



Public Transportation Division



Ford Transit Vehicles Arriving

The Public Transportation Division conducts the procurement process for the NC transit systems to purchase vehicles off of the state contract. This year, we have had to redo two bids due to contract issues – the high top van was no longer manufactured and Champion Bus pulled out of the state contract.

The Ford Transit vehicle replaces the high top van and in March the first vehicle was delivered. A new bid is also underway for the Light Transit Vehicles (LTVs).

Funding Plan Complete

The Public Transportation Division staff is meeting with the transit systems and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) – both large and small – to discuss and begin to prepare individual five-year budgets that will include vehicle and other capital needs. This is a major initiative and will require everyone to be open to new ideas and ways of doing business. The plan supports all 100 counties and will continue to look at ways to coordinate and deliver services that are more efficient.

The plans can be found on the [website](#) under featured documents.





PTD Activities Underway

April Training:

- Staff Budget Training
- Lean Six Sigma – Yellow Belt
- Excel
- Legacy Leadership

Meetings Attended:

- No Boundaries Conference in Southwest N.C.
- Transit Advisory Board meetings
- DHHS Transportation NEMT
- TRB Conference Committee
- Meetings with MPOs and systems on new five-year budget
- FTA State Programs meeting for Region IV
- NCPTA Board

Upcoming:

- APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference (Charlotte)
- NCPTA Conference (Concord)
- Net Promoter Score Training

Calendar of activities underway:

- State Management Plan (SMP) is posted for public comment. PTD hired a part-time temporary staff member to create internal and external procedures to support the SMP.
- Scheduling work on scopes for: Transit Operations Planning course; 2CFR200 training; Johnston County Feasibility study; 5 category 3 plans underway. Initiated first three plans to be conducted by staff in our new planning process.

No Boundaries Conference

The Southwest NC transit systems have used the framework of a Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) grant to coordinate transportation in the major corridors in their transportation service area. Jackson Transit hosted a meeting to discuss and create a work plan for new opportunities on Thursday, April 14.

Caryn Souza from Community Transportation Association of America presented on "Coordination from the National Perspective" while Debbie Collins led the discussion on North Carolina's successes. The following systems are working together to meet the transportation needs of this region: Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Swain, Jackson, Graham and Haywood. They are a wonderful example of collaboration efforts that serve the citizens of their communities.

GREAT Staff Teams Cross Training with Structured Site Visits



Pictured above: Gretchen Vetter, Ryan Mayers, Myakka Ware, Randy Cantor (CCATS), Richard Jones