



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

July 14, 2021

AGENDA

- CARES Act Implementation
- COVID-19 Response
- Grant Administration
- Other Reminders and Updates
- Questions

CARES Act Update

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



5311 Claims Reimbursements (76 Agreements)



430 Submitted



\$38,201,918 in claims



\$32,127,435 approved for
payment

CARES Intercity Reimbursements (4 Agreements)



1 Submitted



\$6,025,323 in claims



\$0.00 approved for payment

CARES 5307GA/ADTAP

5307

- 32 Claims
- \$3,980,967 in claims
- \$3,893,656 approved for payment

ADTAP

- 18 claims
- \$520,374 in claims
- \$520,374 approved for payment

COVID-19 Response

- PT Drivers 1,000 Hour Rule
- COVID-19 Impact Reporting Requirements
- Mask mandate
- Transportation to vaccination sites
- NC Transit Cares updates

Part-Time Drivers 1,000 Hour Rule

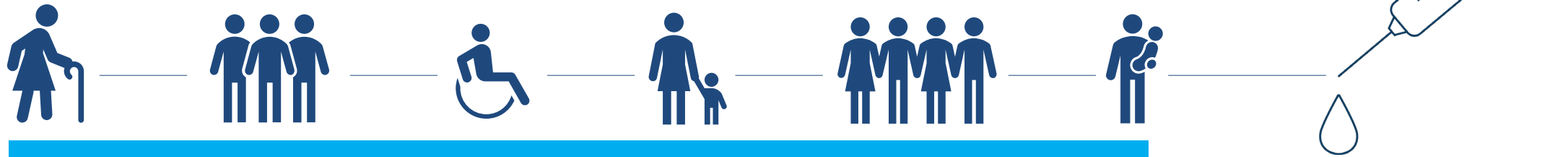
- Employer must participate in LGERS for regular positions that typically require at least 1,000 hours of work in a calendar year.
- If a position does not typically require 1,000 hours of work in a calendar year, LGERS contributions are not required.
- Part-time transit employees may exceed 1,000 hours in a given calendar under unique circumstances (e.g., driver shortage) and the agency is not required to contribute to LGERS.

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: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/COVID-19Data>
- Submit this month's information ASAP (IMD must submit to FTA by COB July 15)

NC Transit to Vaccinations

Connecting citizens to COVID-19 vaccinations



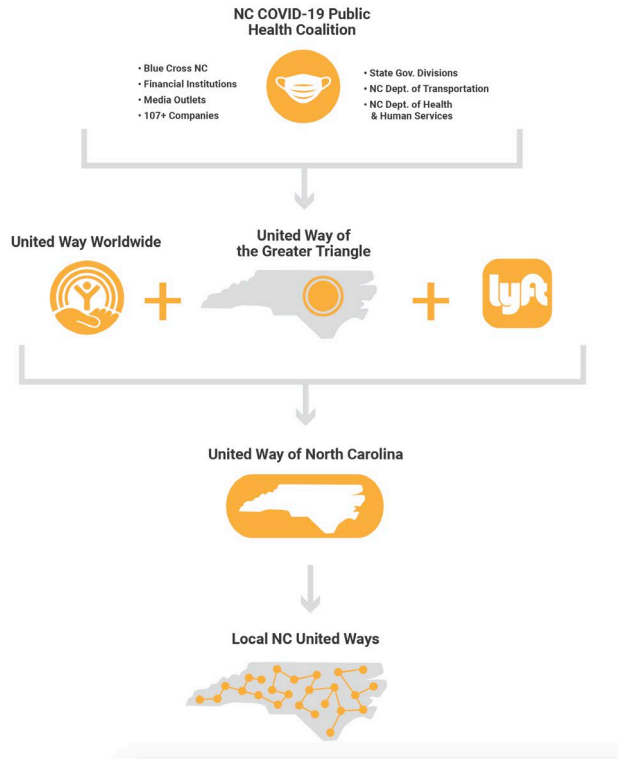
- Ride United free rides launched April 20; 844-771-RIDE
- DHHS funding spend down by transit agencies continues
- RFI solutions tools still available
- Website & weekly data reporting continuing
- Weekly Recap Newsletter continuing



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Ride United NC COVID -19 Vaccine Rides



Need a free roundtrip ride to your COVID-19 vaccine appointment?
We can help.

RIDE UNITED NC is helping underserved* residents across North Carolina get access to COVID-19 vaccine appointments through free or discounted roundtrip transportation.

Call 1-844-771-RIDE
 for more information.

RIDEUNITED NC
www.unitedwaytriangle.org/rideunitednc

*Ride scheduling through the call center is available to those who are age 55+, uninsured, unbanked, and/or members of households considered low-income by the federal definition.



DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VACCINE?

ARE YOU READY TO "TAKE YOUR SHOT?"

"Join me and RIDE UNITED NC to conquer COVID-19."

Chris Wilcox, Former Professional Basketball Player, NC Native, & Entrepreneur

VIRTUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH LITERACY SESSIONS

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE @notahost

- MAY 26: 6 PM EST
- JUNE 23: 6 PM EST
- JULY 28: 6 PM EST
- AUG 25: 6 PM EST

Call 1-844-771-RIDE for more information



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Through July 14th, 2021

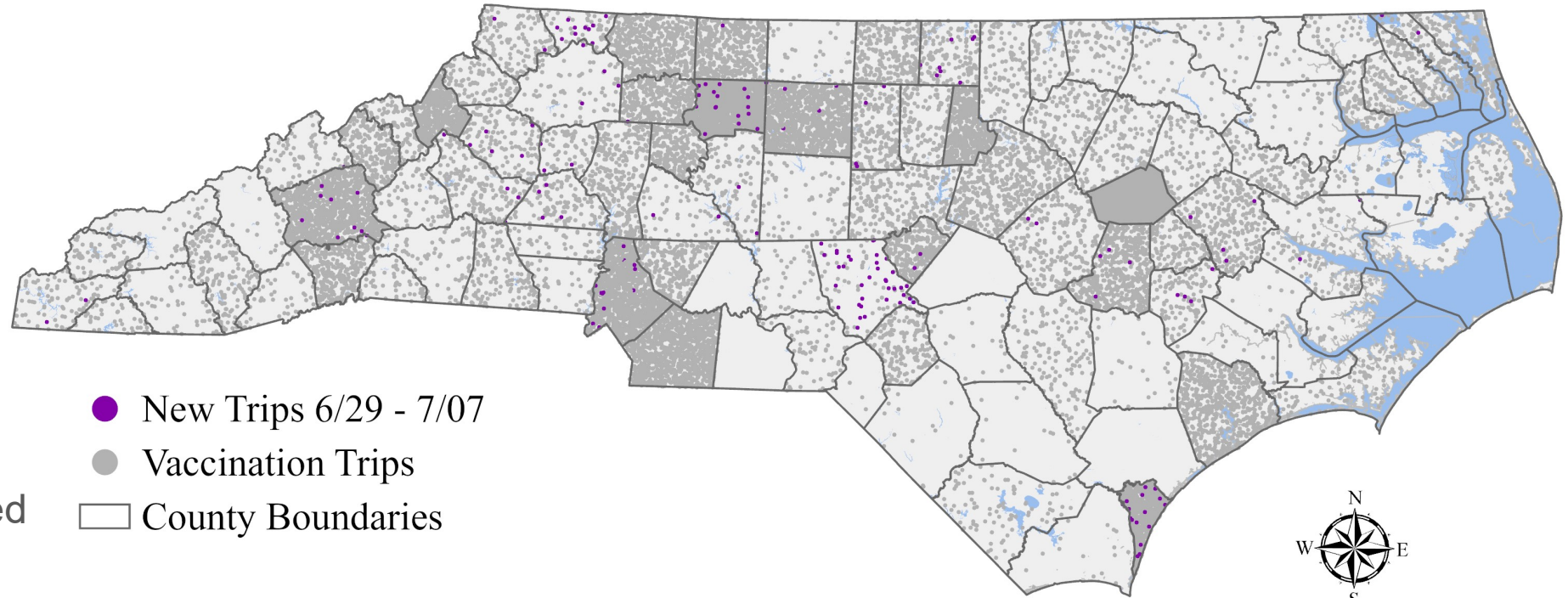
VACCINATION TRIPS PROVIDED BY NC TRANSIT AGENCIES

Total Miles Traveled:
135,571

Total Trips: **16,695**

Total Riders: **10,663**

84 (87%) Different
Systems have submitted
1735 Reports



Notes:

- Increase in trip totals is partially due to an updated methodology that more accurately accounts for round trips
- Vaccination trips provided by public transportation (reported weekly by transit systems)
- Vaccine availability may impact trip distribution

DHHS CARES Act Vaccine Trip Claims (as of July 12, 2021)

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



480 Submitted



\$222,371 in claims submitted



\$220,050 reviewed and
approved

Grant Administration

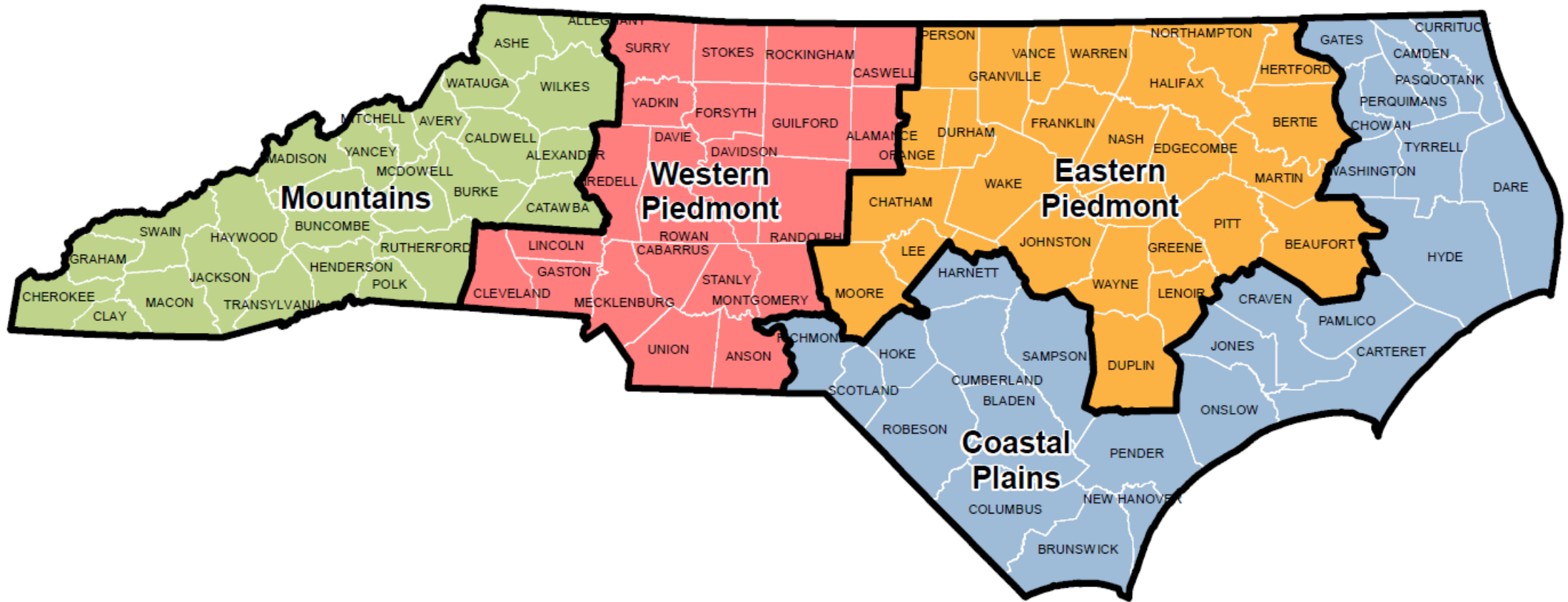
- New Grant Admin. Section Update
- FY 23 Call for projects
- Possible Second FY 23 Call for projects
- FY 24 Grant preview



IMD Grants Administration Section Update

- 4 Regions: Mountain, Western Piedmont, Eastern Piedmont, Coastal Plains
- Regional Grant Specialists
- Grants Administrator
- Procurement Officer
- Focus and direction of section

IMD Regions



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Western Piedmont

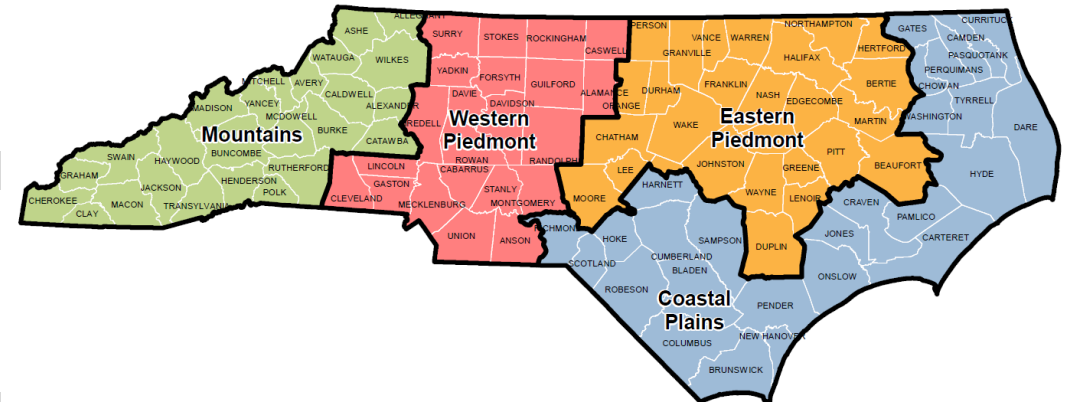
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FY 2023 Call for Projects

Call for Projects: July 12 – October 8, 2021

5311 Admin/Operating

5310 Operating

5310 Capital – Purchase of Service

Rural State Operating*

STI – Capital – Rural

Non-STI Rural Expansion Vehicle

Combined Capital

Mobility Manager

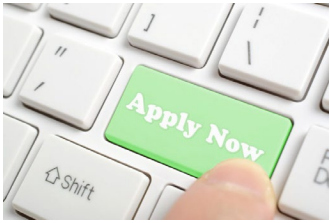
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Traveler's Aid

STI – Capital –Urban

*5303, TDM, Internship/Apprentice to be posted later in 2021.

*5307 FY 2022 applications previously submitted are in review process



FY 2024 Application Program Preview

- Unified Application Project – linked to each systems unique profile
- Multi-phase approach to allow activities to be done over time
- Clear, step by step guidance
- Application material done online
- EBS remains key aspect of grant process
- Anticipate late-spring launch.

Second Call for Projects Considered

1. State funds for 5311 Operating/Admin, State Match

- End August 2021 - Account balances ready for estimated amount availability.
- Mid September 2021 – Tentative HOLD for Call for Projects EBS Applications and close in November 2021 for BOT agenda item in Feb 2022.

2. ARPA and CRRSAA (5310 Targeted Program)

- 100% Federal funds
- Program Guidance under development
- August timeframe anticipated

Other Updates



- Transit Technology RFP
- Pay study
- Apprenticeship/Intern program
- Fare free study
- FTA PTASP Requirement

Proposed Project Objectives

- **Consistent with best practices and industry trends**

On-demand as well as pre-scheduled trips

- **Increased value**

All participating agencies benefit from scale

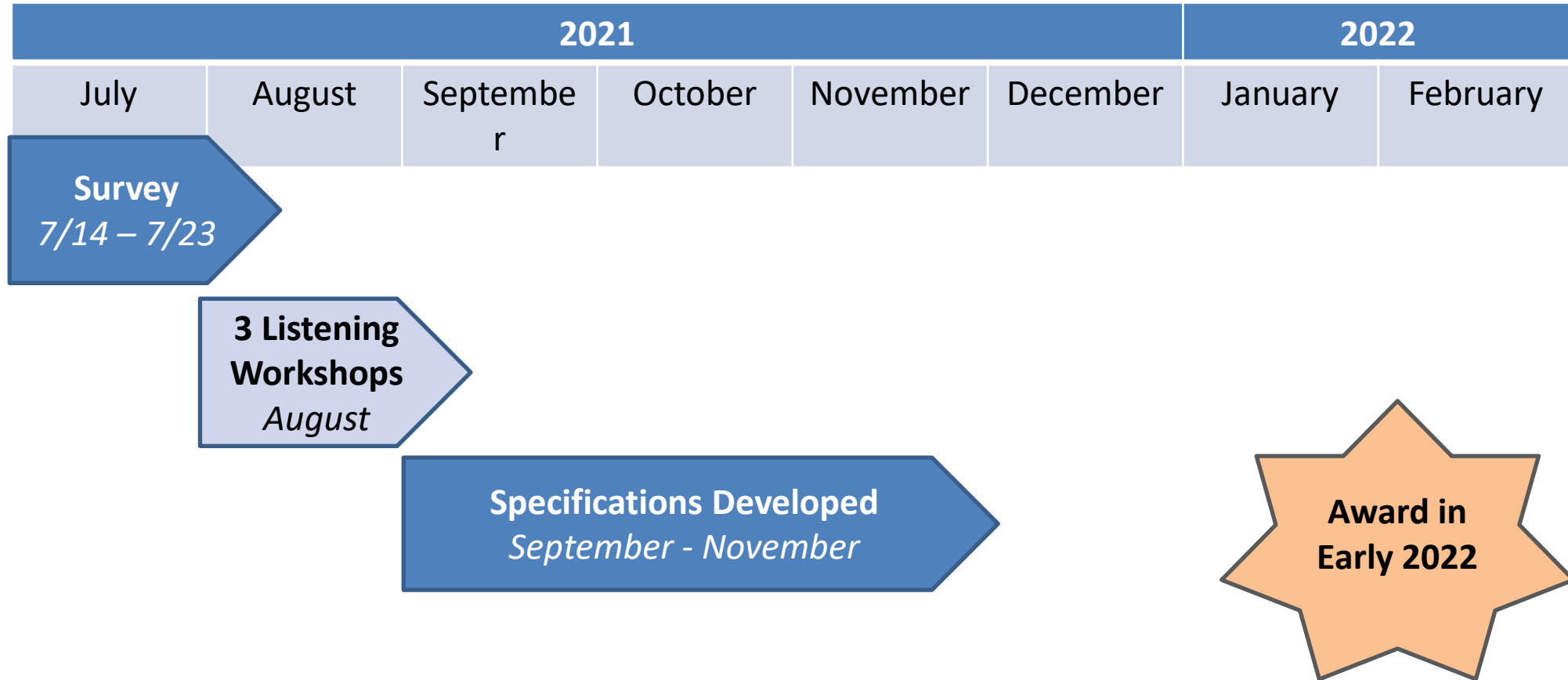
- **Common, state-wide platform with better support and security**

All participating agencies benefit from standardization

- **Simpler, and faster acquisition and implementation**

Adaptable to the needs and readiness of each agency

Current Schedule



Proposed Survey Objectives

1. Obtain a clear picture of the current technology landscape
 - Current systems and any planned acquisitions
 - Existing systems meeting current and future requirements
 - Pain points with existing systems

2. Develop shared vision, objectives and high-level needs
 - Needs as well as shared benefits such as support and security
 - Interoperability between agencies
 - Cost savings through Statewide procurement

Transit Employee Salary Study

- IMD is working with KFH to develop a statewide transit employee salary study.
- Survey of transit agencies anticipated by end of the month.
- Survey seeks 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.

IMD Apprenticeship & Intern Programs

- Program returning in FY 22-FY 23 (starts May 2022)
- Preparing application guidance documents
- Updating salary and benefit amounts
- Call for projects will be posted this month

Fare free study

- ITRE is leading a study regarding fare elimination
- Includes a review of case studies and best practices
- Analysis of pros and cons of going fare free, including potential benefits and impacts

FTA PTASP Requirement

- FTA PTASP Deadline: *July 20, 2021*
- Certification Process
 1. Signed by Accountable Executive
 2. Approved by Board of Directors or an Equivalent Authority
 3. Certified in the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)

Certified in 3 ways depending upon your status

 - Direct Recipient - must self-certify in TrAMS
 - Subrecipient of Agency - Transit agency must certify for subordinate agency
 - Subrecipient of NCDOT - NCDOT will certify in TrAMS
- MPO adoption/coordination of transit Safety Performance Targets by August

DAPM and Reasonable Suspicion Training

- Virtual Drug & Alcohol Program Management & Compliance Workshop (USDOT-FTA)
- July 20, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

- Virtual Reasonable Suspicion Determination Training
- July 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

- **Please email: kbedwards2@ncdot.gov for details and registration information**

Reports

Due July 15

- Charter (EBS)
- Program Income (Send to Myra directly)
- Training report (EBS)
- Vehicle and lift preventative maintenance data (EAM)

Other Reports Due Soon

- Annual ROAP report due July 31 via SmartSheet survey link
- FY 21 OpStats end of year report due August 31

QUESTIONS



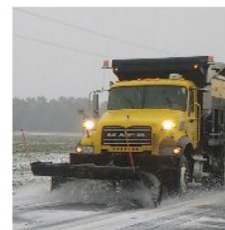
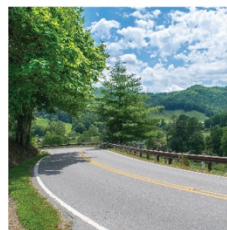
Previous slides, recordings and FAQs:

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



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