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Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act FAST ACT

- On December 4, 2015, President Obama signed the [Fixing America's Surface Transportation \(FAST\) Act](#), reauthorizing surface transportation programs through Fiscal Year 2020

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)

- Effective Date of October 1, 2015
- Applies new program rules to ALL FY16 funds
- Authorizes transit programs for five years (FY16-FY20), through September 30, 2020

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)

- Provides steady and predictable funding for five years, with an increase of ~\$1 Billion per year to the transit program
- Increases the tribal formula authorization to \$30M/year, maintains the \$5M discretionary tribal program

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

History of FTA Tribal Transit Program

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- Continued and Modified TTP
 - Formula Program: \$25 Million per year based on formula
 - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million per year
 - 10M available for FY14 and FY15
 - FTA solicited proposals for FY2014-2015 TTP in the Dec. 9, 2014 (NOFA)
Specific eligibility outlined in the NOFA
Proposals were due February 25,2015

Tribal Transit Program Purpose

- 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

Tribal Transit Eligible Applicants

- Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the US Dept. of Interior

Tribal Transit Formula Program

Formula Apportionment

- **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

Tribal Transit Formula Program

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

2016 Formula Funding

- 2016 Formula Funding Announced on February 9, 2016
- Six Tribal Grantees were selected in Wisconsin
 - Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
 - Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
 - Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Ojibwe
 - Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa
 - Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior of Chippewa
 - Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- http://www.fta.dot.gov/12853_16658.html

Tribal Transit Discretionary Program

- Annual Discretionary Competition
- FTA will publish a Notice of Funding Availability(NOFA)
- Tribes propose projects for funding based on plans and needs in accordance with criteria in the NOFA
- Apply through Grants.gov
- FTA reviews the applications
- FTA announces the selections in the Federal Register
- **Funding Availability**
 - Funds are available the year allocated plus two years (total of three years)
 - 10% local share required

2014-2015 Discretionary Funding

- Discretionary Funding announced for FY2014-FY2015
- Two Tribal Grantees selected in Wisconsin
 - Lac Du Flambeau, Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Wisconsin
 - Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- http://www.fta.dot.gov/about_FTA_16667.html

Compliance and Technical Assistance

- FTA began conducting tribal technical assistance assessments in FY 2015
 - Regional Offices, with input from FTA HQ, identified tribes most in need of technical assistance
 - Used as a tool to focus on areas of improvement/ indication of areas where TA is needed
 - FTA will offer workshops to prepare tribes for TA Assessments
- FTA will schedule FY2016 Assessments and will inform tribes

Frequent Areas in Need of Technical Assistance

- Developing a financial plan for transit services
- Delegating Authority/ Certs and Assurances
- Incomplete or missing MPRs and FFRs
- NTD Reporting
- Vehicle Maintenance Records

National Transit Database

- The NTD was established by Congress to be the Nation's primary source for information and statistics on the transit systems of the United States. Recipients or beneficiaries of grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the [Urbanized Area Formula Program](#) (§ 5307) or [Other than Urbanized Area \(Rural\) Formula Program](#) (§ 5311) are required by statute to submit data to the NTD

National Transit Database

- Tribes must report to the National Transit Database (NTD)
- Tribes that receive Section 5311 grants funds directly from FTA(TTP grants)
- Submit NTD reports in a timely and complete manner

National Transit Database

- National Transit Database
<http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/helpdesk.htm>
- NTD Help desk Number (888) 252-0936

Transit Award Management System (TrAMS)

- TrAMS went live on February 16, 2016
<http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/16260.html>
- TrAMS training announced see link below
http://www.fta.dot.gov/16260_15775.html
- Certifications and Assurances are expected to be announced on February 19, 2016 for pinning in TrAMS

FTA Contact and Resources

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TrAMS

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/grants/16260.html>

Formula Grants for Rural Areas: Program Guidance and Application Instructions

http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_15693.html

Grant Management Requirements C 5010.ID

http://www.fta.dot.gov/legislation_law/12349_8640.html