

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



Integrated Mobility Division Transit Systems Call

November 18, 2021

## AGENDA

- DHHS CARES Funding
- Vaccine Transportation
- Finance and Grant Admin. Updates
- Other Announcements, Reminders and Updates
- Questions

## DHHS CARES Funding

- Final claims were due November 10.
- Reconciliation will be completed soon to determine remaining balances by system.
- Invoices will go out within a few days and must be paid immediately upon receipt.
- DHHS must expend the funds by December 31, 2021.
- It is important that you pay the invoice as quickly as possible so NCDOT can transfer the funds back to DHHS for use by Dec. 31.

#### **FAMILY COVID-19 VACCINATION CENTERS**

Counties	Site Location	Registration Link
Buncombe	Arthur R. Edington Career and Education Center	Edington Center
Burke	St. Charles Catholic Church	<u>St. Charles</u>
Forsyth	St. Peter's Church and World Outreach Center	<u>St. Peters</u>
Lenoir	Grainger Stadium	Grainger Stadium
Pasquotank	Elizabeth City State University	<u>ECSU</u>
Robeson	Lumbee Tribal Council, Boys and Girls Club	N/A – Walk-Ins
Sampson	Sampson Community College/ Expo	SCC/Expo
Vance	Gang Free Inc.	Gang Free Inc.
Wilson	Total Impact Outreach Ministry	<u>Total Impact</u>

#### **Updates**

- 9 vaccination centers have begun operating, and will continue for 6 weeks
- Capturing site-specific **equity metrics** to calibrate efforts
- Sites have excess capacity; focus is now on targeted hours of operation, increasing promotion, and driving demand to all vaccine sites in a county
- CHWs, LHDs, and some CBOs have plans to distribute print materials via canvassing and through school systems and engage radio stations and print media but still working to do more



Spanish Interpretation is available at all sites



Accessibility Checklist was shared with all sites and site accessibility walkthroughs were conducted

CHW and Healthier Together support are available at all sites; HMP Workgroup supporting outreach



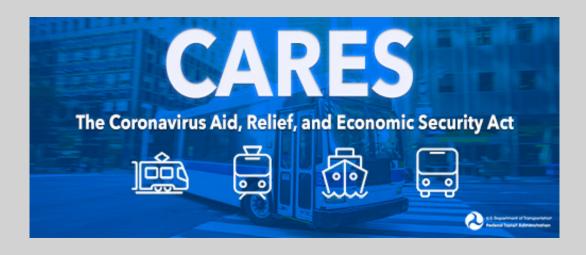
Transportation options identified and included in communication materials

Incentives are being provided <u>until Thanksgiving (</u>\$100 for first dose recipients aged 18+, \$25 for transporters)

For more information on the Family Vaccination Centers including clinic addresses, dates/hours of operation, and registration links or call center numbers, please refer to the website linked here (Family Vaccination Centers)

## **Finance Updates**

- State Budget
- Federal Infrastructure Bill
- ROAP & SMAP
- 5311 CARES Claims Summary
- Change Request Issues



## State Budget Updates

- Final version likely to be approved and signed by the Governor soon.
- Maintains base budget levels for all core public transit programs, including restoration of ROAP and SMAP.
- Authorizes NCDOT to utilize FTA American Rescue Plan Funding.

## **ROAP & SMAP Updates**

- Finishing review of applications this week.
- Finishing reconciliation of remaining balances of ROAP this week. ROAP disbursement amount will be reduced by any balances remaining.
- Disbursement of SMAP likely be end of November.
- Disbursement of ROAP will be by early December.

## Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Updates

- Signed by President Biden this week.
- Substantial funding level increases for all transit formula programs. Example – expected 30-40% increase in 5311 funding.
- Expanded and new discretionary grant opportunities for transit.
- New general discretionary grant programs that will have a multimodal, equity, and active transportation focus.
- Expanded focus on electric vehicles, equity, and multimodal access.

#### IIJA Public Transportation and Bicycle/Pedestrian Benefits

#### • Increased funding for rural public transportation (\$3.2 B to \$4.6 B)

- Will enable NCDOT to purchase an additional thirty to fifty rural transit vehicles each year;
- Expand use of emerging transit technologies like on-demand microtransit and cashless fare payment throughout the state;
- Match anticipated higher ridership levels with increased supply of transit services; and,
- Expedite North Carolina's transition from a predominantly diesel-powered transit fleet to a zero emissions fleet.
- Increased funding for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure (\$4.2 B to \$7.2 B for Transportation Alternatives)
  - Will result in a safer transportation system for bicyclists and pedestrians;
  - More dedicated multimodal facilities in key areas of the state; and,
  - Improved access to opportunities, services and resources for the estimated one million North Carolinians without consistent availability of a personal vehicle.

#### Anticipated Transit Discretionary Grants

FTA Discretionary Grants		FY 20	021 (Actual)	FY 2022	2 (Proposed in IIJA)
Transit Oriented Development (Discretionary Pilot)		\$	10,000,000	\$	13,157,184
Passenger Ferry Boat Program		\$	30,000,000	\$	30,000,000
Pilot Program for Enhanced Mobility		\$	3,500,000	\$	4,605,014
Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Competitive		\$	5,000,000	\$	8,752,896
Transit Research		\$	28,000,000	\$	36,840,115
Technical Assistance and Workforce Development		\$	9,000,000	\$	11,841,465
Bus Testing Facilities		\$	3,000,000	\$	5,000,000
National Transit Database		\$	4,000,000	\$	5,262,874
Bus Facilities Comp. and Low-No Comp.		\$	344,044,179	\$	447,257,433
Railcar Replacement Program Competitive Grants			-	\$	300,000,000
Capital Investment Grants (estimated)	\$		2,000,000,000	\$	2,500,000,000
Transit Infrastructure Grants (estimated)	\$		516,000,000	\$	580,000,000
Total		\$	2,952,544,179	\$	3,942,716,981

#### Other Anticipated Infrastructure and Mobility Grants

- INFRA \$8 Billion over 5 years proposed in IIJA
- RAISE \$7.5 Billion over 5 years proposed
- New programs include:
  - Safe Streets and Roads for All \$5 Billion
  - Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant program – \$500 Million
  - National Infrastructure Project Assistance \$5 Billion
  - Bridge Investment Program \$9.2 Billion
  - Charging & Alternative Fueling Grants \$5 Billion

## CARES Act Round 4 Distribution Plan

- Approximately \$18 Million Remaining.
- Corrected, final amounts sent out last week.
- Application submitted to FTA.
- Change requests can be submitted in EBS for additional funds.
- Funding is for operating expenses with same parameters as previous rounds.
- We encourage systems to plan to use some funding for scheduling software under the new state contract starting next year.



## 5311 Claims Reimbursements

## (76 Agreements)



#### \$45,745,482 in claims



\$45,030,369 approved for payment



## CARES Intercity Reimbursements



#### \$13,252,160 in claims

# (4 Agreements)



\$12,918,314 approved for payment

#### CARES 5307GA/ADTAP

#### <u>5307</u>

- 45 Claims
- \$5,507,7461 in claims
- \$5,298,212 approved for payment

#### ADTAP

- 28 claims
- \$754,955 in claims
- \$754,955 approved for payment

#### PTD Change Request

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# Grant Administration Updates



#### Second Call for Projects

- IMD issued Second Call on November 1 (due Feb. 1)
- Focus on committing state and federal funds not already included in existing grants or the current FY 23 call for projects.
- Programs include: ARP Operating; ARP Capital; CRRSAA/ARP 5310; Rural Capital; Advanced Technology for Large Urbans.

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2nd Call for Project	ts November 2021 (FY22)				
Program	ARP Operating	ARP Capital	CRRSSA/ARP 5310	Rural Capital Program	Urban Advanced Technology
Eligible Recipients	5311	5311	5311, 5310, non-profits	5311	Urban & Regional Systems
Fund Source	Federal Emergency	Federal Emergency	Federal Emergency	State Program	State Program
Match Required	No	No	No	90/10 Local	90/10 Local
Fund Type	Operating	Capital	Operating	Capital	Capital
Period of Performance	3/3/2022 to 6/30/2023	3/3/2022 to 6/30/2023	3/3/2022 to 6/30/2023	3/3/2022 to 6/30/2023	3/3/2022 to 6/30/2023
Tech Type	Scheduling software; Automatic vehicle location; Customer facing apps	Scheduling software; Automatic vehicle location; Customer facing apps	N/A	N/A	Advanced
EBS Application	P2022_ARP_Capital	P2022_ARP_OPER	P2022_CRSSAA_ARP_OPER	P2022_Rural_Capital	P2022_ADVANCE TECHNOLOGY
Priority Focus	Customer Experience & Safety; Operating for Technology	Customer Experience & Safety; Operating for Technology	Cross jurisdictional routes	Vehicles - Low or no emissions (100% State match)	Operational Safety and Customer Experience (Can include COVID)
Application format	As needed funding; Use Cares apportionment as guide for amounts	Requires Certification of no furlough. As needed funding; Use Cares apportionment as guide for amounts	1. CRRSSA (5310) Operating with word application attachment	1. Rural Capital	1. Capital App - UAT
Eligible Activities	Scheduling software; Automatic vehicle location; Customer facing apps; Operating expenses	524)Scheduling Software for	1. Scheduled cross jurisdictional route operations and/or; 2. Coordinated route operations with min 2 SRs; 3. Support for 5310s trad/non-trad	100% State; Camera Replacement – 90% State /10% Local; Charging Stations for electric vehicles – 100% State; Vehicle	Contactless fare payment; integrative software operations; Cameras systems; Tech to reduce COVID impacts; (G523) Computer Software (G524) Scheduling Software for AT (G525) – Networ Server; (G537) Auto Vehicle Location; (G528) Data Comm Device

## Second Call Funding Request Examples

- ABC Transit system did not furlough any employees during the pandemic dating back to January 20, 2020, despite the reduction in hours, they managed to keep everyone working. This system may use *ARP Capital* (using the CARES apportionments as a guide) to apply for capital items, such as air filtration systems and additional plastic barriers for drivers. They also expended CARES funds quickly and will plan to use the up coming *CARES Rd 4* to cover further operating costs at 100% Federal share. *ARP Operating* will be applied to, to cover software operating.
- XYZ Transit system did furlough any employees during the pandemic dating back to January 20, 2020. This
  system may NOT use ARP Capital, but rather will use *Rural Capital* funds at 100% state funds for the propane
  conversion kits. They are also considering to replace a vehicle that was not on the Combined capital application
  for FY23.
- QRS Transit System received a reduced amount for FY22 5310 funds despite an increase in demand for service. Even though they just applied for the FY23 5310 operating, they will apply for the *CRRSAA/ARP 5310* funding at 100% Federal share to support their cross jurisdictional service and cover any funding gaps from the FY22 funding amounts.

# Other Updates & Reminders

## Perrone Robotics AV/EV Demo at ITSA

- December 7-9 at the Charlotte Convention Center for the ITS Americas Conference
- GreenPower Motor Company EV Star 25' LTV equipped with Autonomous Vehicle technology



## Operator Respect Campaign

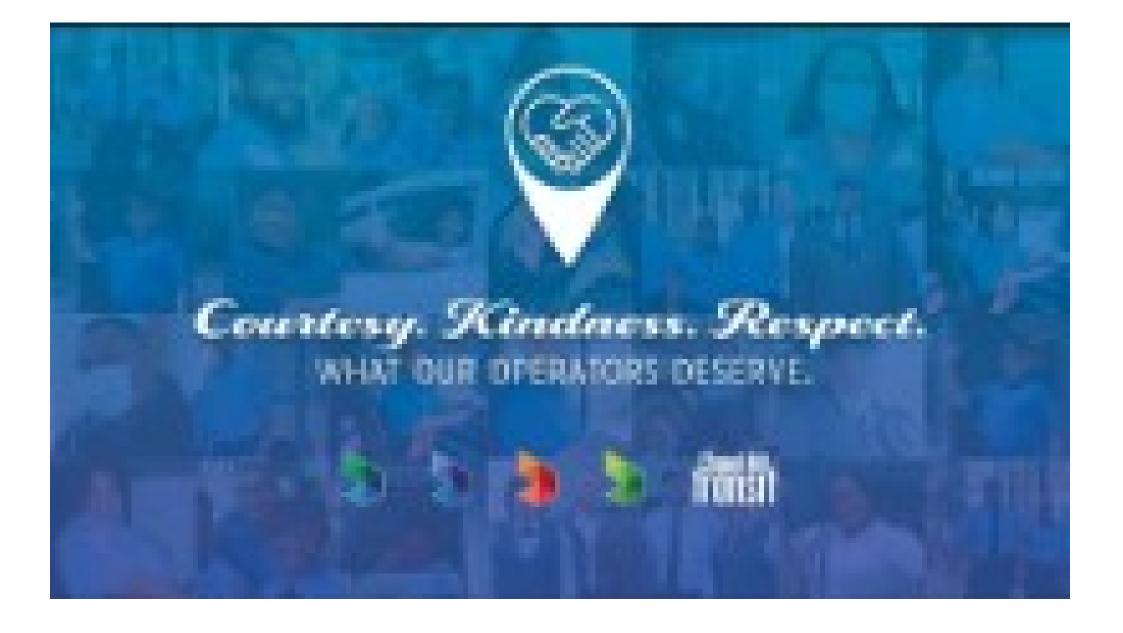
Launch Date: 11/8/21

## Goals of Campaign:

Recognize our Operators publicly, including places where they are frequently, for their hard work Create messaging that allows our community/riders to see operators as more than "just" drivers Encourage riders & community to show their thanks and gratitude for operators & the work they do Work with our transit partners (GoRaleigh, GoDurham, GoCary, Chapel Hill Transit) on a regional campaign to encourage positive behavior on our buses

## Campaign To Include:

- On bus announcements (voiced version)
- On bus placards (print)
- Social Media Channels (video & print)
- Bus Shelter Vinyl(print ads)
- Video to play at transit stations/on bus screens where available
- External bus ads (GoRaleigh)



Social Media Print Campaign



Every day our operators work hard to get us to work, school and everywhere in between! Let's show them our appreciation. Today and every day!





#### **TSA Mask Mandate**

#### Face masks required.



TSA requires proper wearing of face masks, 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 January 18, 2022.

#### **Transit Communication Hub**

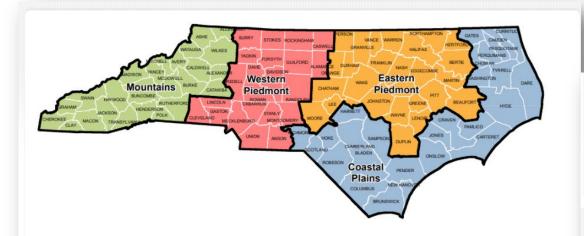
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#### **Transit Communication Hub**

#### Communications

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	10/12/2021	pdf	Webinar_Another Way to Get from Here to There_ IMD Innovation & Technology Webinar Series_ "New Census Data and What it Means to Transit Planning" **	Announcements
	10/8/2021	pdf	Updated IMD Contacts List - 100221	Announcements
	10/2/2021	pdf	Program Income	Announcements
	9/24/2021	pdf	Charter Reports - Instructions for Submission	Announcements
	9/21/2021	pdf	RE_ FY 2022 ROAP and SMAP Applications Posted to IMD Website	Announcements
	9/14/2021	pdf	FY 2022 ROAP and SMAP Applications Posted to IMD Website	Announcements
	9/1/2021	pdf	Mandatory FTA COVID-19 Impact Update - Due September 10th	Survey
	8/23/2021	pdf	Update - Federal Mask Requirement Extended for Public Transportation	Announcements
	8/17/2021	pdf	Expanded DHHS CARES Act Funding Approved	Announcements
	8/5/2021	pdf	NCDOT-IMD Regional Contact Information	Announcements
	8/5/2021	pdf	OPSTAT Forms Available Now	Announcements
	8/5/2021	pdf	NCDOT-IMD Compensation Survey of North Carolina Transit Systems	Survey
	8/4/2021	pdf	Webinar_Another Way to Get from Here to There_ IMD Innovation & Technology Webinar Series_ Learn More About Transit Tech Companies in an Upcoming IMD Tech Showcase	Announcements
	8/3/2021	pdf	FTA COVID-19 Impact Update - Due August 9th - Reminder	Survey
	7/22/2021	pdf	Statewide Transit Technology Workshop and Listening Sessions Registration	Announcements
	7/22/2021	pdf 	NCDOT Survey of Interest - U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$16 Million Funding Opportunity to Help Communities Prosper through Transit	Survey

## **Regional Contact Information**



, idining	shared mobility) planning studies, multimodal planning grants, transportation demand management, multimodal needs assessment and complete streets implementation.
Safety, Education & Compliance	Contact with questions around safety requirements, emergency planning, training needs and compliance requirements (Proficiency Reviews, System Safety Plan Reviews, Drug and Alcohol compliance).

#### Roles - Who to Contact

Finance	Contact for claims assistance, contract agreements and status; contract closeout, budget questions.
Grant Administration	Contact for grant application process, required documentation, program eligibility and guidelines, grant reporting requirements.
Planning	Contact for items related to multimodal (bicycle, pedestrian, transit, shared mobility) planning studies, multimodal planning grants, transportation demand management, multimodal needs assessment and complete streets implementation.
Safety, Education & Compliance	Contact with questions around safety requirements, emergency

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#### Mountains Agencies

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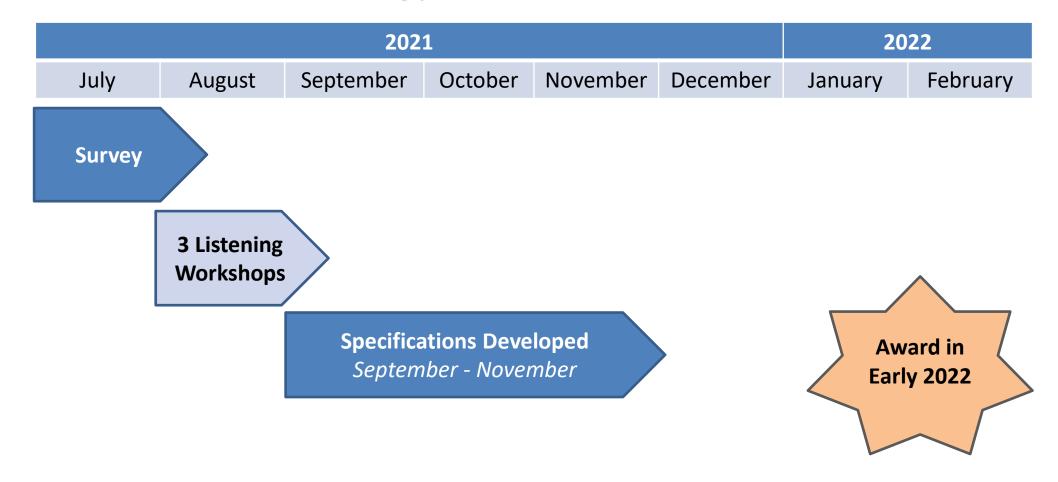
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#### **Compensation Study Updates**

- Wrapping up edits to final report.
- Developing infographics with highlights of findings.
- Anticipate release of report, executive summary, and infographic soon.

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#### Technology RFP Timeline Updates



#### State Management Plan

- SMP draft updates distributed for feedback.
- Comments due on November 29.
- December updating document to incorporate comments/feedback.
- Complete SMP update by January 1 share with transit agencies and FTA.

Note: Business guide update also anticipated to be completed by January 1.

## QUESTIONS



Previous slides, recordings and FAQs:

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

#### CHANGE REQUEST

#### CHANGE REQUET BEFORE ENTRY

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enses	\$445,467.00	\$308,091.00	\$0.00	\$445,467.00
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511 - General Public Fares	90000.00	0.00	0.00	90,000.00
Revenue and Contra Accounts	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00
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#### CHANGE REQUEST SHOWING NEW ALLOCATED AMOUNT OF \$265,000

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#### CHANGE REQUEST SHOWING BUDGET WITH FULL ALLOCATED AMOUNT AND FARES

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Local Share ( 0.00%)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$00.00
State Share ( 0.00%)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Federal Share ( 100.00%)	\$355,467.00		\$265,000.00	\$620,467.00
Federal NonBillable Share ( 0.00%)	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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