

Intercity Bus Program

Stakeholder Consultation



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Background

The TxDOT Public Transportation Division (PTN) completed a formal Intercity Bus (ICB) study in April 2021. The study surveyed the industry, examined the ICB resources and network needs across the state, and identified a set of priority routes for funding.

The below outlines outcomes since the 2021 study as follows:

- 2022 Coordinated Call for Projects All ICB projects meeting the criteria defined in the application instructions, including some routes prioritized in the study received funding. Reference MO 116278.
- ICB Consultation conducted November 16, 2022, discussed ICB funding status with target to certify needs have been met.
- 2024 Coordinated Call for Projects All ICB projects meeting the criteria defined in the application instructions, including some routes prioritized in the study received or will receive funding. Reference <u>MO 116736</u>.

ICB Funding Status

TxDOT-PTN has unallocated ICB funds estimated at \$12.1M, as outlined below.

- FY23 5311(f): \$2.3M
- FY24 5311(f): \$9.8M
- ICB services are fully funded through FY26. The next funding opportunity will be the FY26 Coordinated Call for Projects.
- Unallocated ICB funds are not needed to meet current service needs.
- FTA C 9040.1G outlines a process that allows the State to transfer funds not needed in the ICB Program to the Rural Area Program.

Next Steps

As required by 49 U.S.C. 5311(f)(2), the state of Texas is consulting with transit industry stakeholders including, intercity bus operators to discuss our intentions to certify ICB needs have been met for use of this one-time funding amount.

- Stakeholders have an opportunity to provide comments, post-webinars.
 - A copy of this presentation will be emailed to attendees by August 23, 2024.
 Online posting and presentation link is TBD.
 - Submit your questions, issues, or concerns to ptn programmgmt@txdot.gov no later than CST 5 P.M. Friday, September 6, 2024.
 - A compiled list of questions, issues, or concerns will be posted on TxDOT PTN's website as well as emailed to attendees by September 13, 2024.



Milestones

ICB Certification of Needs Met Milestones	
Activity/Milestone	Target Date
Consultation	
Stakeholder Webinar	Friday, August 23, 2024
Stakeholder Responses Due	Friday, September 6, 2024
Stakeholder Comments /TxDOT Response Posted	Friday, September 13, 2024
Certification Letter for FTA	
Letter submission to FTA	Friday, September 20, 2024
Commission Meeting	
Texas Transportation Commission Meeting	Thursday, October 31, 2024
Funding	
PGAs distributed	Friday, November 1, 2024
PGAs executed	Monday, December 2, 2024



Q & A

QUESTIONS?