



Public Transportation Assists Hurricane Matthew Victims

A few stories of service to others are shared in this newsletter. However, many more could be told as our transit systems rallied to help those in need by sharing vehicles, operators, additional transportation services, and words of encouragement. Heroes indeed!

Robeson County Disaster Recovery Center Opens to Help With Post-Hurricane Recovery Efforts

As post-hurricane recovery and relief efforts continue across eastern North Carolina, officials have opened the Robeson County Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to serve residents in that region who suffered losses.

South East Area Transit System extended additional levels of public transportation services to residents who need to travel to the DRC and meet with FEMA personnel. Four buses were loaned to Robeson County to operate a route from the Bill Sapp Recreation Center and the Robeson County Fairgrounds shelters starting at 10 a.m. and continuing as needed.

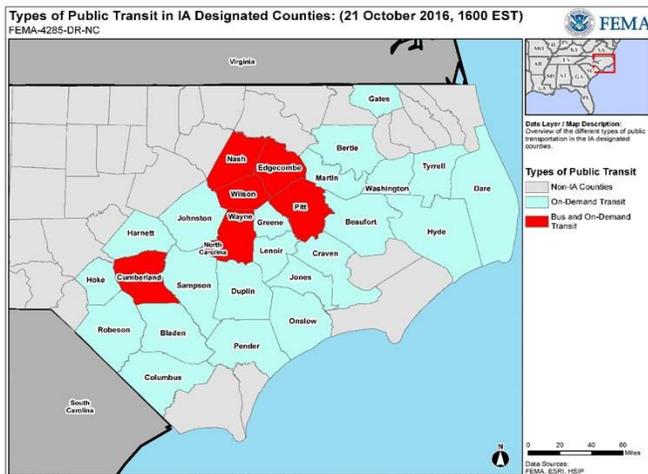
Johnston County Area Transit System Comes to Aid of Area Residents after I-95 Evacuation

When a chemical fire on I-95 in Johnston County forced evacuations of nearby homes, businesses, and a FEMA relief center, the Johnston County Area Transit System (JCATS) assisted by helping transfer individuals to safety who were staying at the Princeton shelter. Below is a photo of JCATS staff helping with those evacuations.



Transit Systems Stuff the Bus for Hurricane Matthew Victims

Several urban transit systems provided support by holding Stuff the Bus collections. Chapel Hill Transit, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation, GoRaleigh and GoTriangle all held Stuff the Bus drives to collect food and supplies for those recently impacted by Hurricane Matthew. Click [here](#) for one YouTube story.



Goldsboro, NC Steps Up to Help

Officials in Goldsboro, NC were able to place a shelter on a bus route to make it easier for flood survivors to access grocery stores, medical appointments, and retail outlets.



PTD Activities Underway

What's New?

November 2016 Activities

Training:

- Contracting for Construction and Design Services
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- SharePoint
- Excel

Meetings Attended:

- Transportation Demand Management Golden Globe Awards
- NCARPO Quarterly Meeting
- Transportation Advisory Boards
- Ferry Study Committee

Upcoming:

- FTA Regional Roundtable
- MTAP Annual Meeting
- NCAMPO Quarterly Meeting
- FTA Combined Review training on January 19-20, 2017

PTD's **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Comprehensive Review** is scheduled for the week of May 22, 2017. Our Grantee Information Request and Review package is due to them by December 16, 2016. Meanwhile, PTD has added two new funding sources (FTA 5339 and 5307) to our oversight since the last review.

A discretionary **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOFO)** debrief of our 5339(b) combined application is scheduled with the participating transit systems, FTA and NCDOT's Program Analysis Engineer, Burt Tasaico. The purpose of the call is to understand how to become more competitive in our quest to meet increasing vehicle replacement needs.

A **Mission Assignment (MA)** was issued to PTD and the eastern transit systems under the direction of and in coordination with FEMA, USDOT/FTA to provide temporary emergency transportation services in response/recovery operations. These services will be in impacted counties and provide public transportation to meet the needs of those in shelters and living in temporary housing. It will supplement, not replace, pre-disaster transportation and is solely for survivor transportation needs. We are so grateful to our USDOT Emergency Support Functions 1 (ESF-1) team (Leah Russell, Steve Jackson, Terry Sheehan) and FTA team (Robert Buckley, Chris White, and Dudley Whyte). Additionally, technical assistance was provided to assist in appropriate invoicing of these vital services.

Study activities:

- Proposals were received and reviewed by NCDOT staff to contract with consultants for work over the next three years. These awards facilitate PTD's ability to perform oversight, planning and technical assistance.
- PTD is working with DOA Purchasing and Contracts to award the contract for our Strategic Plan.