

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Department of Transportation



















# Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

## **AGENDA**

- Director's Opening Remarks
- Finance Updates
- Grant Administration Updates
- Procurement Updates
- Compliance Updates
- Training Updates
- Special Project Updates
  - TDM Grant App
  - Human Trafficking Posters
- Calendar Updates

# Finance Updates



## Finance Updates

- All projects that received funding prior to FY25, funds are expected to be expended by June 30, 2024. Please plan accordingly.
- This does not include any of FY24 Combined Capital projects or the Facility projects.
- If you have received your vehicles and have sent the inspection forms to Faye McCullen, please submit your claim in EBS for reimbursement along with proof of payment for the vehicles. If you haven't paid for the vehicles, you can submit an Advance payment form with your reimbursement request. Upon receipt of payment, you must pay the vendor within 3 days.

## Vehicle reimbursements must include the following:

- final vendor invoice
- proof of payment or advance payment form
- original vehicle order form
- signed MVR- 1 Title application w/NCDOT IMD listed as the 1<sup>st</sup> lienholder
- lettering & logo invoice (if applicable)

- Prior to your final claim, a change request must be submitted in EBS to revise the budget in the last quarter on all projects with line items in overdraft
- If you have started a claim, and need to submit a change request, you must contact <u>EBSSupport@ncdot.gov</u> to have them delete the claim in order to submit the change request
- If you need any assistance, please reach out to your accounting specialists



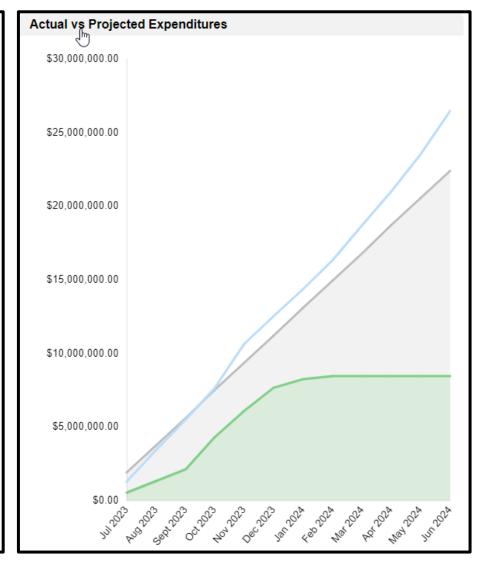
## Grant Administration Updates

## ROAP Overview – March 13, 2024

Overall ROAP Stats					
Primary	Description	Amount	% Total Allocation		
ROAP Allocation	Funds approved from legislators	\$18,678,339			
Carryover	Unspent funds from previous year	\$3,736,327			
Allocation + Carryover	3. Total of 1 + 2	\$22,414,666			
Transferred Out	Transferring ROAP funds to match eligible grant programs	\$790,335	49		
YTD Expenditures	5. Total approved expenses to date	\$12,168,699	65%		
Total Balance	6. Remaining funds to date	\$9,455,632	42%		

EDTAP, EMPL, RGP Stats					
SFY2023	Net Allocation	Expenditures	% Expended	County Funds Used	
EDTAP (Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program)	\$9,757,018	\$5,039,642	52%	\$351,805	
EMPL (Employment Assistance Program)	\$2,785,777	\$1,807,032	65%	\$678,609	
RGP (Rural General Public Program)	\$9,081,536	\$5,322,025	59%	\$581,723	
Totals	\$21,624,331	\$12,168,699	56%	\$1,612,137	

Net Allocation includes Carryover Amounts and Transfers.



## ROAP Update (Continued)

#### **FY24 ROAP Analysis: Upcoming Reporting Dates**

- January due March 15<sup>th</sup>
- February due April 15<sup>th</sup>
- March due May 15<sup>th</sup>
- May due July 15<sup>th</sup>
- June due July 30<sup>th</sup>. This report is due early so the ROAP reconciliation can begin and prepare for the FY25 ROAP application allocation and disbursement information.

Monthly ROAP reporting provides 45 days after the end of each month to submit reports. IMD encourages transit systems to use those days to collect trip and expense information, and back-up documentation to prepare an accurate report.



Looking ahead, end of fiscal year is only a few months away and final ROAP report will be due on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Systems with late or missing reports please begin now to catch up.

## **ROAP Update (Continued)**

#### **FY24 ROAP Analysis:**

#### ROAP Reporting Update as of March 13, 2024

- July reports due September 15<sup>th</sup> 2 reports not submitted, 2 submitted but not approved at this time
- August reports due October 15<sup>th</sup> 3 reports not submitted, 3 submitted but not approved at this time
- September reports due November 15<sup>th</sup> 3 reports not submitted, 1 submitted but not approved at this time
- October reports due December 15<sup>th</sup> 3 reports not submitted, 1 submitted but not approved at this time
- November reports due January 15<sup>th</sup> 3 reports not submitted, 2 submitted but not approved at this time
- December reports due February 15<sup>th</sup> 4 reports not submitted, 2 submitted but not approved at this time
- January reports due March 15<sup>th</sup> 47 reports have been submitted and/or approved at this time



## **ROAP Update (Continued)**

#### **ROAP Monthly Allocation Balance Update Report**

The monthly ROAP Allocation Balance report which shows an approximation of running funds balance in each ROAP program.

The report will be automatically sent from SmartSheet on the 8<sup>th</sup> of the month, prior to the due date of the monthly reports.

The balances in the reports will not include expenditures that have been submitted but not yet approved.

The balance reports are to provide an estimated update of the ROAP balances but transit directors and/or Finance directors are ultimately responsible for keeping up with program funds and reports submitted.

#### **FY24 ROAP Report SmartSheet Link**

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/03221c3f6b9645a89b45ab176f03680b

## **Unified Grant Application (UGA) Process**

#### **Key Updates**

- Final UPWPs and other required documentation is due March 31st.
- Please work with your RGS to resolve any issues or questions related to your UPWP if needed.
- FTA has released the FY24 Certs and Assurances. Please sign and complete the Certs and Assurances and upload them in the EBS dropbox by May 29, 2024.



## FY 26 Unified Grant Application (UGA) Process

NCDOT Pre-Application Submittal

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NCDOT Application
Submittal

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#### **Pre-Application Phase**

**Application Phase** 

Contracting & Compliance Phase

During this phase, applicants will gather and prepare to submit the following types of information:

- Administrative Documents
- Policies
- Pre-Application Form

During this phase, applicants will gather and prepare to submit the following types of information:

- EBS Application
- Supplemental Documents

During this phase, applicants will gather and prepare to submit the following types of information:

- Signed Agreement
- Compliance Documentation
- Procurement Coordination
- EBS Claims Reporting

- Interactive, single guidance document
- Organized into 3 distinct phases
- Efficiency by pre-completing some documents in pre-application phase
- State and Federal guidance
- Extended application period

#### Benefits to Applicants

- Simplified process by integrating applications into single process
- Streamlined process and material, and outlining eligibility clearly
- Modernized process by incorporating SmartSheet

Key Dates: Monday, April 1, 2024, Open Call for Projects – Friday, October 4, 2024, Grant Applications due in EBS

## **Unified Grant Application (UGA) Process**

## **FY26 UGA Upcoming Training Sessions**

UGA Training #1, March 19, In person. Held during New Director's Bootcamp

UGA Training #2, Part 1 March 28, 10:00-11:00. FY26 program update, 1-hour webinar UGA Training #2, Part 2 March 28, 2:00 – 3:00. FY26 hands-on program demonstration from IMD Connect UGA page via webinar.

UGA Training #3, Part 1 **April 3,** 10:00 – 11:00. FY26 program update, 1-hour webinar UGA Training #3, Part 2 **April 4,** 2:00 – 3:00. FY26 hands-on program demonstration from IMD Connect UGA page via webinar.

\*\*Unless desired, only one training session is necessary to attend and the UGA demonstration is optional for those who are comfortable using the program.





## Procurement Updates – Camera Contract

- NCDOT Contract for Mobile Digital Video Recording Systems
  - Contract will expire March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - If you were approved to purchase cameras in FY24, you will need to utilize this contract as soon as possible
  - Vendors under the expiring contract include:
    - Fortress Mobile, Safety Vision, SEON/Safe Fleet, Radio Engineering Industries, Inc. AngelTrax, Apollo Video
- IMD is currently weighing options and will work towards future vehicle camera systems ordering options very soon.
- If you do need to order cameras after the contract has expired, remember that you will need to solicit for quotes or issue a formal solicitation (for purchases over \$90,000) to procure for vehicle camera systems (if you have identified funding for that line item).
- Please feel free to contact Chris Dodson, Procurement Manager for further questions
  - Chris Dodson <a href="mailto:cbdodson@ncdot.gov">cbdodson@ncdot.gov</a> 919-707-4696



## 2023/24 Compliance Reviews

- CY2023
  - 5310 Non-Profit Reviews
    - 24 Total Reviews
    - 24 Conducted
    - 19 Closed (5 in the process)
  - 5311 Transit System Reviews
    - 19 Total Reviews
    - 10 conducted / in process
    - 0 scheduled / not conducted
    - 3 Desk review in process / on-site to be scheduled
    - 6 Completed / CLOSED
- CY2024
  - 5311 Transit System Reviews
    - 30 Total Reviews
    - 9 Systems notified
    - 8 Scheduled
    - 1 To Be Scheduled
    - 0 To be notified for Spring review
    - 21 Early Summer notification

Calendar Year 2023		
Choanoke Public Transportation Authority (CPTA)	Onslow United Transit System, Inc. (OUTS)	Caswell County
Cumberland County Transit	Mitchell County Transportation Authority	Baron's Bus (Intercity Provider)
Southeastern Stages (Intercity Provider)	Transylvania County	Yancey County Transportation
Greyhound/Flixbus (Intercity Provider)	Trolley Inc. (Intercity Provider)	Orange County Public Transportation
AppalCART Boone	Pitt County/Pitt Area Transit System	Duplin County
Greene County	Randolph County (RCATS)	Harnett Area Rural Transit System (HARTS)
Calendar Year 2024		

#### Alamance County Transportation Authority (ACTA) Albemarle Regional Health Services Alleghany County (ICPTA) Ashe County Transportation Authority Bladen County (BARTS) Avery Co. (ACT) Buncombe County/Mountain Mobility Clay County **Gaston County** Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Hoke Area Transit Service (H.A.T.S.) GoWake Access Services (TAMS) Johnston County Area Transit (JCATS) Kerr Area (KARTS) Lee County (COLTS) Madison County Transportation Authority McDowell County Transportation Mountain Projects Inc. Haywood Co. Pender Adult Services Inc.(PAS) Rockingham (ADTS) Polk County Rowan Transit System (RTS) Rutherford County Transit Sampson County Tar River Transit / City of Rocky Mount Union County Transportation Scotland County (SCATS) Western Carolina Community Action, Inc. (WCCA-Western Piedmont Regional Transit Wilkes Transportation Authority (WTA) Apple Country (Henderson County) Authority

# USDOT DRUG & ALCOHOL REGULATION:49 CFR PART 40- Update

- Newly revised version was effective June 1, 2023
- New Updated and Revised Drug and Alcohol Templates have been provided
- All Drug and Alcohol Policies deadline to be updated and approved reflecting these changes by February 16, 2024, has passed.
- Email a copy of your board approved Drug and Alcohol Policy to Eartle McNeill at <u>elmcneill1@ncdot.gov</u> asap for NCDOT IMD records.



## NCPTA Conference

#### **Mobility Hubs Session**

#### **Presenters:**

Grady McCullum, Michael Stafford

#### **Description:**

Grady McCollum and Michael Stafford are presenting on new mobility initiatives in the Integrated Mobility Division, The Multimodal Infrastructure Pipeline and the planning and implementation of Mobility Hubs. The Multimodal Infrastructure Pipeline is a program starting this year that will incorporate all bike/ped and transit infrastructure projects, including Zero-Emission Vehicle Plans. Mobility Hubs are currently in planning along the S-Line and this presentation will explain what they are, what their role is in our mobility environment, and where we are in our process along the S-Line.

#### FTA Grants Overview Session

#### **Presenters:**

Kenetta Spence, Carolyn Freitag, Kim Angel, Jennifer Hibbert, Kevin Edwards

#### **Description:**

IMD Grants Process Trivia/Scavenger Hunt- This session will consist of a game for participants to enhance their knowledge of the federal and state grants IMD administers throughout the year and the process the subrecipient will use to apply for funding based on the individual systems eligibility. This interactive session will compliment grants administration information presented on monthly transit calls and annual UGA training.

#### **Combatting Human Trafficking Session**

#### **Presenters:**

Kristin Joyner, Nathan Spencer, Christine Shaw Long

#### **Description:**

Human trafficking sounds like something out of a Law & Order SVU episode, but it is happening around your transit agency – in both rural and urban areas. Hear from Christine Shaw Long, MSW, the Executive Director of the North Carolina Judicial Branch's North Carolina Human Trafficking Commission, speak with firsthand experience how traffickers may be using your agency, region, or transit network and how a simple and free training module can help train your staff identify signs of and stop human trafficking. Leave this session informed, inspired and with free resources to do something to within your community and agency.

#### <u>Automated Transportation Session</u>

#### **Presenters:**

Sarah Searcy

#### **Description:**

- Transit Director Boot Camp #1
  - − March 19, 2024, 8:00 a.m. − 4:30 p.m.
  - 22 Participants Registered to attend
  - Boot Camp #2 will be held later in 2024 (October time-frame)
  - Prerequisite to Transit Academy 101
- Additional March Training
  - Drug & Alcohol Program Manager (DAPM) Virtual
    - » March 25, 26, & 27 (9:00-12:00 Each Day)
    - » <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6590834873448625242">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6590834873448625242</a>
  - Unified Grant Application (UGA) Virtual
    - » March 28<sup>th</sup> Part 1 & 2
    - » April 3rd Part 1
    - » April 4<sup>th</sup> Part 2

#### Transit Academy 101 – Module 1

- − May 29-30, 2024, 8:00 a.m. − 4:30 p.m.
- Topic: Introduction to Transit
   Management Administration and
   Oversight
- Location: Harnett County
- Send email to Kim Angel (<u>ext-kpangel@ncdot.gov</u>) if interested in signing up

#### Transit Academy 101 – Module 2

- − June 25-26, 2024, 8:00 a.m. − 4:30 p.m.
- Topic: Financial Management
- Location: TBD

#### Transit Academy 101 – Module 3

- − July (1-2-days), 2024, 8:00 a.m. − 4:30 p.m.
- Topic: Procurement
- Location: TBD

#### Transit Academy 101 – Module 4

- August (2-days), 2024, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Topic: Introduction to Transit Management
   Operations
- Location: TBD

#### Transit Academy 101 – Module 5

- September (2-days), 2024, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Topic: Service Planning & Performance Measures
- Location: TBD

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON

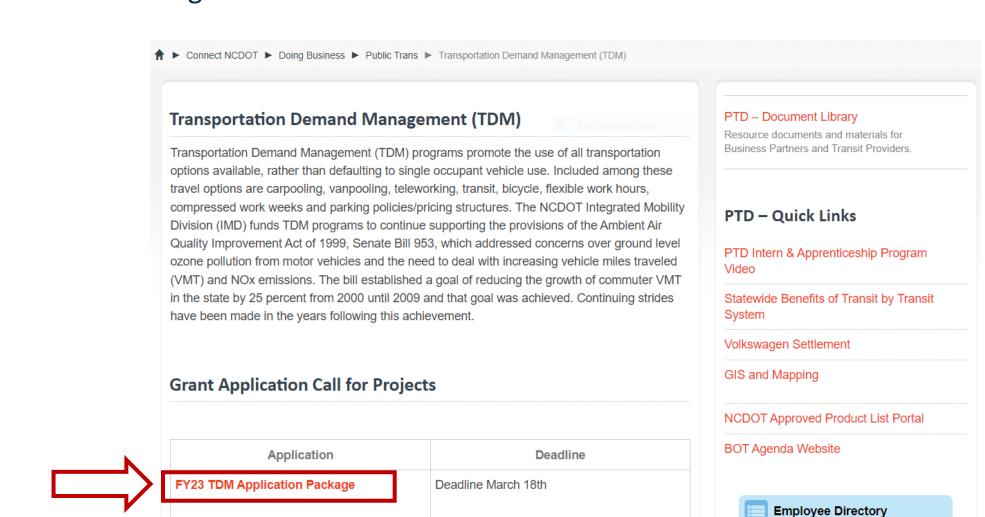
- Certified Safety & Security Officer
  - April 8-9, 2024 (2-Day Training)
  - Register through NCPTA Conference Registration
    - » Register for CSSO, NOT as conference attendee
    - » https://web.cvent.com/event/13df4335-267a-4d01-92ce-dd04cb340e88/summary?locale=en
    - » No additional fee but must register for conference and can participate in meals and activities
- May 2024
  - TA101 Module 1
    - » May 29-30
  - State=funded Grants Management (ROAP, ConCpt, etc)
    - » Date TBD
  - Additional training may be offered announcements will be made via e-mail and posted to the IMD Calendar.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Scheduled trainings are shown on IMD Calendar (In Blue) and have the link to register
  - https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit/Pages/Transit-Communication-Hub.aspx
- All individuals attending virtual training should register via the registration link in order to get credit for attendance
- Each person attending should register with a unique email address (can be a personal address)
- Training, including virtual, is for agencies that are sub-recipients of IMD.
  - Training links should not be shared with agencies that are not sub-recipients of IMD



#### FY 2025 TDM Program



Staff contacts for Integrated

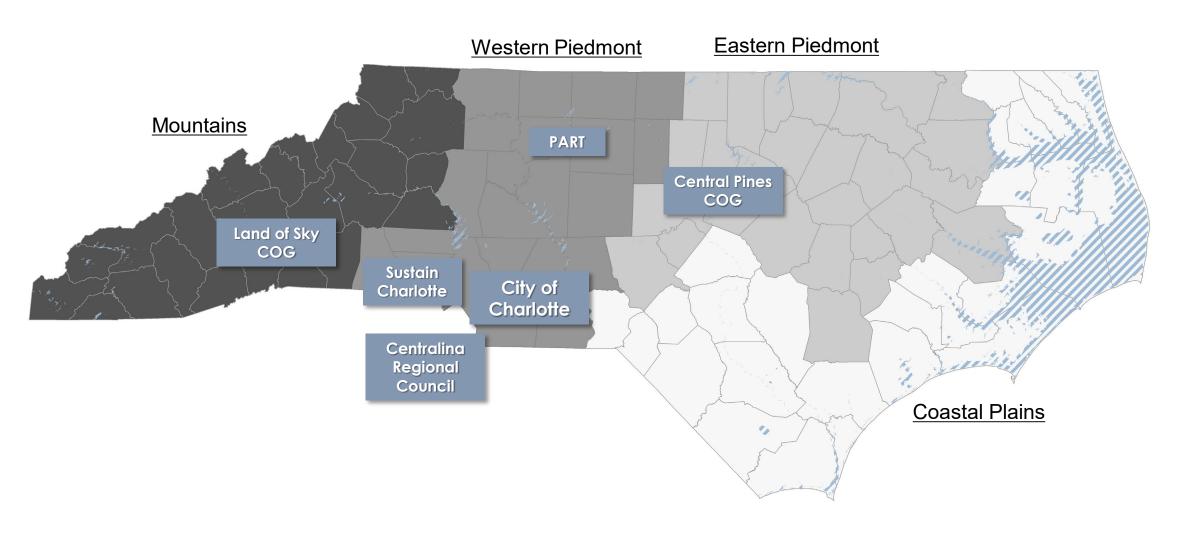
Mobility Division.

<u>Transportation Demand Management (TDM) (ncdot.gov)</u>

## FY 2025 TDM Key Dates

Dates	Task/Event
Feb-23-2024	TDM application materials posted to NCDOT website
Mar-29-2024	Deadline for FY 2025 TDM applications & budget to be submitted in EBS
May-2024	FY 2025 TDM Projects presented to NC Board of Transportation
Jul-1-2024	Beginning of State fiscal year & Period of Performance for FY 2025 TDM programs

## Currently Funded TDM Partners

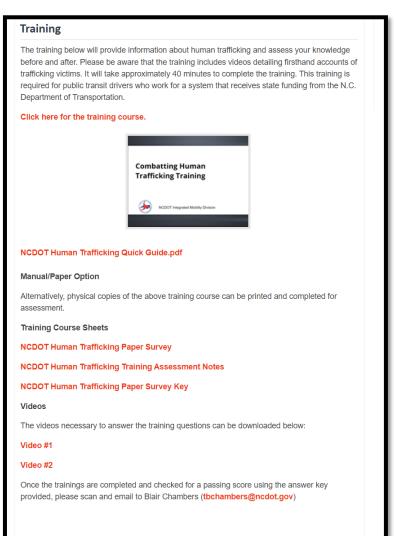


## Human Trafficking Awareness Program Updates

- 291 members of transit staff have completed Human Trafficking Awareness Training (03/11/24).
  - 4 Separate Urban Agencies
  - 41 Separate Rural Agencies

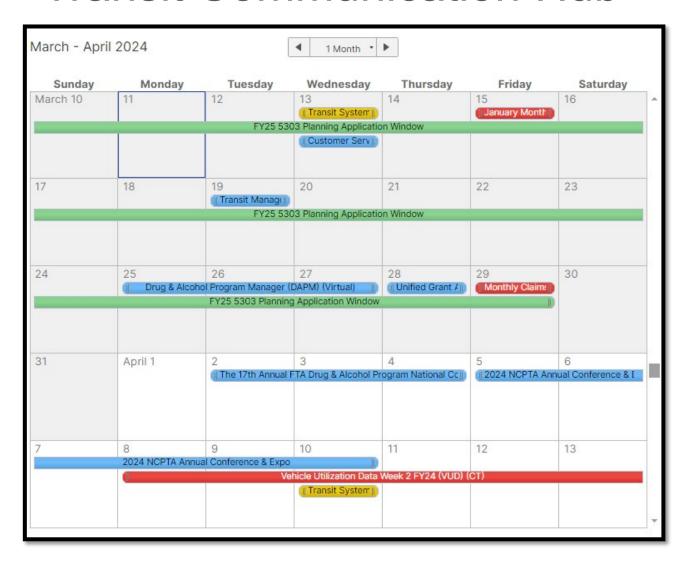
#### **Human Trafficking Posters**

- We will have your posters, if you ordered them, at the NCPTA Conference. Please visit our table to pick them up.
- If you did not order any, we have extras. First come, first serve.



# Calendar & Resource Updates

## **Transit Communication Hub**



#### **Important Dates – Next 30 Days**

#### **Reporting Due:**

- January Monthly ROAP Report 03/15
- Monthly Claims 03/29
- VUD Week 04/08 04/12

#### **Training:**

- Boot Camp 03/19
- Drug & Alcohol Program Manager (DAPM) 03/25 03/27
- Unified Grant Application Training 03/28 (2 Sessions)

#### **Meetings:**

- · No Transit Call in April
- Next Transit Call is on 5/15/24 (Moved from the 8th)

## IMD SmartSheet Links for Transit Systems (View Only): Report Abuse A Help IMD SmartSheet Links for Transit Systems This page will list commonly used SmartSheet Links will doing business with IMD. Please send any questions to Timothy Blair Chambers, Jr., Compliance & Procurement Branch Manager, Integrated Mobility Division, North Carolina Department of Transportation, 919-707-4693 (office) or tbchambers@ncdot.gov. General/Surveys Provide feedback from Transit Calls and Ideas for training topics here. ■ Transit Facility & Low Emission Fleet Transition Feasibility Survey (Open) STIP Amendment Request Database Form ■ NC Department of Transportation Flex Request Form ROAP Reports Transit Activity Reporting ROAP Report Entry (Monthly) ■ Accident/Incident Reporting (Active) **Charter Reports** Vehicle Related Reporting E Charter Report Quarterly Submission ■ Vehicle Disposition Tracking (Coming Soon)

## Contact IMD

