

Federal Transit Administration Discretionary Grants

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Outline

- Purpose
- State of Good Repair Bus and Bus Facilities Initiative
- Clean Fuels Grant Program Augmented with Discretionary and Bus and Bus Facilities Program
- Alternatives Analysis - Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)



Purpose

- Current Trends in FTA Funding
 - Competitive discretionary grants to replace earmarks.
- Transparency
 - Needs and requests of all applications
 - Move towards a process of regional prioritization
- Information, Discussion & Possible Action



State of Good Repair Bus and Bus Facilities Initiative

■ Evaluation Criteria

1. Planning and prioritization at the local/regional level
2. The project is ready to implement
3. Technical, legal, and financial capacity of implement the particular project



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■ Bus evaluation Criteria

1. Age of asset to be replaced or rehabilitated relative to its useful life
2. Demonstrated backlog of deferred maintenance
3. Consistent with fleet management plan
4. Demonstrated positive impact on air quality
5. Supports emerging technologies
6. Conforms to spare ratio guidelines



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- Bus Facilities evaluation Criteria
 1. Age of asset to be replaced or rehabilitated relative to its useful life
 2. Demonstrated backlog of deferred maintenance
 3. Supports emerging technologies
 4. Compliance with "green Building" certification



State of Good Repair Bus and Bus Facilities Initiative

- Asset Management
 1. How plans/systems will be developed or upgraded
 2. How inventories will be maintained physically and fiscally.
 3. How assets initial condition will be assessed.
 4. How assets will be inspected, monitored
 5. Use of support tools
 6. Demonstrated long term financial commitment



Clean Fuels Grant Program

■ Evaluation Criteria

1. Demonstrated need
2. Planning and prioritization at the local/regional level
3. Ready to Implement
4. Demonstrates the benefits of the proposed project in reducing transportation related pollutants
5. Supports emerging clean fuels technologies



Alternatives Analysis -NOFA

- Available funding: \$25.7M
 - Minimum/Maximum: \$50k/\$2M
- Evaluation Criteria
 - Demonstrated need
 - Technical capacity to carry out proposed work
 - Potential Impact on Decision Making
- FTA Submittal Deadline: **July 12, 2010**
- Submit through: **www.grants.gov**
- Eligible Applicants: States, authorities of the States, metropolitan planning organizations, and local governmental authorities to conduct alternatives analyses as defined by section 5309

**For information, discussion,
and possible action.**

Questions?

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