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FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

Tribal Transit Program (TTP)

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Agenda

- History of Tribal Transit Program
- Program Background and Authority
- Formula Program
- Discretionary Program
- Compliance and Technical Assistance
- Next Steps
- Questions and Discussion

History of FTA Tribal Transit Program

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- Created the Tribal Transit Program (TTP), which was administered as a discretionary program at approximately \$15 million / year
- Authorized and extended funding from FY 2006-2012

MAP-21

- Continues and Modifies the Tribal Transit Program
 - Formula Program: \$25 Million authorized for both FY 2013 and 2014
 - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million authorized for both FY 2013 and 2014
- FTA consulted with tribes on program framework
 - *Federal Register* soliciting comments published on November 9, 2012
 - Consultation meetings held in November and December 2012
 - May 9, 2013 *Federal Register* responded to comments, apportioned formula funds and announced the Notice of Funding Availability of FY13 discretionary funds

Program Background and Authority

- The Tribal Transit Program (TTP) provides direct funding to federally recognized Indian tribes for the purpose of providing public transportation service on and around Indian reservations in rural areas
- Section 5311 of MAP-21, Public Law 112-41, authorizes the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program (Tribal Transit Program) for Fiscal Years 2013-2014.

Program Background and Authority

- Set-aside from the Formula Grants for Rural Areas program (Section 5311)
- Approximately \$25 million goes out by formula; \$5 million discretionary competition
- Formula factors given in statute
 - Vehicle Revenue Miles and the number of low-income individuals residing on tribal lands.
- Terms and Conditions as determined by the Secretary (FTA)

Formula Apportionment

- **Statutory Formula**
 - Tier 1: 50 percent based on vehicle revenue miles
 - Tier 2: 25 percent based on Indian tribes providing at least 200,000 vehicle revenue miles
 - Tier 3: 25 percent based on Indian tribes providing public transportation on tribal lands as identified by the Census where more than 1,000 low income individuals reside

Formula Apportionment

- **Eligible Projects**
 - Any purpose eligible under Section 5311
 - Capital, Planning, Operating, Job Access and Reverse Commute
- **Eligible Federal Share**
 - 100% (no match required for formula funds)
- **Funding Availability**
 - Funds are available the year appropriated plus two years (total of three years).

FY 2014 Formula Apportionment

- FTA published the FY 2014 Apportionment Notice on March 10 (Table 10 contains Tribal apportionments)
- FTA apportioned formula funds to 110 tribes
 - 29 more tribes received a formula allocation in FY14 compared to FY 2013
 - Individual tribal allocations decreased since more tribes reported to the NTD, as well as NTD and Census changes

FY 2013 Discretionary Program

- Approximately \$5 million available
- FTA solicited proposals for FY 2013 TTP discretionary program in the May 9, 2013 Federal Register Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
- Specific eligibility outlined in the NOFA
- Proposals were due on **July 8, 2013**
- Received 75 proposals requesting \$18.1 million from 66 Tribes in 20 States

FY 2013 Discretionary Program

- FTA published a *Federal Register* Notice on April 15, 2014 announcing FY13 discretionary project selections
- FTA funded 48 proposals, totaling approximately \$5.05 million

Compliance and Technical Assistance

- TTP grantees must comply with all program requirements
- FTA conducted three Tribal Transit Technical Assistance workshops in November and December 2013
 - Tribes were updated on program changes and presented program requirements
- FTA will provide similar offerings in 2014

Compliance and Technical Assistance

- Tribes can also receive technical assistance from:
 - Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)
 - Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)
 - Regional Tribal Liaisons

Compliance and Technical Assistance

- FTA will begin conducting tribal assessments
 - Assessments will be used as a tool to focus on areas of improvement/ indication of areas where TA is needed
- Technical Assistance Assessments will begin in FY 2015
- Technical Assistance Assessments will include:
 - Discussion of compliance areas
 - Site visit

Next Steps

- Continue to report to NTD
- Work with Regional Tribal Liaison to apply for formula (FY 2013 - 2014) funds
http://www.fta.dot.gov/13094_15845.html
- Attend FY 2014 Tribal Workshops
- Prepare for FY 2015 Tribal Assessments
- Look for FY 2014 Discretionary Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) – Late Spring

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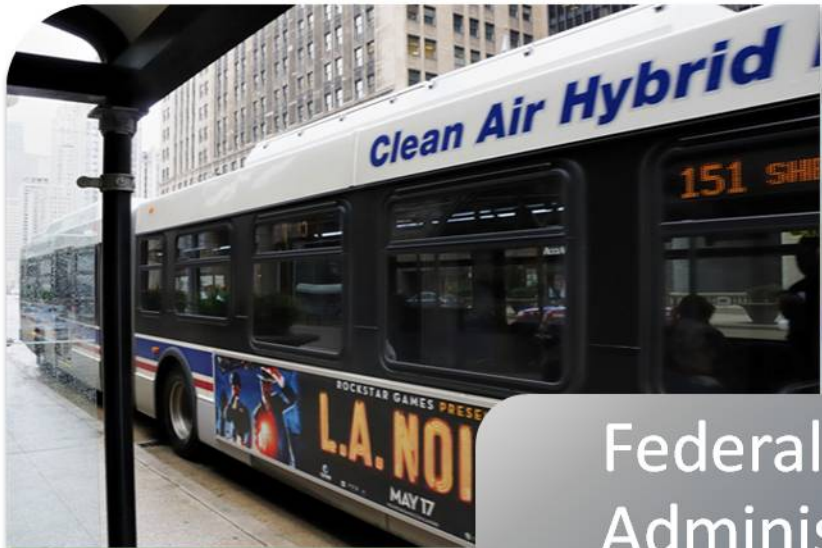
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TTP Webpage:

http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/13094_3553.html

Discussion/ Questions?





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