



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

June 2, 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 (76 Agreements)



369 Submitted



\$32,726,272 in claims



\$32,127,435 approved for
payment

CARES 5307GA/ADTAP

5307

- 28 Claims
- \$3,588,976
- \$3,588,976 approved for payment

ADTAP

- 11 claims
- \$391,846 in claims
- \$391,846 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

- 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

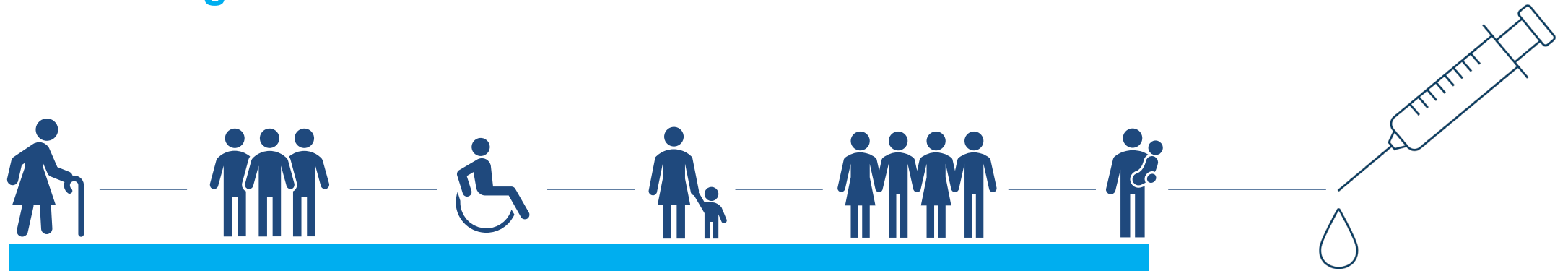
- Employer must participate in LGERS for regular positions that typically require at least 1,000 hours of work in a calendar year.
- If a position does not typically require 1,000 hours of work in a calendar year, LGERS contributions are not required.
- Part-time transit employees may exceed 1,000 hours 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>
- The deadline to report is Wednesday, June 9.

NC Transit to Vaccinations

Connecting citizens to COVID-19 vaccinations



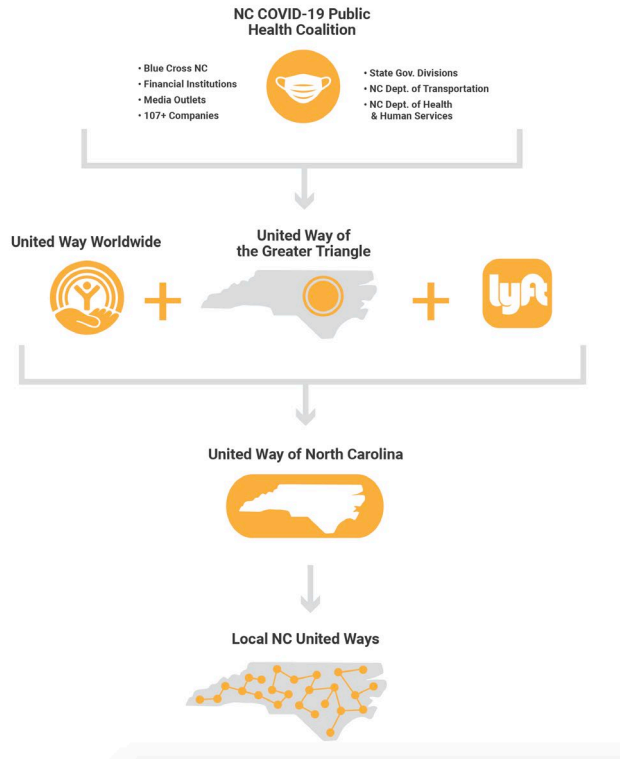
- Ride United free rides launched April 20; 844-771-RIDE
- DHHS funding spend down by transit agencies continues
- RFI solutions tools still available
- Website & weekly data reporting continuing
- Weekly Recap Newsletter continuing



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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

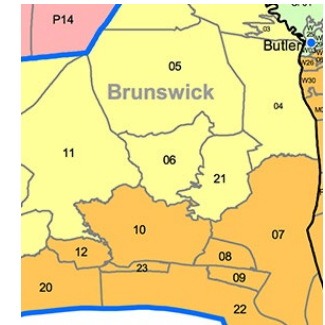
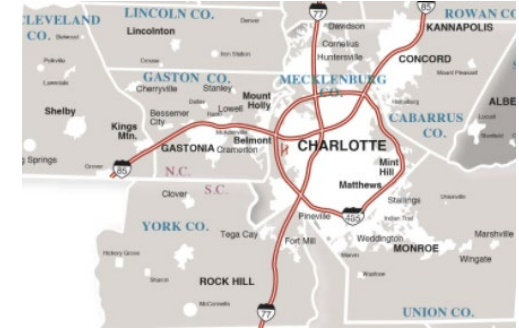
Call 1-844-771-RIDE for more information



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NC Regional Microtransit Pilots

Connecting citizens with enhanced transportation



- **VIA Microtransit Pilot**

- Wilson (in place)

- **Other Microtransit Pilots**

- New Hanover & Brunswick Counties collaborating on a new pilot
- Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Mecklenberg, and Union Counties collaborating on a new pilot



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Through June 2nd, 2021

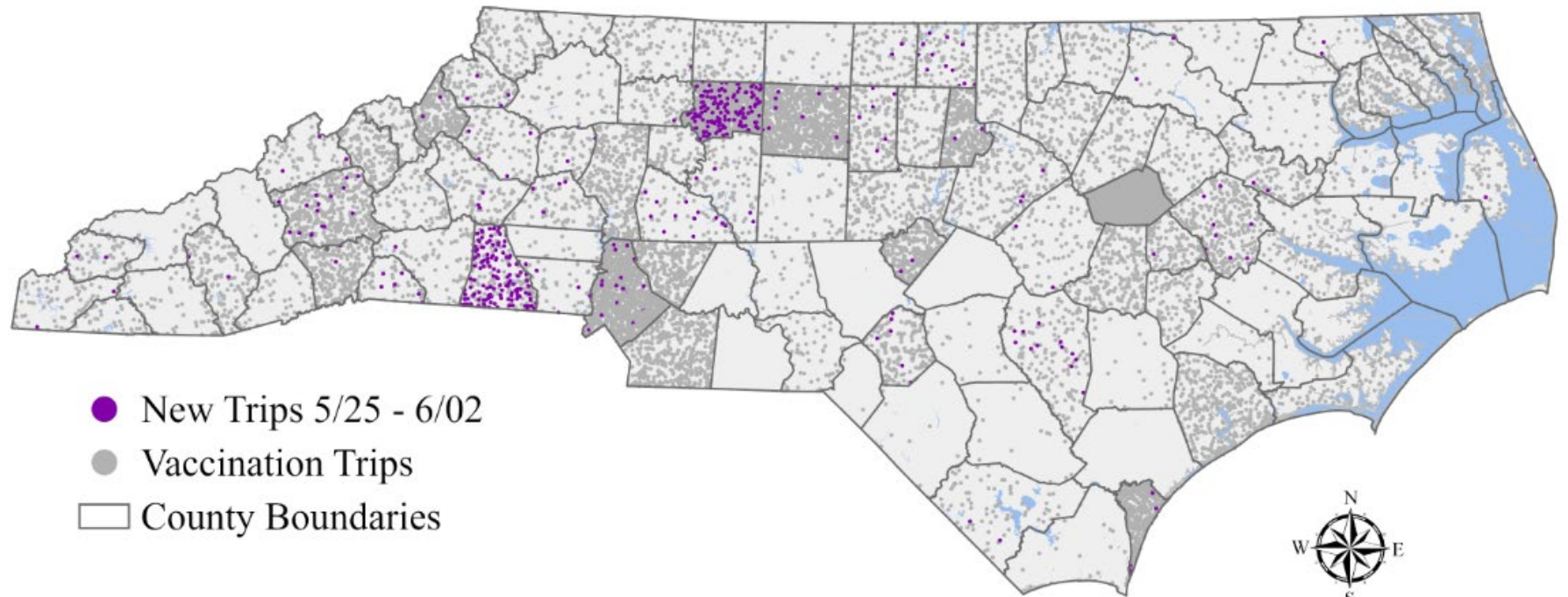
VACCINATION TRIPS PROVIDED BY NC TRANSIT AGENCIES

Total Miles Traveled:
126,569

Total Trips: **15,216**

Total Riders: **9,903**

83 (86%) Different
Systems have submitted
1331 Reports



Notes:
- 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 June 2, 2021)

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



387 Submitted



\$193,771.30 in claims
submitted



\$193,580.48 reviewed and
approved

Reminders, training and other updates



- Procurement
- FTA PTASP Requirement

Procurement Procedures

- Procurement Thresholds

Under \$10,000 – No prior approval needed from NCDOT-IMD

- Still needs to go through proper local procurement procedures

\$10,000-\$29,999 – Price Quotes

- At least 3 quotes needed by email, mail or in person

\$30,000-\$89,999 – Informal Bids

- Solicit at least 3 written quotes

\$90,000 and above (\$150,000 and above for construction projects) – Formal Bids

- IMD must review all bid specifications prior to solicitation
- Publish advertisement (at least once) for at least 7 days prior to opening

Procurement Checklist and Procurement History Form needed for all procurements \$10,000 or greater for any projects using State and/or Federal funds (excludes direct recipients who report directly to FTA)

- All applicable certifications (Buy America, E-Verify, etc...) must also be included in documentation submitted to Procurement at IMD prior to purchase order

Waiver of Bidding for Previously Bid Contracts (Piggybacking)

- North Carolina General Statutes § 143-129
 - Purchases from contracts entered into by any federal, state or local government in the United States that have been competitively bid within the previous 12 months if the contractor is willing to extend the same or more favorable prices, terms and conditions
 - No fundamental changes in specifications can be made
 - This applies to all formal purchases
 - Still requires all standard procurement documentation and prior approval from NCDOT-IMD before moving forward

Procurement Updates

- Upcoming...
 - Working on having new LTV/Raised Roof Van contract in place prior to October 2021
 - Beginning stages of statewide term contract for transit scheduling software and supporting technology
 - Vehicle order forms will be released later than usual in FY22 as we will wait on new vehicle contract

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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
 - Currently formulating course of action by June 11, 2021

QUESTIONS



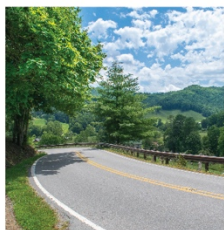
Previous slides, recordings and FAQs:

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



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