National Transit Database (NTD)

Rural Training

FTA Tribal Transit Program
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History of the NTD

• 1974: Congress established the foundation of the NTD system
  – Originally called Section 15
  – Created to be the primary national database for public transit data
  – Collected annual transit
    • Performance
    • Financial data
    • Monthly Ridership
    • Safety and Security

• 1979: First Annual report with data

• NTD summarizes collected data elements into various annual reports
Congress Wanted Accountability

• For Years no one knew much about Rural transit

• There were some surveys, but Congress did not know
  – The number of rural transit authorities and their location
  – Total costs
    • Annual Operating costs
    • Annual Capital costs
  – Assets
    • Fleet Size
    • Vehicle Age
    • Vehicle Type
    • Related Facilities
  – Service
    • Revenue vehicle miles and hours
    • Ridership
    • Trips per mode
  – Safety Data
5335 (a) National Transit Database

(a) To help meet the needs of individual public transportation systems, the U.S. government, State and local governments, and the public for information on which to base public transportation service planning, the Secretary of Transportation shall maintain a reporting system, using uniform categories to accumulate public transportation financial and operating information and using a uniform system of accounts. The reporting and uniform systems shall contain appropriate information to help any level of government make a public sector investment decision. The Secretary may request and receive appropriate information from any source.

5335 (b) Reporting and Uniform Systems

(b) The Secretary may award a grant under Section 5307 or 5311 only if the applicant, and any person that will receive benefits directly from the grant, are subject to the reporting and uniform systems.
SAFETY-LU: Requirements in Law

5311 (b)(4) Data Collection

- Each recipient under this section shall submit an annual report to the Secretary containing information on capital investment, operations, and service provided with funds received under this section, including:
  - Total annual revenue
  - Sources of revenue
  - Total annual operating costs
  - Total annual capital costs
  - Fleet size and type, and related facilities
  - Revenue vehicle miles; and
  - Ridership
NTD Transit: Non-Rail Modes

Bus (MB)

Intercity Bus (IB)

Demand Response (DR)

Vanpool (VP)
Who Reports

• Tribes that receive Section 5311 grants funds directly from FTA (TTP grants) must report directly to NTD. Tribes should report in the year after application of for the grant, or in the year that grants funds are first disbursed, whichever is sooner.
  – FTA treats the year of the award of the grant as the year of application of the grant.
  – Example: A Tribes that was awarded a $300,000 grant in 2007, would be required to report in 2008, unless a disbursement was made in 2007. Then Tribes would report in 2007.

• Tribes that only receive planning grants of $50,000 or less do not need to complete NTD report; FTA would like these tribes to complete RU-10.

• Tribes must continue to report as long as grant(s) open, or minimum usefull life of equipment, whichever is longer.
What to Report

• 3 Forms providing
  - Basic Identification Information
  - Financial and Non-financial operating statistics
  - Tribal Transit Summary

• The Forms
  - RU-10: State/Tribe Agency Identification
  - RU-20: Rural General Public Transit Service
  - RU-30: Tribal Transit Summary

• For each Subrecipient (if applicable)
  - A complete report of all transit operations
## When To Report

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NTD Reporting Forms for Tribes

- **RU-10 – Agency (Tribe) Identification Form**
  - Basic agency information, name and address of transit director and contact person, fiscal year end.

- **RU-20 – Rural General Public Transit Form**
  - Financial information (operating/capital)
  - Vehicle information
  - Service data (miles, hours, # trips)
  - Safety (# accidents)

- **RU-30 – Rural Public Transit Service Summary Form**
  - Summarizes data reported on RU-20
  - Directly-reporting Indian Tribes **should not** complete data items #1 and #2. Tribes do report data item #3 (§5311 funds expended on Admin Costs) if they pass the funds through to a service provider
Questions?

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