

NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

April 29, 2020

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Update on CARES Act Application
- ROAP/SMAP Policy Changes
- Conversion of Remaining 5307/5311 Funding
- Thinking Ahead
- Funding Dashboard and Web Resources
- Wrap Up
- Questions



- Re-Submitted to FTA April 27, 2020 for 5311 Initial Allocation
- Issues with Transit System Application
 - Deadline extended by a week until May 8
- Next Steps:
 - Intercity (Required 15%)
 - New Providers

SMAP/ROAP Policy Change

- NCDOT will not require unspent FY 20 funds to be returned
- Policy Document outlining the changes will be sent out to systems by first of May
 - Must be signed by County Manager and Transit Director

Conversion of 5307 and 5311 Funds to 100% Federal Match

- FTA Guidance clarified that “Section 5307 and Section 5311 funding that has not already been disbursed by the recipient or passed its period of availability may be used for COVID-19 response at the increased Federal share of 100 percent.”
- Difficult with grant system
- Working to create a strategy to implement

Thinking Ahead – Future Investments

- If budget allows, some CARES Act funding could cover capital and other emerging needs to facilitate recovery efforts
- Consider long-term impacts of COVID-19 on public transportation
- Preserve and expand access to opportunities and services for vulnerable populations

Emerging Trends with Cost Implications

- **Social distancing** – minimizing passengers per vehicle & providing real-time information to customers
- **Sanitizing surfaces and reducing spread** – cashless fare technology, regular cleanings
- **Changing travel patterns** – more aging in place, more cross-jurisdictional trips, increased need for on-demand
- **Non-traditional collaborations** – social service roles, economic development partnerships

COVID-19 Web Resources

[https://connect.ncdot.gov/
business/Transit](https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Transit)

The screenshot shows the 'Connect NCDOT BUSINESS PARTNER RESOURCES' website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Help, Team Sites, and Site Map. A search bar is present. The main menu highlights 'Doing Business' and includes categories like Bidding & Letting, Projects, Resources, Local Governments, Prequalify, Small Business, Consultants, Directory of Firms, Trucking, Fleet & Material Mgmt, DMV, Public Trans, Purchasing, ROW, and Turnpike.

The page title is 'COVID-19-Response Coronavirus/COVID-19 Response'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Connect NCDOT > Doing Business > Public Trans > COVID-19-Response'.

The main content area features a 'CARES Act Transit Funding Dashboard' with a 'smartsheet' link. Below this is the 'NCDOT-IMD's CARES ACT 2020 DASHBOARD' with the following text:

On Friday, March 27, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law. The Federal Transit Administration is allocating \$25 billion to recipients of urbanized area and rural area formula funds, with \$22.7 billion to large and small urban areas and \$2.2 billion to rural areas. Funding will be provided at a 100-percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

Operating expenses incurred beginning on January 20, 2020 for all rural and urban recipients, even those in large urban areas, are also eligible, including operating expenses to maintain transit services as well as paying for administrative leave for transit personnel due to reduced operations during an emergency.

Below the text is a 'Tentative Subrecipient Timeline' table:

Activity	Date
Allocation and application released to transit systems	April 20-22, 2020
Enter FTA application in TRAMS	April 20, 2020
Subrecipients apply for Funding	April 20-30, 2020

On the right side, there are sections for 'COVID-19 Response FAQs' with a 'Frequently Asked Questions' button, 'CARES Act Grant Application' with a 'CARES Act Grants' button, and 'Resource Links' including 'NCDOT's Coronavirus FAQ Question Intake Survey', 'FTA Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19) Landing Page', and 'FTA Safety Advisory 20-01'.

Wrap Up



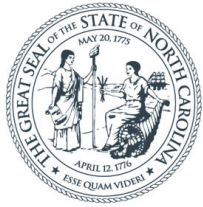
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Update SmartSheet “Coronavirus Status Update (Transit)” with impacts to system

QUESTIONS?





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