Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
State Transit Programs update

Eric Taylor, Transit Programs Manager
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DOT&PF Mission: Keep Alaska Moving through service and infrastructure
Outline

• Alaska Community Transit (ACT) staff
  ▪ Debbi, Transit Coordinator
  ▪ Stephanie, Public Transit Planner
  ▪ Julie, Human Service Planner
  ▪ Kathy, Grants Administrator

• ACT Mission

• Grant programs and funds

• Program delivery
To support DOT&PF mission by providing access and mobility within the communities of Alaska, both urban and non-urban, through transit services that are safe, appealing, efficient, and easily-available to both the general public and transit-dependent populations.

In FY 2014, ACT funded purchase of 9 vans and 3 buses for 10 transit agencies and awarded $9.7 million in grant funds.
• Assist in the maintenance, development, and improvement of public transportation systems, including providing a mechanism for systematic replacement of existing fleets. (ASSET MANAGEMENT)

• Facilitate the most efficient use of all funds and most effective delivery of services through the coordination of programs and services. (COORDINATION)

• Encourage greater local support of transit systems, fostering a federal-state-local partnership in maintaining a stable funding base for transit. (STABILITY and SUSTAINABILITY)

• Ensure that transit investment decisions consider policy directions, customer input, available resources, system performance, and funding levels. (INTEGRATION and INTEROPERABILITY)

• Develop and maintain positive relationships with DOT&PF customers through communication and responsiveness. (CUSTOMER SERVICE)
Grants Timeline

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<tr>
<td>October 10, 2014</td>
<td>Notice of Availability and Application placed on website</td>
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<td>November 3, 2014</td>
<td>Teleconference/webinar for grant related questions</td>
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<td>November 10, 2014</td>
<td>Distribution of responses to teleconference/webinar</td>
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<td>December 19, 2014</td>
<td>Applications Due by 4:30 pm</td>
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<td>March 30, 2015</td>
<td>Results posted on website and online public notice</td>
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<td>June 15, 2015</td>
<td>Agreements (including necessary attachments such as Certifications and Assurances) and电子 Billing Summaries to sub-recipients</td>
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*Please note these dates are subject to change.*
Rural Transit

• Rural Transit formula (5311)
  ▪ Alaska apportioned for FY14:
    • $8,104,296
    • RTAP (training funds) $97,062
  ▪ Eligible activities:
    • Capital assets and facilities (9.03% required match)
    • Operating assistance (43.14% required match)
    • Administrative expenses (9.03% required match)
  ▪ Manager: Stephanie Bushong
Human Services Transportation

- Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310)
  - Apportions to States and MPOs
  - Alaska apportioned for FY14:
    - Anchorage $166,453
    - Fairbanks $66,155
    - Rural AK $151,196 augmented with STP transfer (up to $318,500)
  - Eligible activities:
    - Capital assets
    - Purchase of services
  - Required 20% match
  - Manager: Julie Staveland
Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Grants (5339)

- Provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities
- Alaska apportioned in FY14:
  - Anchorage $552,925
  - Fairbanks $80,521
  - Rural AK $1,250,000
- Requires a 20% match
- Replace aging vehicles to 2019 > $41m
- Manager: Debbi Howard
• Metropolitan and Statewide Planning
  ▪ Requires MPOs include transit agency officials in their governing structures
  ▪ Requires states, transit agencies, and MPOs to establish performance targets; establishes a national performance measurement system
  ▪ Requires a 20% match
  ▪ Manager: Debbi Howard
State funds

- Transit match funding ($1,000,000 GF)
  - Set aside for Anchorage, Fairbanks
  - 10% for state admin, ICAP
  - Remainder distributed to grant applicants to provide equivalent percentage of federal match requirement (historically 15-18%)
MAP-21 implications for program delivery

- Funding levels not increasing
- Greater emphasis on local financial capacity and internal controls
- New emphasis on performance measures and timely reporting of data
- Asset management plans
- Reduced funding for state program management
Management & Oversight

- Ongoing site management reviews
- D&A testing reviews
- FTA state management review
- Online Black Cat Grants management system includes:
  - Vehicle inventory
  - Projects
  - Grants
  - Drawdowns
  - Reports
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