



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

July 19, 2023



AGENDA

- Finance & Grant Admin. Updates
- Other Updates and Reminders
 - CASSI
 - 5304 Update
 - Microtransit Studies
 - LCP
 - Grant Awards
- Training Sessions Update
- Questions

Finance Updates



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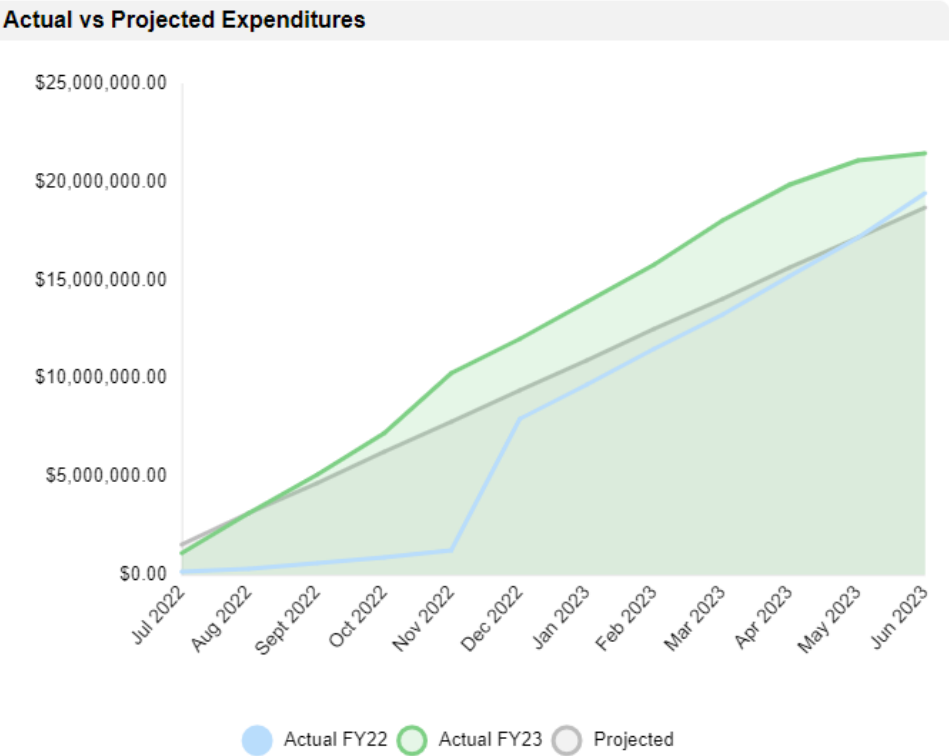
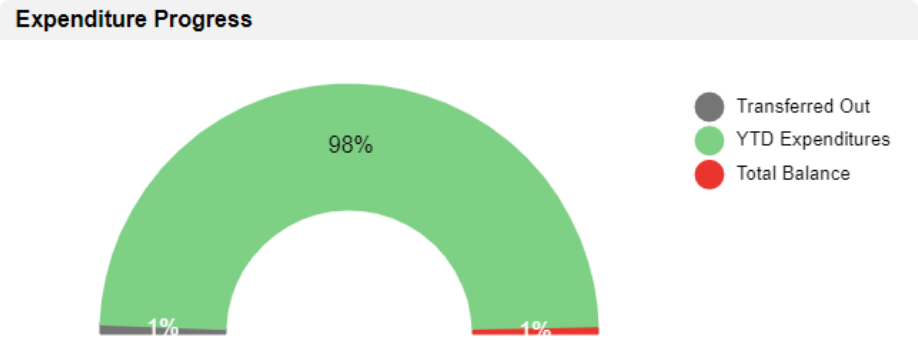
- Final claims are due in EBS on or before July 30, 2023, for all projects ending on June 30, 2023. Please check the period of performance on all of your open projects and submit your claims asap.
- You must submit a change request to balance all budgets prior to submitting final claims in EBS. Any claims we receive in overdraft, will be returned for correction.
- Finance has sent out all FY24 initial Contracts via DocuSign. If you haven't received your contracts, please contact your accounting specialist immediately.
- The final indicator on the claim form is active once again, please select the indicator when submitting your final claim.
- If you have received your vehicles and haven't requested reimbursement, please get your claims submitted into EBS right away.

ROAP Update as of July 17, 2023

Overall ROAP Stats		
Primary	Amount	% Total Allocation
ROAP Allocation	\$18,690,029	
Carryover	\$3,629,744	
Allocation + Carryover	\$22,319,773	
Transferred Out	\$269,414	1%
YTD Expenditures	\$21,918,687	117%
Total Balance	\$131,672	1%

EDTAP, EMPL, RGP Stats				
SFY2023	Net Allocation	Expenditures	% Expended	County Funds Used
EDTAP	\$10,237,237	\$10,785,713	105%	\$3,129,785
EMPL	\$2,789,302	\$3,413,836	122%	\$1,751,619
RGP	\$9,015,222	\$7,719,139	86%	\$1,434,634
Totals	\$22,041,761	\$21,918,687	99%	\$6,316,037

Net Allocation includes Carryover Amounts and Transfers.



*The transit systems had the option to roll up July - December reports into the December data for SFY2022.



ROAP Update Continued

- Upcoming Reporting Dates:
 - June 2023 ROAP report is due on or before **July 31st**
 - FY24 ROAP reports will be due beginning September 15th. The new SmartSheet link will be sent out once updates are completed and updated instructions prepared.
- Several systems have not submitted any, or very few, FY23 ROAP reports. Lack of reporting will affect the reconciliation of balances and will show up as “Unspent Funds”. Unspent funds are factored into the disbursement of the allocated funds.
- The year-end reconciliation of ROAP reports will begin in July, if past reports need to be corrected or submitted, please advise as soon as possible.
 - RGSs will reach out to systems who have not submitted reports through the fiscal year or who have not corrected or revised a ROAP report and resubmitted them.
 - These actions are necessary to complete the reconciliation at the end of the fiscal year.



ROAP Update Continued

- The link to the FY23 ROAP SmartSheet is, continue to use this to complete your FY23 reporting only.
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ea46d9e0611c406d84b62a9b72b82c78>
- The FY24 ROAP application will be posted to the UGA landing page on our Connect site later this summer, notification will be made when it is available.

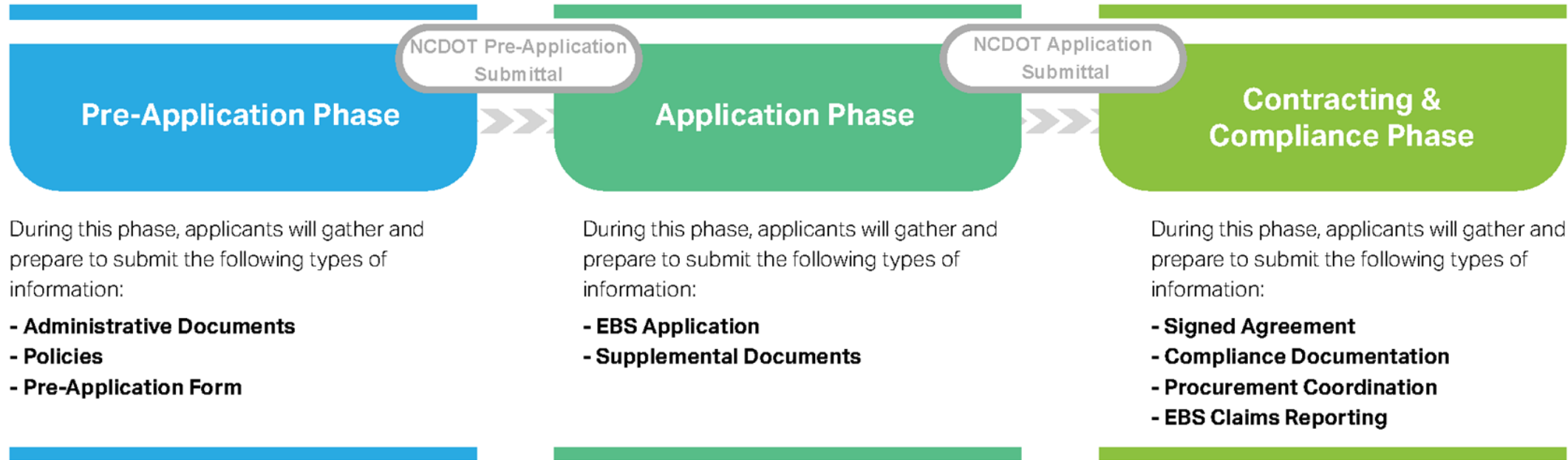


Grant Administration & Procurement Updates





FY 25 Unified Grant Application (UGA) Process



Key Updates

- FY25 5311 Admin & Operating formula allocations released in May through assigned RGS
- Applications phase: EBS Applications opened **July 3, 2023** – Due date is **October 6, 2023**
- Quick Reference Guides available on UGA webpage:
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit/Pages/Unified-Grant-Application.aspx>
- FY 25 Combined Capital Application has been temporarily removed. Our IT department is working to correct this issue.



Grant Applications Opening July 3,2023

- ▶ Capital Purchase of Service
- ▶ Section 5310
- ▶ Section 5311
- ▶ Urban Advanced Technology
- ▶ Urban Strategic Transportation Investments (STI)
- ▶ Rural STI
- ▶ Combined Capital **(Delayed)**
- ▶ ConCPT Consolidation (CN)
- ▶ ConCPT Coordination (CO)
- ▶ Rural State Operating Funds (RO)
- ▶ Travelers' Aid
- ▶ Urban State Match
- ▶ Non-STI
- ▶ Mobility Manager
- ▶ Capital Cost of Contracting





Grant Applications Opening Later in 2023

- ▶ 5303 Planning (Fall 2023)
- ▶ Rural Operating Assistance Program (Late Summer)
- ▶ State Maintenance Assistance Program (Late Summer)
- ▶ Transportation Demand Management (TBD)
- ▶ Other FTA Discretionary Grants (As Available)



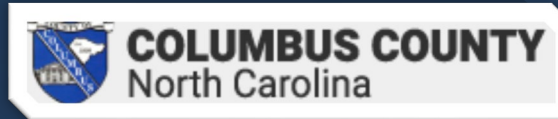
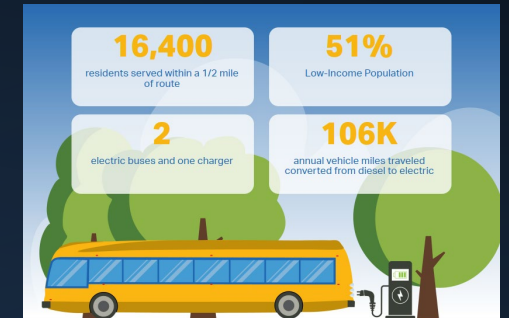
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Other Updates & Reminders

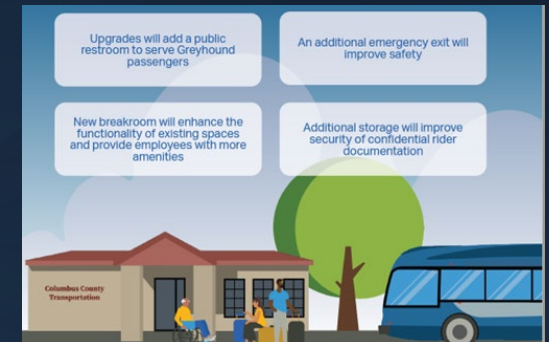
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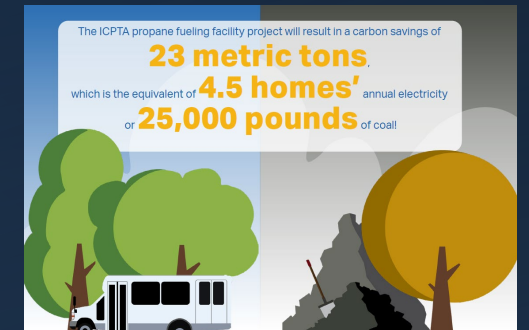
Awarded \$2,207,758 in grant funds to buy battery electric buses, charging equipment and to develop a training program for maintenance workers.



Columbus County Transportation was awarded \$280,800 in grant funds to modernize its transit facility.



ICPTA was awarded \$3,326,067 in grant funds to build an operations and maintenance facility.



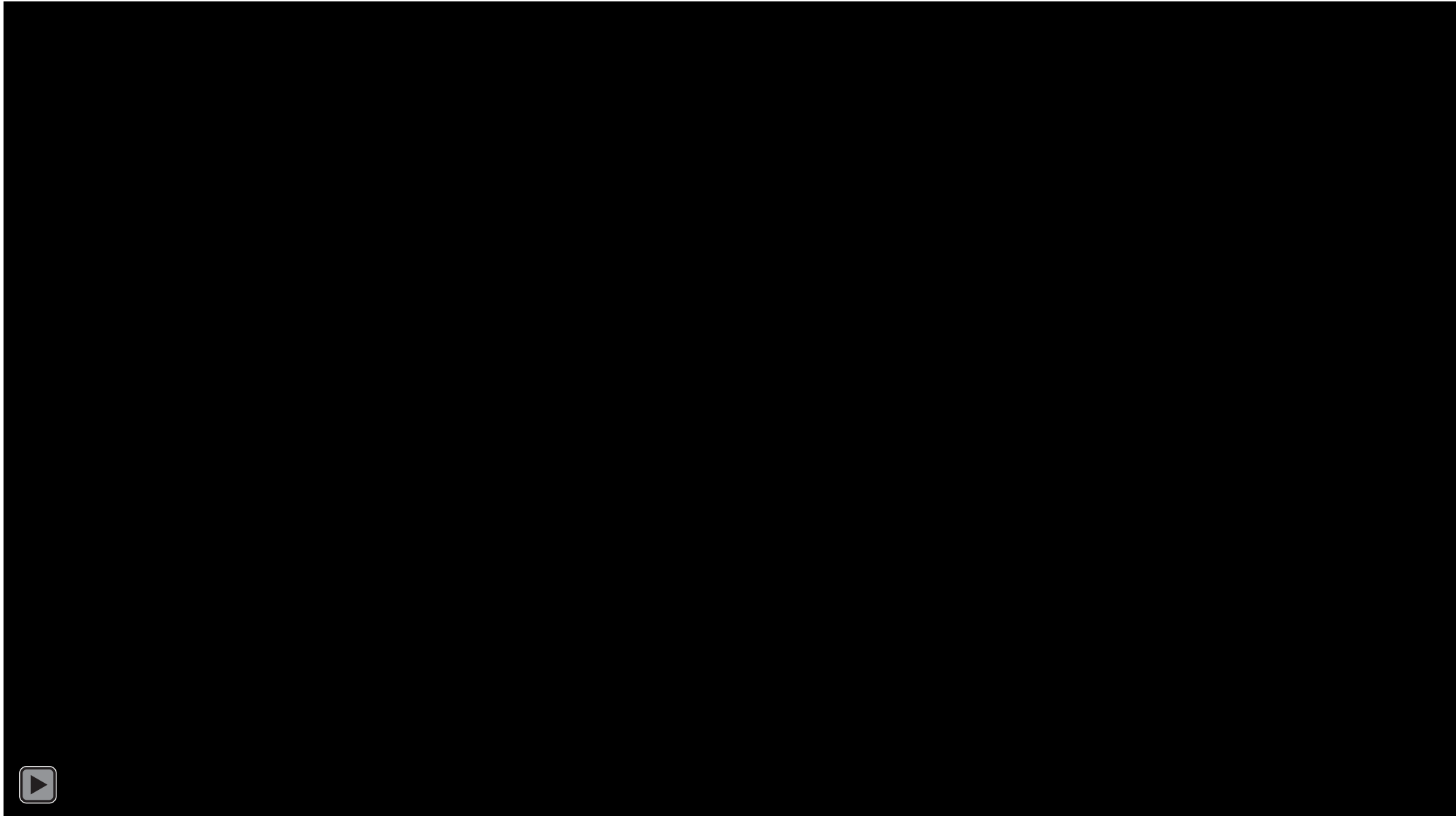
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RAISE North Carolina Department of Transportation developed
the application for the City of Brevard - Ecusta Trail
\$24,559,469

Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program
Brevard, Hendersonville, Transylvania and Henderson Counties, Land
of Sky RPO, French Broad River MPO
\$21,412,044.00

Mitchell County Pine Line



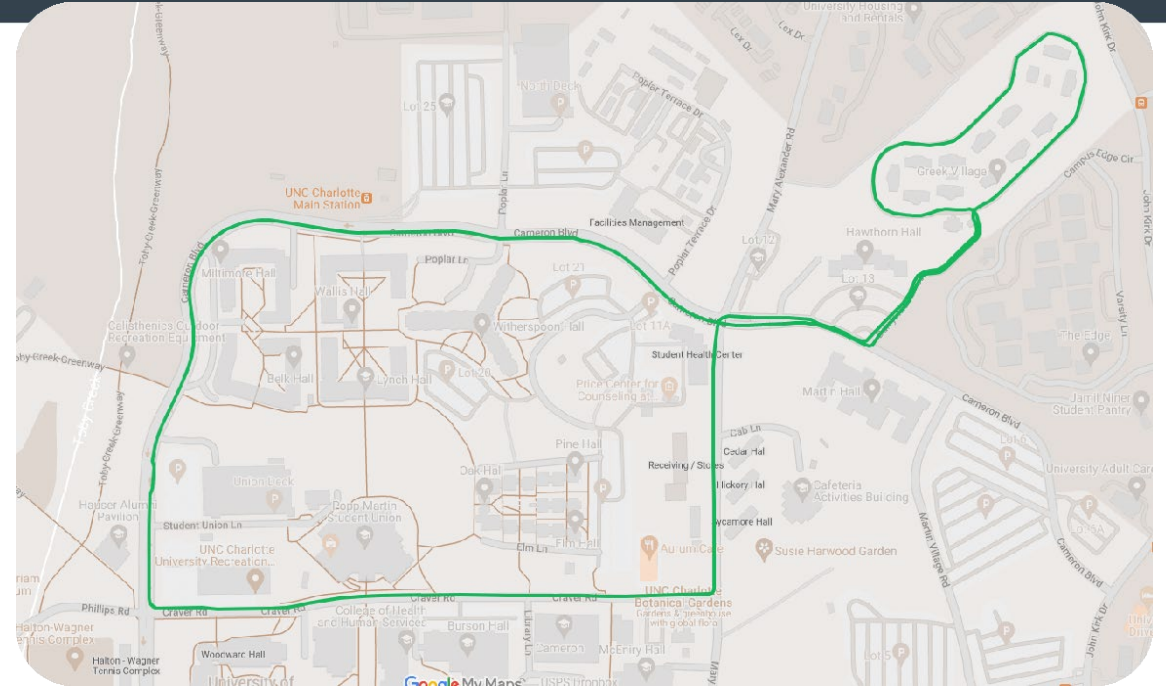
CASSI at UNC Charlotte

Connected Autonomous Shuttle Supporting Innovation (CASSI)

July 12 through December 22, 2023

Compared to previous pilots under the CASSI program:

- ❖ Most signals (four total)
- ❖ Longest route (2.2 miles)
- ❖ Longest duration (6 months)
- ❖ Most complicated mixed traffic environment
 - Includes bicyclist, scooter, pedestrian, motor vehicle, and transit interactions and shared stops with the existing campus bus fleet



Increased Federal Share for FTA Section 5303 Funds

- FTA has released two separate waivers for the typical 20% match ratio for some planning projects utilizing Section 5303 funding.
 - Complete Streets planning activities conducted by MPOs may not require a state or local match.
 - Transportation planning activities impacting areas that have *lower population density* or *lower average income* compared to the surrounding areas may be eligible for 90% or 100% federal share.
- Overall eligible activities for 5303 will not change. Some activities may be eligible for higher federal share than the typical 80% federal match.
- NCDOT is developing guidance to help MPOs, transit agencies, and local governments increase the federal share for some 5303 funded projects.



Microtransit Feasibility Studies

6 projects approved for funding by BOT in July

- Wilson County Transportation
- Davidson County Transportation
- Onslow United Transit System
- Hoke County / Hoke Area Transit Service
- Robeson County / South East Area Transit System (SEATS)
- City of Greensboro / Greensboro Transit Agency (GTA)

Next Steps:

- Firm assignments and draft scopes – August 2023
- NTP / Kickoff – September 2023

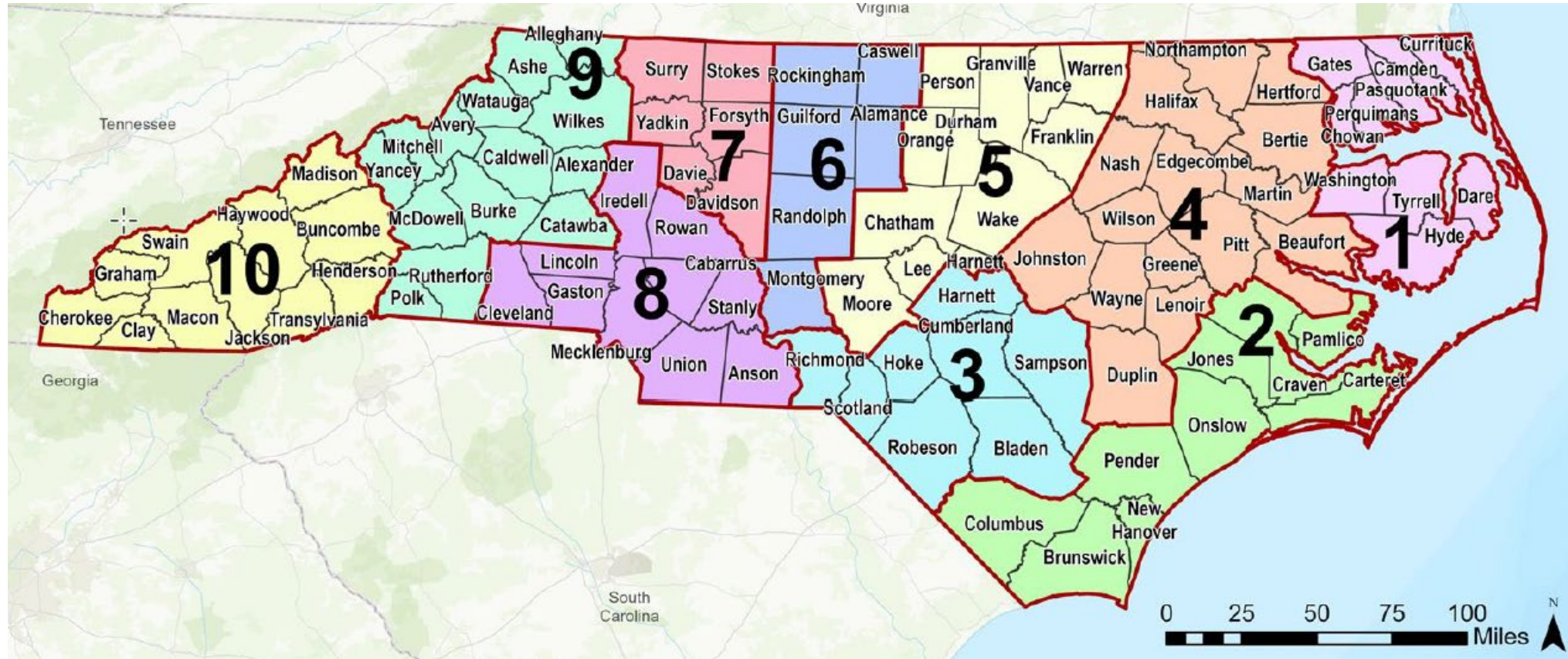


Statewide Locally Coordinated Plan (LCP) Update

Overview

- IMD Kicked off the LCP on June 22nd.
- The Plan will update the existing LCP that is set to expire at the end of FY 2024. The new plan will be for FY's 2025-2029.
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law continues to require a comprehensive and coordinated planning process to identify and select projects eligible for § 5310 funding.
- Large urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 that receive § 5310 funds directly will continue to prepare a separate LCP.
- The Plan will take approximately 10 months to prepare.
- 10 Locally Coordinated Areas identified based on RPO/MPO boundaries, transit plan boundaries, IMD Regions.
- 2 representatives from each region serve on the coordinating committee. (One RPO rep, One transit rep)

Study Area | LCP Regions



LCP Upcoming Milestones

- **Stakeholder Survey** will solicit feedback from all agencies, non-profits, and other entities purchasing services using § 5310 funds. The survey will be distributed by the end of July.
- **Virtual Public Meetings** will be tentatively held on August 30th at 10 am and at 6 pm and again on September 7th at 4 pm. The content and format will be identical.
 - The public meetings will focus on providing information to older adults and persons with disabilities and allow them an opportunity to provide any feedback.
- Please reach out Hart Evans jhevens1@ncdot.gov if you have any comments or concerns with the proposed virtual public meeting dates and times or if you have any other questions about the LCP

Training Information

- **Training Survey**

- Responses are being compiled. Data will be used to prepare a summary report of results and will be used to develop additional training opportunities.

- **Drug & Alcohol Program Manager (DAPM) & Reasonable Suspicion Training**




- Training Dates:
 - **DAPM - September 11-13, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (3 days, must attend all)**
 - **Reasonable Suspicion - September 14, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.**
- Training will be virtual via GoTo Webinar – Registration information will be by email this afternoon. Share registration information with staff that will attend.
- DAPM Registration Link :
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6703738220124635996>
- Reasonable Suspicion Registration Link:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1674188305119184221>

Training Information

- **PASS Training**

- Working with CTAA & Instructor on dates. Possible late August and October - nothing confirmed
- Training to be held in different locations across the state - TBD
- 2-day training – may require overnight travel depending on locations
- Survey (very short!) will be emailed this afternoon or tomorrow.
- Purpose is to gauge interest level and identify training locations near largest concentrations of participants (based on 4 regions).
- <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/8c39a030ed14401e91abd4b2f2cb33c8>
- **Train the Trainer*, initial certification class, not recertification classes.






IMD SmartSheet Links for Transit Systems

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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)
-  PASS Training Registration Survey (Open)
-  NCDOT-IMD – Drug & Alcohol Program Management & Compliance (USDOT-FTA) on Sep 11-13, 2023, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM EDT (Open)
-  NCDOT-IMD - Reasonable Suspicion Determination Training on Sep 14, 2023, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EDT (Open)


ROAP Reports

-  ROAP Report Entry (Monthly)


Transit Activity Reporting

-  Accident/Incident Reporting (Active)

Charter Reports

-  Charter Report Quarterly Submission

Vehicle Related Reporting

-  Vehicle Disposition Tracking (Coming Soon)

Transit Communication Hub

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Transit Communication Hub

Due in the Last 30 Days & the Next 45 Days (View in [smartsheet](#))

Transit System Meeting @ 1pm	02/08/23
DAMIS Report FY23 (Jan - Dec) (CT)	02/15/23
Multimodal Updates Meeting	02/15/23
Monthly Claims Due (w/DBE and Progress Reports)	02/28/23
Transit System Meeting @ 1pm	03/08/23

Communications

✓	Date Sent	 Name	Subject
	2/7/2023	 FY23 5339 Survey of Interest ✱	Announcements
	2/6/2023	 TLDP Registration - Spring 2023 ✱	Training
	1/30/2023	 FY2024 Application Certs and Assurances Package	Announcements
	1/30/2023	 Areas of Persistent Poverty Program FY2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity ✱	Announcements



QUESTIONS



Previous slides, recordings and FAQs:

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

Provide feedback and ideas for topics:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/f626a9fbbd7649e4ba4dd45b3bedbcfd>