



Notice of Meeting

Date/Time: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 / 10:30 AM

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**Action Item*

1. Call to Order	Laurel Joseph
2. Introductions	Laurel Joseph
3. Changes to the Agenda	Laurel Joseph
4. Approval of the April 16th, 2024 Meeting Minutes*	Laurel Joseph
5. Treasurer's Report	Anton Schauerte
6. Education Committee	Joel Fitzpatrick
7. FHWA / FTA Update - FHWA Michigan Grants List	Jenny Staroska / Kathleen Russell
8. TAMC Update	Ryan Buck
9. Finance Committee	Laurel Joseph
10. Policy Committee	Steve Stepek
11. JobNet Tech	Luke Walters
12. MDOT	
SPS General Update	Don Mayle
13. Other New Business	Laurel Joseph
14. Adjournment	Laurel Joseph



MEETING MINUTES / APRIL 16, 2024 / 10:30 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

All in-person attendees introduced themselves.

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 19, 2024 MEETING MINUTES*

A motion was made by Jeff Franklin, supported by Jason Latham, to approve the March 19th, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Anton Schauerte stated the only bill since last month was the purchase of donuts for this meeting. The current balance is \$17,834.

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Joel Fitzpatrick mentioned that the DRAFT 2024 Conference agenda is finalized and will be posted.

7. FHWA / FTA UPDATE

Christina Nicholaides highlighted that the Greenhouse Gas Emission TPM was struck down by the U.S District Court, nullifying the requirement across the country. Don Mayle stated it is still unclear how the ruling will impact MDOT and its operation, but reiterated that the MPOs will have no requirement to set targets.

FTA was not in attendance, but Chair Joseph stated its update was included in the packet.

8. TAMC UPDATE

Anton Schauerte stated that Ryan Buck was not in attendance but provided him with the following updates:

A voluntary association of public organizations and agencies responsible for the administration of transportation planning activities throughout the State of Michigan



- The 2023 TAMC Annual Report has been completed and will soon be available
- TAMC is working on reallocations and trying to minimize the impact it has on agencies that will receive a significant decrease in funding. The re-allocation will likely be based on federal-aid lane miles
- The call for presentations for the MIC/TAMC/WAMC joint conference in fall are out

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Joseph stated the group met recently. Matt Lyle indicated the group looked at the LRTP estimates and related methodology. Official action will come to MTPA in the following few months. Additionally, the estimates for the STIP are scheduled for completion in August or September. It was also mentioned that the worst case scenario regarding the Drunk Driving penalty will be assumed when developing the LRTP estimates.

10. POLICY COMMITTEE

Steve Stepek stated there were no updates but welcomed any discussion topics.

11. JOBNET TECH

Luke Walters indicated that the April 15th meeting was rescheduled to next month and that meeting will include the air quality function demo. The JobNet Reports group are currently looking at the APSR, all recommendations are due within the next month.

12. MDOT UPDATES

SPS General Update: Don Mayle stated the correct template to use for updating Title VI plans is the template Anton Schauerte sent out on February 20th. The template will be sent out again after the meeting.

FY 2024 5303 Funds: Don indicated that the amount of 5303 funds have decreased by ~\$158,000 from FY23 to FY24 as an entire state. However, changes were made by MDOT so that MPOs would not have to amend documents to reflect the new dollar amounts. Although a 1.9% growth rate will be applied in FY25 to CPG, it will not be true of 5303 funds.

Maja Bolanowska thanked MDOT for using carry-over funds to cover the deficiencies, preventing the need for some MPOs to amend their UWP.



Don Mayle stated that the FY24 Federal Aid Buyout payments have been requested and agencies should have received them now. These funds will be shown in the LABRs in the “Adjustments” section. A scope of work has been agreed to regarding the Federal Lands Coordination. There are three MPOs that have federal lands in their MPA, and all three have agreed to be part of this project. The project will start in June/July 2024, take about 18 months to complete, and will result in a guidebook and checklist on how to coordinate with federal lands.

MOUs: John Lanum mentioned that he emailed the directors and managers of the transportation planning programs regarding the MOUs earlier in the morning.

MI Travel Counts Household Survey: Katie Beck provided a follow up to the presentation at the March MTPA meeting. Katie also indicated the purpose of the survey, the methodology of the survey, and stated that the survey is now live.

13. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Chair Joseph stated that per IJJA, the Secretary (Secretary Buttigieg, not Schauerte) is required to carry out a study that gathers TDM data and compares it to actual observed data. Additionally, he is required to develop tools/guidance for States/MPOs and to make a multimodal web based tool.

Christina Nicholaides was not certain on the timing, but will follow up with MTPA at a later date.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Joseph adjourned the meeting at 11:11 AM.

Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA)

Meeting Attendance - 4/16/2024

AGENCY	NAME	AGENCY	NAME
BayCATS	Bryan Gillett	MDOT	Lindsey Dowswell
BCATS	Jeff Franklin	MDOT	Luke Walters
EMCOG	Cody Bodrie	MDOT	Matt Lyle
FHWA	Christina Nicholaides	MDOT	Max Gierman
GCMPC	Dru Hajec	MDOT	Meredith Fryer
GCMPC	Jacob Maurer	MDOT	Richard Bayus
GCMPC	McKenna Dutkiewicz	MDOT	Sharion Waithe
GVMC	Andrea Faber	NNW	Barry Hicks
GVMC	Laurel Joseph	NNW	Isha Pithwa
GVMC	Mara Gericke	SATA	Demetra Manley
KATS	Ali Townsend	SCCOTS	Peter Klomprens
KATS	Megan Mickelson	SEMCOG	Adam Elghoul
KATS	Steve Stepek	SEMCOG	Ed Hug
MACC	Alec Miller	SEMCOG	Michele Fedorowicz
MACC	Eric Dykstra	SEMCOG	Steve Brudzinski
MACC	Jason Latham	SWMRPC	Kim Gallagher
MATS	Alicia Williams	TCRPC	Nicole Baumer
MATS	Maja Bolanowska	WATS	Anton Schauerte
MDOT	Andrea Strach	WMRPC	Spencer Nosal
MDOT	Blake Wright	WMSRDC	Brian Mulnix
MDOT	Brian Sanada	WMSRDC	Joel Fitzpatrick
MDOT	Brian Stark		
MDOT	Bryan Armstrong		
MDOT	Cameron Hoard		
MDOT	Clayton Sigmann		
MDOT	Craig Newell		
MDOT	Don Mayle		
MDOT	Heather Bowden		
MDOT	Jim Sturdevant		
MDOT	John Lanum		
MDOT	Josh Grab		
MDOT	Karen Faussett		
MDOT	Katie Beck		
MDOT	Kelly Travelbee		
MDOT	Kloha, Mark		
MDOT	Kyle Kirchmeier		

Updates from FHWA to MTPA May 21, 2024

Grants - Key NOFO List

FHWA Announces \$830 Million in Awards for PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

On April 11, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [announced](#) approximately \$830 million in awards from the [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation \(PROTECT\) Discretionary Grant Program](#). The PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program is funding 80 projects nationwide that will help States and local communities strengthen surface transportation systems and make them more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, extreme weather events, flooding, sea-level rise, heat waves, and other disasters. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$148 Million in Awards for Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities

On April 24, 2024, FHWA [announced](#) \$148 million in awards from the [Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities \(RTEPF\) Grant Program](#). The RTEPF Grant Program is awarding grants to 11 States and Puerto Rico to improve air quality and reduce pollution for truck drivers, port workers, and families that live in communities surrounding ports. More information is available [here](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$23.6 Million in Awards for Thriving Communities Program

On April 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) \$23.6 million in awards from the [Thriving Communities Program \(TCP\)](#). The TCP is awarding grants to three national and six regional Thriving Communities Capacity Builders to support 112 communities in accessing Federal funding and resources. More information is available [here](#).

FTA Announces \$17.6 Million in Awards for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

On April 2, 2024, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) \$17.6 million in awards from the [Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development \(TOD\) Planning](#). The Pilot Program for TOD Planning is funding 20 projects in 16 States to help plan for transportation projects that connect communities and improve access to transit and affordable housing. More information is available [here](#).

FTA Announces \$316 in Available Funding to Improve and Expand Ferry Services

On April 17, 2024, FTA [announced](#) the availability of \$316 million in funding to support and modernize passenger ferry service in communities across the country. The [Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#) is providing \$51 million in funding to buy, replace, or modernize passenger ferries, terminals, and related equipment. The [Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program](#) is providing \$49 million in funding to buy ferry vessels that reduce emissions by using alternative fuels or on-board energy storage systems. The [Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program](#) is providing \$216 million in funding to initiate or expand ferry services in rural areas, including capital, planning, and operating costs. The application deadline for all three programs is June 17, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

U.S. DOE Announces \$54 Million in Available Funding for Communities Taking Charge Accelerator

On April 16, 2024, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Joint Office of Energy and Transportation with the U.S. DOT [announced](#) the availability of \$54 million in funding through the [Communities Taking Charge Accelerator](#). This program will make strategic investments at the local level that address key barriers to expanding access to electrified mobility options for individuals without home charging, accelerate the transition to electrified fleets, and mature the implementation of managed charging systems to mitigate impacts and optimize usage of the electrical grid. The application deadline is July 16, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Announces \$3 Million in Available Funding for Roadside Pollinator Program

On April 8, 2024, FHWA announced the availability of \$3 million in funding through the [Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway Rights-of-Way Program \(Roadside Pollinator Program\)](#). The goals of the Roadside Pollinator Program are to fund the implementation, improvement, or further development of the applicants' Pollinator Friendly Practices Plan on routes eligible for Federal-aid. The application deadline is June 18, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Accepting First Applications for Transportation Access Pilot Program

On April 16, 2024, FHWA announced the first application period for the [Transportation Access Pilot Program](#). This first round seeks to identify transportation agencies that are currently working on, or are soon planning to start, transportation accessibility analysis studies. Letters of interest are due by June 7, 2024 to be considered for the first round of the pilot program. More information is available [here](#).

Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [May 27 – Strategic Innovation for Revenue Collection \(SIRC\) Program](#),
- [June 10 – Low-Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Grants Program](#),
- [June 17 – Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#), and
- [August 29 – SS4A: Planning and Demonstration Grants](#).

FHWA Announces 2024 Environmental Excellence Award Winners

On April 30, 2024, FHWA announced the 2024 Environmental Excellence Award (EEA) recipients. The biennial EEA program recognizes outstanding transportation projects, processes, and partners that used FHWA funding sources to go above and beyond compliance to achieve environmental excellence. The winning projects and programs exemplify FHWA's priorities of safety, economic strength and global competitiveness, equity, climate and sustainability, transformation, and organizational excellence. More information is available [here](#).

Vision Zero

The [Vision Zero Toolkit](#) is a new resource for local, regional, and Tribal jurisdictions that are establishing, planning, and implementing safety efforts to help realize the vision of zero roadway deaths.

FTA Announces Updates to the Final Rule and National Plan for Public Transportation Safety

On April 9, 2024, FTA [announced](#) the availability of updates to the final rule for Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASPs) [[89 FR 25694](#)] and the National Public Transportation Safety Plan [[89 FR 25316](#)]. The final rule updates [49 CFR 673](#) to include provisions for safety committees, safety performance targets, safety risk reduction programs, training for transit workers, and a safety management system process that addresses infectious diseases. The updated National Public Transportation Safety Plan includes safety performance measures for all agencies subject to the PTASP regulations, and safety risk reduction performance measures for Section 5307 recipients that serve an urbanized area with a population of 200,000 or more. Additional information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

Comment Deadlines Approaching for U.S. DOT Federal Register Notices

Please be aware of the approaching comments deadlines for the following Federal Register notices from the U.S. DOT:

- [June 11 – Request for Information on Goals, Criteria, Thresholds, and Measurable Data Sources for Designating the National Multimodal Freight Network \(NMFN\).](#)

U.S. DOT Resources on Asset Management, GHG Emissions, EV Charging, and Carbon Reduction

The U.S. DOT recently published the following resources:

- [Asset Management Integration Case Studies:](#)
 - [Atlanta Region,](#)
 - [Southeast Michigan Council of Governments,](#)
 - [Washington State DOT,](#)
 - [Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission,](#)
 - [West Virginia DOT,](#)
- [Asset Management Peer Exchange Summaries:](#)
 - [Integrating Highway Asset Management into Planning and Programming,](#)
 - [Integrating Transit Asset Management into Planning and Programming,](#)
- [How Are Greenhouse Gas \(GHG\) Emissions Different From Criteria Pollutant Emissions?,](#)
- [Public Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Charging Infrastructure Playbook,](#) and
- [State Carbon Reduction Strategies.](#)

NCHRP Research on Coordination, Mobility Inclusion, and Cooperative Automation Data

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) recently published the following research:

- [Practices for Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\) Coordination,](#)
- [Transformational Technologies and Mobility Inclusion Playbook,](#) and
- [Using Cooperative Automated Transportation Data for Freeway Operational Strategies.](#)

Webinars on Equity, EVs, Safety, Asset Management, Climate Change, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Data

Here is the registration information for some upcoming webinars and virtual meetings:

- [May 22 – Equitable Data Analysis,](#)
- [May 29 – Don't Let Financial Uncertainty Derail Your Transportation Asset Management Plan,](#)
- [May 30 – Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Transportation,](#)
- [June 11 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Data Gathering and Reporting,](#)
- [June 18 – Climate Change Research and Technology,](#) and

- [September 4 – Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness.](#)

Name	Grant	Fiscal Year Awarded	Award Amount	MPO
Novi Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2023	\$ 160,320	Detroit-SEMCOG
Pike Street Clinton River Trail Connector	RAISE	2023	\$ 16,328,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
City of Pontiac Road Safety Action Plan Development Project	SS4A	2023	\$ 200,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Wayne County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2023	\$ 1,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
MLK Corridor Reimagined	RAISE	2023	\$ 6,785,245	Jackson-R2PC
Safe Streets 4 Dearborn Heights	SS4A	2023	\$ 396,700	Detroit-SEMCOG
MACC Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2023	\$ 240,000	Holland-MACC
Macomb Near-Miss Intersection Analytics & Trajectory System Evaluation	SS4A	2023	\$ 2,140,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Mount Clemens Downtown District Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2023	\$ 80,320	Detroit-SEMCOG
Online Automatic Retiming of Traffic Signals Using Vehicle Trajectory Data		2023	\$ 1,450,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
City of Dearborn Michigan Warren Road Diet	SS4A	2023	\$ 24,894,430	Detroit-SEMCOG
Canton Township Safe Streets and Roads for All Action Plan	SS4A	2023	\$ 396,800	Detroit-SEMCOG
Safe Streets Now: Making Southeast Michigan roads safer for people of a	SS4A	2023	\$ 10,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Jackson County Comprehensive Systemic Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2023	\$ 500,000	Jackson-R2PC
Creating Safe, Equitable Streets for the Cities of Wayne, Westland, Garde	SS4A	2023	\$ 192,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Michigan Capitol Area Regional EV Charging Gateway Initiative	CFI	2023	\$ 8,000,000	
City of Imlay City EVC-RAA	EVC-RAA	2023	\$ 13,157	
Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Chikaming Township	SS4A	2023	\$ 120,000	Rural
Safe Streets 4 Saginaw	SS4A	2023	\$ 278,530	Saginaw-SATA
Truck Stop of the Future	RAISE	2023	\$ 8,500,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
MDOT EVC-RAA	EVC-RAA	2023	\$ 1,836,043	
Detroit Safe Access to Transit	SS4A	2023	\$ 24,800,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Revitalize West Bay Shore Drive	Rural	2023	\$ 14,400,000	Traverse City-TTCl
Detroit Mobility and Innovation Corridor - US-12	RAISE	2022	\$ 25,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Development of Safety Action Plan for Genesee County Michigan	SS4A	2022	\$ 412,000	Flint-GCMPC
Regional Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2022	\$ 240,000	Grand Rapids-GVMC
AACE 2.0: The Ann Arbor Connected Environment Reimagined	ATTAIN	2022	\$ 9,859,240	Detroit-SEMCOG
Ann Arbor Supplemental Action Planning	SS4A	2022	\$ 3,800,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Downtown Network: Kalamazoo and Michigan Avenues	RCP	2022	\$ 12,272,799	Kalamazoo-KATS
To develop six-city regional Safe Streets 4 All Plan of Action	SS4A	2022	\$ 385,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Macomb County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2022	\$ 1,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
SEMCOG Safe Streets for All Supplemental Action Plan	SS4A	2022	\$ 585,587	Detroit-SEMCOG
Ozhitoon Mino-Bimaadiziwan - Sault Tribe	RAISE	2022	\$ 19,781,404	Rural
Northern Michigan Rail Planning Phase II Study and Service Development	RAISE	2022	\$ 1,300,000	Rural
Grant project to develop the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Transport	SS4A	2022	\$ 259,384	Rural
Detroit Mobility Optimization through Data for Equity and Safety (Detroit	SMART	2022	\$ 2,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Advancing Rural Mobility: Michigan Public Transit Open Data Standards P	SMART	2022	\$ 1,310,447	Rural
Blue Water Bridge International Smart Freight Corridor	SMART	2022	\$ 1,806,216	Detroit-SEMCOG
Leading in Sustainable Safety with V2X technology in Oakland County Mi	SMART	2022	\$ 2,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway Resource Protection Project	NSBP	2022	\$ 103,736	Rural
Reinventing the Lafayette Bascule Bridge	BIP	2022	\$ 73,000,000	BayCity-BCATS
SS4A Action Plan: The City of Kalamazoo, MI	SS4A	2022	\$ 750,000	Kalamazoo-KATS
Safety Action Plan Grant for St. Joseph County	SS4A	2022	\$ 200,000	BentonHarbor-TwinCATS
SafeVB Roads and Streets Action Plan	SS4A	2022	\$ 384,900	Detroit-SEMCOG
Safe Streets Lansing	SS4A	2022	\$ 168,000	Lansing-TCRPC
I-696 Oak Park Plaza Reconstruct	RCP	2022	\$ 21,704,970	Detroit-SEMCOG
I-375 Reconnecting Communities Project	INFRA	2022	\$ 104,657,051	Detroit-SEMCOG
Safe Streets For Detroit (SS4D)	SS4A	2022	\$ 24,800,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
City of Highland Park Action Plan	SS4A	2022	\$ 200,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Road Commission for Oakland County Safety Action Plan	SS4A	2022	\$ 467,548	Detroit-SEMCOG
City of Kalamazoo Planning	RAISE	2022	\$ 5,974,694	Kalamazoo-KATS
Indiana Marquette Greenway	RAISE	2021		
Perceptions and Implications of RUC	STSFA	2021	\$ 2,588,542	Rural
MDOT Statewide Signals	BUILD	2020* using 2019 fund	\$ 8,333,600	Rural
Automated Driving System Demo - Detroit	ADS	2020	\$ 7,499,624	Detroit-SEMCOG
Smart Intersections Project - UMTRI	ATCMTD	2020	\$ 9,950,098	Detroit-SEMCOG
Bluewater Bridge Plaza Expansion	INFRA	2020	\$ 25,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Adams Road RCOC	BUILD	2020	\$ 2,000,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Intelligent Woodward Corridor - MDOT	ATCMTD	2019	\$ 5,500,000	Detroit-SEMCOG
Mound Road	INFRA	2018	\$ 97,864,465	Detroit-SEMCOG
US-31	BUILD	2018	\$ 20,000,000	BentonHarbor-TwinCATS
Improving Neighborhood Safety - Detroit	ATCMTD	2017	\$ 2,182,500	Detroit-SEMCOG
Drinking Water Revolving Fund - Flint	TIGER	2016	\$ 20,000,000	Flint-GCMPC

May 2024 Updates from FTA to MTPA

Notices of Funding Opportunity

[Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#)

Open: February 21, 2024

Closes: The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

April 4, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. (Closed)

May 16, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. (Closed)

August 29, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes.

Funding Available: \$1.256B

[Ferry Grant Program](#)

- Ferry Service for Rural Communities (\$216M)
- Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program (\$49M)
- Passenger Ferry Boat Program (\$51M)

Open: April 17, 2024

Closes: June 17, 2024

Funding Available: \$316M

[Communities Taking Charge Accelerator program](#)

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation, through the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, recently announced the availability of \$54 million in federal funding to support projects that will expand community access through electrified "green" transportation. The Communities Taking Charge Accelerator program will drive innovation in equitable clean transportation by investing in projects that expand access to electric vehicles, including accelerating the transition to e-bus fleets and advancing charging systems to optimize use of the grid.

The funding, administered by the Joint Office through DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, will support:

- expanding e-mobility solutions through electrified micro, light and medium-duty transit fleets
- expanding charging access for privately owned electric vehicles
- managed charging for clean, reliable energy

Eligible recipients include academic, nonprofit, for-profit, and government entities (including transit agencies) for planning, demonstration or deployment projects that drive innovation in equitable clean

transportation. Before submitting a proposal for this opportunity, applicants must submit a concept paper by May 20, 2024.

Closes: May 20, 2024

Funding Available: \$54M

Transit Asset Management Roundtable

Date: July 30th – 31st in Chicago

Chicago Hilton, 198 E Delaware

The 1.5 day event will bring together participants from across the country who are directly involved in the management of transit capital assets. The event will feature peer learning sessions, networking opportunities, and a presentation from FTA staff highlighting TAM program updates. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for agencies to exchange best practices! [Registration can be found here.](#)

Calls for Input:

- FTA is inviting [public comment](#) on the [proposed update to Circular 9040.1](#). “Rural Areas Formula Grant Programs Guidance,” C 9040.1H, is a consolidation of guidance for the administration and preparation of grant applications for the Rural Areas Formula Grants Program under [49 U.S.C. 5311](#) and the rural area component of the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Program under [49 U.S.C. 5339\(a\)](#) (FTA circular 5100.1) Comments are due June 3.
- FTA is inviting public comment on revisions to [policy guidance for the Capital Investment Grants \(CIG\) program](#). Revisions include updating data used for CIG project evaluation and rating, incorporating priorities for equity, resilience, and affordable housing, and implementing a new “bundling” provision for project sponsors pursuing multiple CIG projects at the same time. Comments are due by June 4.
- Under the proposed [Rail Transit Roadway Worker Protection Rule](#), transit agencies nationwide would be required to create a protection program geared at personnel who work on or around the tracks, implement comprehensive training for workers, and ensure that unsafe acts and conditions are reported. The proposed rule would apply to rail agencies and state safety oversight agencies (SSOAs) that are tasked with overseeing safety. Comments are due by May 24.
- FTA is collaborating with the [American Public Transportation Association \(APTA\)](#) and its partner, the [Center for Urban Transportation Research \(CUTR\)](#) to identify current and future priorities for new standards development for areas that would benefit from the development of voluntary consensus standards, recommended practices, or guidance documents.

The purpose of this [survey](#) is to gather responses from a wide section of the public transportation industry including agency personnel across disciplines (operations, maintenance, safety, human resources, procurement, technology/systems groups, etc.) and within each transit mode (rail, bus, paratransit ferry, etc.), transit industry associations, members of the academic community and other researchers, federal and state agency employees, consultants,

industry vendors/business groups, and others. The deadline to complete the survey is May 31, 2024.

FTA's [Standards Development Program](#) works with public transportation industry organizations to develop, modify, and enhance voluntary safety standards as well as expand and reestablish partnerships with standards development organizations.

USDOT published a DBE Final Rule in the Federal Register on April 9, 2024.

Beginning in federal fiscal year 2025, FTA will move to a tiered system for DBE compliance. FTA recipients of planning, capital, or operating assistance that award more than \$670,000 in FTA funds annually (excluding transit vehicle purchases) are considered Tier I recipients and are subject to all provisions in 49 CFR part 26. Recipients that award \$670,000 or less are considered Tier 2s and are only subject to certain specified provisions in part 26.

- FTA will host a New DBE Rule webinar on **May 21, 2024, at 3pm ET (2pm CT)** to discuss the new provisions for transit recipients that are awarded \$670,000 or less in funds annually, now known as Tier II recipients. [Register Here](#)
- FTA will host a second webinar on the Requirements for Transit Vehicle Manufacturers (TVMs) in the New DBE Rule on **July 30, 2024, at 3pm ET (2pm CT)** which will highlight new changes and requirements for TVMs and FTA recipients procuring transit vehicles. [Register Here](#)
- Please find all of the webinars related to this on [USDOT's Training Sessions and Recordings webpage](#). The recordings of the sessions and PowerPoint presentations will be uploaded here afterward.

DOJ Issues New ADA Rule for Web Content and Mobile Apps

On April 24, 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a [final rule](#) in the Federal Register under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to improve web and mobile application (app) access for people with disabilities. Title II applies to State and local governments, including transit agencies. Transit agencies are classified as "special district government" entities under this rule and will have three years to comply.

The rule clarifies how covered entities must meet their existing ADA obligations as more of their activities move into digital space. It will ensure that people with disabilities can better access important programs and activities, including transportation information, through web content and mobile apps.

This rule adopts an internationally recognized accessibility standard for web access, the [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines \(WCAG\) 2.1](#), as the technical standard for web content and mobile app accessibility under Title II of the ADA. WCAG 2.1 is a set of guidelines that say what is needed for web accessibility, such as requirements for captions for videos. WCAG is developed by the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C), an industry standard-setting organization.

Webinar: Transit Award Management System (TrAMS) Enhancements (May 22)

FTA will host a webinar at 1:30 p.m. ET May 22, 2024, to discuss and demonstrate recent enhancements to FTA's [Transit Award Management System \(TrAMS\)](#). The enhancements are scheduled for release this week.

[TrAMS](#), a web-based grant management tool, allows FTA grant recipients to apply for federal funds and manage their programs in accordance with federal requirements. The platform also enables FTA to review, approve, control, and oversee how funds are used.

Enhancements include changes to the layout, appearance, and terminology specific to the records page and do not change the workflow or data within the system. The changes are necessary for FTA to stay on pace with current technology while streamlining users' experience and enhancing clarity.

TrAMS users are encouraged to [register](#) and attend to learn more about the enhancements.

DOT is hosting a second training on Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-making on June 14, 2024 at 12:00-3:00 p.m. ET.

Facilitated by DOT Civil Rights specialists, this training will introduce key Civil Rights principles, including Title VI, and draw from examples that address Civil Rights compliance in the transportation decision-making process. The training will also provide an overview of key public involvement concepts, approaches, and strategies from [DOT's Promising Practices for Meaningful Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making](#). The training will be interactive, providing opportunities for in-depth discussion in break-out rooms. The training has limited capacity and registration is required to attend – not all requests will be accommodated if registration exceeds capacity. DOT will prioritize those who have not attended a past Meaningful Public Involvement training. DOT will host a series of additional trainings open to the public throughout 2024. [Register for the training here.](#)