

DRPT Agency Update – February 2023

Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan

DRPT has completed the update to the 2022 Tier II Group TAM Plan, which went into effect on October 1, 2022. (<https://drpt.virginia.gov/guidelines-and-requirements/transit-asset-management-plan/>)

- Reminder that MPOs need to adopt Transit Performance Targets into their TIPs by Mar 30, 2023
- Please provide your DRPT contact with a copy of the revised TIP before the March 30 Deadline
- A template letter can be provided to document the process

TAM-related data is now available on the DRPT Open Data Portal (<https://data.drpt.virginia.gov/stories/s/FY2022-2025-TAM-Plan/h9nh-b94p>) and allows for data filtering on both MPO areas and transit agencies.

Federal Discretionary Grant Writing Workshop

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) would like to make all transit providers aware of two discretionary grant opportunities currently available to eligible applicants throughout the state:

- FFY23 FTA Buses and Bus Facilities [FTA 5339(b)]
- FFY23 FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program [FTA 5339(c)]

This year, DRPT is available to assist in a few different ways throughout the application process:

DRPT is hosting a virtual Grant Writing Workshop on **Wednesday, February 15th at 10am** to provide an overview of the FTA discretionary application and evaluation process, which will include tips for how to strengthen your agency's application. [Register here](#).

In addition, DRPT is available to provide Letters of Support and varying levels of technical assistance depending on your agency's needs. DRPT staff will be available to provide:

1. Aid in project development to identify viable and competitive projects
2. Grant writing assistance and technical analysis
3. Final application review and feedback before submission

If your agency is interested in applying for either of these grant programs and would like assistance, please complete this [Google Form](#) to let DRPT know how we can help support your agency throughout the application process. The deadline to request Technical Assistance and/or Letters of Support from DRPT is February 21, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact [Grant Sparks](#), Director of Transit Planning at DRPT.

Please find more information for the open federal discretionary funding opportunities below: **FFY23 FTA Buses and Bus Facilities [FTA 5339(b)]** - The FTA has announced the availability of approximately \$469.4 million in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 funds for buses, bus facilities, and bus equipment. The purpose of this program is to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing bus-related facilities.

[FTA: Grant for Buses and Bus Facilities Program FFY2023 Notice of Funding](#)
Application Deadline: April 13, 2023

FFY23 FTA Low or No Emission Vehicle Program [FTA 5339(c)] - The FTA has announced the availability of approximately \$1.2 billion in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 funds for the purpose of this program is to provide funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities.

[FTA: Grant for Low or No Emission Vehicle Program FFY2023 Notice of Funding](#)
Application Deadline: April 13, 2023

2020 Census: Resources and Information

FTA bases annual [apportionments](#) for transit formula funding on U.S. Census data, which the U.S. Census Bureau publishes every 10 years. The 2020 Census urban area delineations can have substantial impacts to FTA grant recipients. The effects of the new Census boundaries will be reflected in FTA's FY 2024 apportionments. FY 2023 apportionments will be unaffected.

- The FTA will host a [webinar](#) about the 2020 Census data at 1 p.m. ET Thursday, February 9. FTA grant recipients are encouraged to attend to learn more about how the 2020 Census might affect them as well as resources FTA will make available.
- In January 2023, FTA published a [Crosswalk](#) and [Map](#) of 2020 Census UZA changes. The Crosswalk table compares 2020 and 2010 Census data for Urbanized Areas. The map includes both 2020 and 2010 Census data and contains designated Urban Areas, NTD Reporters, and other relevant information.
- **Upcoming Event:** 1 p.m. ET Thursday, February 9: Webinar for recipients affected by 2020 Census updates. [Register](#). Webinar focused on planning implications of 2020 Census: Spring 2023