claims.

<p>Can we still apply for Cares Act Funding for new items not previously covered our previous submission?</p>	<p>Need clarification</p>
<p>Maybe you answered this. Just want to be clear: when will you know if there are funds in place for ROAP through CARES or if it will be restored? We have an employment route we need to make a decision on suspending.</p>	<p>Additional CARES funds have been allocated based on a formula given to use from NCPTA members, this funding is in process and should help with the impact of lost ROAP funds in 2021</p>
<p>The TAM spreadsheet is usually sent to us every year and then we provide updates. Is this going to be sent to us this year?</p>	<p>They will be sent out very soon.</p>
<p>I have an email from the former director that the funds were all interchangeable. We have already reallocated EDTAP based on this email. I can copy and paste that email if you'd like.</p>	<p>A revision was issued</p>
<p>How do we account for 5310 activities when submitting a claim?</p>	<p>5310 expenses are not eligible for CARES funding, please make sure these expenses are not included in your claims.</p>
<p>Did NCDOT post a revised ROAP milestone report that allows transferring of RGP funds to the EDTAP category?</p>	<p>Yes. It's under Reports and Forms, Current ROAP Reports.</p>
<p>So, we cannot use CARES Act funds to provide EDTAP trips that historically are financed by ROAP because we can't differentiate between EDTAP & 5310.</p>	<p>CARES is only eligible for General Public transportation, any transportation that meets these guidelines may be reimbursed with CARES money.</p>
<p>Is there contact information available that we can provide Community Partners/Sponsor Agencies that want to write letters on our behalf just to advocate for local transit as a whole.</p>	<p>David Rhew - FYI here are the names of the workgroup members from NCPTA Camille Sterling, Kim Angel, Tawanna Williams, Scott Rhine, Brian Litchfield and David Rhew</p>
<p>Taking 5310 expenses out of the CARES claim is going to be challenging. Operation budget is not broken down by fund but is in a lump - i.e. salaries, fuel, etc, since we coordinate the transportation and do not have a "dedicated" 5310 service, the only cost we can figure is based on miles of service and not direct cost like the line items in the budget. Do you have any advice on how to do this?</p>	<p>CARES is only eligible for General Public transportation, any transportation that meets these guidelines may be reimbursed with CARES money.</p>

<p>CARES funds can not pay for direct transportation services such as contracted services through taxi vendors?</p>	<p>CA5: Are operating costs incurred under operations or maintenance service contracts with third parties, and administrative leave for third-party contractors, including intercity bus providers, eligible for FTA reimbursement under the CARES Act?</p> <p>A: It depends. Title XII of Division B of the CARES Act provides that administrative leave for public transportation operations personnel is an eligible expense. Expenses under third-party contracts for operations or maintenance services incurred on or after January 20, 2020, including third-party contract employees providing such service who are placed on administrative leave due to reduced service, are eligible for federal reimbursement. Whether an FTA recipient is responsible for such administrative leave will depend on the terms of its third-party contract. https://www.transit.dot.gov/frequently-asked-questions-fta-grantees-regarding-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19</p>
<p>Can we just use cares as operating and not designate which trips are ROAP. In other words can we just provide public transportation to all and use Cares to pay for all operating cost?</p>	<p>CARES is only eligible for General Public transportation, any transportation that meets these guidelines may be reimbursed with CARES money.</p>
<p>Can clarification be provided on the differences between 5310 funding and 5311 funding in supporting transportation? The definition of public transportation--regular, continuing shared-ride surface transportation services that are open to the general public or open to a segment of the general public defined by age, disability, or low income--would seem to indicate 5311 could be used for 5310 funding. Any guidance from NCDOT to assist would be appreciated.</p>	<p>5310 provides formula funding to states for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs.</p> <p>5311: The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations.</p>
<p>What if most of our funding and most of our 5311 rides are provided to elderly and disabled riders?</p>	<p>CARES is only eligible for General Public transportation, any transportation that meets these guidelines may be reimbursed with CARES money.</p>

