

#### **NORTH CAROLINA** Department of Transportation



Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

May 5, 2021

# AGENDA

- CARES Act Implementation
- COVID-19 Response
- Other Training, Reminders and Updates
- Questions

## **CARES Act Update**

- 5311 CARES Funding Overall Status
- 5311 Claims Summary
- Update on 5307GA and ADTAP



## 5311 CARES Funding Overall Status

- \$94.9 Million total available from FTA
- \$62 Million awarded by FTA so far (includes 10% admin.)
  Includes \$9.6 Million in Round 3 funding recently awarded by FTA
- \$14.6 Million awarded by FTA recently for intercity bus
- \$18.5 Million amount remaining
  - Additional rural needs, with priority for operating but may include capital – precise allocation approach is undecided.



## 5311 Claims Reimbursements

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## \$29,653,987 in claims

# (76 Agreements)



\$28,499,865 approved for payment

## CARES 5307GA/ADTAP

## <u>5307</u>

- 13 Agreement
- 26 Claims
- \$3,091,162
- \$3,091,162 approved for payment

## <u>ADTAP</u>

- 21 Agreements
- 9 claims
- \$340,015 in claims
- \$323,930 approved for payment

## Other Finance Updates and Reminders

- Timely claim submittal is extremely important this year.
  - Submit all expenses incurred through May 31 by June 30
  - Submit all expenses incurred between June 1 and June 30 by July 30
- An extension request must be submitted ASAP if you wish to extend a capital grant that is set to expire June 30
- Operating and admin. projects expiring June 30 will not be extended.
  - Possible exceptions for recipients who will not receive FY 22 operating or admin. funding.

# **COVID-19** Response



- COVID-19 Impact Reporting Requirements
- Mask mandate
- Transportation to vaccination sites
- NC Transit Cares updates

## COVID-19 Response Reporting

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has launched an online application to collect information from recipients and subrecipients on the impacts of COVID-19. The 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. Information on the program can be accessed at this link: <u>https://www.transit.dot.gov/COVID-19Data</u>
- As of this morning, we are at <u>57%</u> reported for the May deadline with 24 systems still outstanding.
- The **Deadline to report is Friday May 7th**.

## **TSA Mask Mandate Extended**



per federal law. Face masks are to be worn at all times. Failure to comply will result in denial of entry to the screening area, and may result in penalties.



Stay Healthy. Stay Secure. tsa.gov/coronavirus

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is extending the face mask requirement for individuals across all transportation networks throughout the United States, including at airports, onboard commercial aircraft, on over-the-road buses, and on commuter bus and rail systems through September 13.
- TSA's initial face mask requirement went into effect on February 1 with an expiration date of May 11.

## NC Transit to Vaccinations

#### **Connecting citizens to COVID-19 vaccinations**

- Ride United free rides launched April 20; 844-771-RIDE
- UBER 10,000 free rides coming to Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, and Union counties
- DHHS funding spend down by transit agencies continues
- RFI solutions tools still available
- Website & weekly data reporting continuing
- Weekly Recap Newsletter continuing



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## NC Regional Microtransit Pilots

**Connecting citizens with enhanced transportation** 



- VIA Microtransit Pilots
  - Wilson (in place)
  - New Hanover & Brunswick Counties collaborating on a new pilot
- UBER Microtransit Pliot
  - Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Mecklenberg, and Union Counties collaborating on a new pilot







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Through May 5, 2021

**Total Miles** Traveled: 99,787

## **VACCINATION TRIPS PROVIDED BY** NC TRANSIT AGENCIES



Total Riders: 8,395



82 (85%) Different Systems have submitted **1023** reports



- Vaccination trips provided by public transportation (reported weekly by transit systems) - Vaccine availability may impact trip distribution

Notes:

DHHS CARES Act Vaccine Trip Claims (as of May 5, 2021)



### 275 Submitted

REMINDER: Please add week of service to DHHS claim form on the month or contract line.



# \$129,654.51 in claims submitted



\$129,864.49 reviewed and approved

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# Reminders, training and other updates



- Transit employee salary study
- IMD staffing updates
- Procurement
- Business guide updates

## Transit Employee Salary Study

- IMD will work with KFH to develop a statewide transit employee salary study.
- Scope is being finalized and project will start soon.
- Will include comprehensive survey of systems to understand existing salaries and challenges with recruiting employees, particularly drivers.
- Recommendations will be included in a final report that can be shared with county board members and others.



## **Procurement Updates**

- NC Statewide Term Contract 070a has been extended until June 30, 2021
  - This contracts covers minivans and raised roof vans
  - Ilderton is the current sole TVM (Transit Vehicle Manufacturer) on this contract
- NCDOT LTV Contract is currently valid until 10/4/2021
  - Working group is currently developing specifications for LTV portion of bid package; raised roof specs already determined
  - The goal is to have one consolidated vehicle contract managed by NCDOT that contains raised roof vans and LTVs

## Safety, Education and Compliance Updates

The NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division Business Guide is currently undergoing a revision review by IMD staff and our consulting group RLS. If you have recommendations on specific guidance you would like to see included in the guide or suggestions on how we can make the guide more "user friendly please email me your recommendations/suggestions.

The SE&C unit is in the process of developing an annual subrecipient training calendar. If you have specific topics you would like for us to provide training on please email me your request(s). kbedwards2@ncdot.gov

## QUESTIONS



Previous slides, recordings and FAQs:

https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit /Pages/Transit-Meeting-Resources.aspx



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