FTA Region IV
State Programs Meeting
September 13, 2007
Welcome to Region IV

• Today’s Agenda
  - Welcome and Introductions
  - State Programs Team
  - State DOT Roundtable
  - Coordinated Planning Discussion
  - Evaluations
  - Group Dinner
Welcome to Region IV

8 States and 2 U.S. Territories
What’s New at FTA

• Agency Initiatives
  – Urban Partnership Program
  – Vision for FY 08
  – FY 08 Performance Goals
  – Teaming Approach – Agency Wide

• SAFETEA-LU Implementation
  – Rulemakings underway
  – Agency Guidance
  – Circulars
What’s New at FTA

• Rulemakings
  – Notices of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)
  – Final Rules

• Policy Guidance
  – Proposed Agency Guidance
  – Final Agency Guidance

• Circulars
  – New
  – Updated
  – Proposed
What’s New at FTA

- New Circulars Issued – Section 5316 (J ARC), Section 5317 (New Freedom), Safety and Security Management for Major Capital Projects, Title VI
- Updated Circulars Issued – Sections 5310 and 5311
- Next Round of Draft Circulars – Section 5307, Section 5309, Statewide and Metropolitan Planning, Grants Management, Third-Party Procurement (expected by September 30, 2007)
What’s New in Region IV

• We Moved in June!
  – New Address: 230 Peachtree Street, NW Suite 800
  – New Phone Number: 404.865.5600

• Grant Making, Planning and Program Management Activities, and Oversight
  – 1000+ Active Grants obligated to 165 Active Grantees
  – 290 Grants Awarded in FY 07

• Organizational Changes
State Programs Team

TO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENHANCE THE STATE ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION THROUGH THE FOLLOWING:

1. Cross-training and developing skills for both program development and management.

2. Building a more effective and interactive FTA/STATE DOT partnership.

3. Becoming a constructive and dynamic resource for program assistance to State DOTs and FTA Staff.
State Programs Team

- Jerry Hubbard: ALDOT, KYTC, SCDOT
- Myra Immings: GDOT, GDHR, TDOT
- Jamie Pfister: FLDOT, MDOT, NCDOT
State Programs Team

• Primary Responsibilities
  - Grant Development and Management
  - Project Planning and Management
  - Oversight of State DOTs - State Management Reviews
  - Technical Assistance and Training
  - Customer Service Outreach
  - Responsible for several Specialized Grant Programs
## Initial Assessment

Please rate your State DOT in the following areas:

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Initial Assessment

• Needs for Technical Assistance and/or Training
  - Transit Facility Construction Management and Oversight
  - JARC/NF/5310 Program Requirements; data collection and required oversight
  - State and FTA Role in Emergency Preparedness
  - Safety Oversight
  - Planning and Environment
  - Major Capital Investments
  - Grant Making Process
  - TEAM Training and TEAM Reporting
  - Grant Close-out Process
  - Training for New State DOT Staff
Initial Assessment

• Issues you are facing at the State DOTs
  
  - Hiring restrictions & attracting the right skill set; staff shortages
  - New Transit Managers – Sub-recipient
  - DOT Strategic Planning – where does transit fit in?
  - Lack of State funds to utilize FTA funds
  - Cash flow
  - Placing more emphasis on transit planning – coordination and rural
  - Rural NTD
  - Difficulty with Human Service Coordinated Planning
  - Initiating 5316 and 5317 Applications
  - Population projections and how to meet needs over 60+
  - Lack of vehicles for rural providers
  - New Starts – State Process
State DOT Roundtable

- Roundtable:
  - Please share 1-2 Statewide Transit Projects or Initiatives with the group
  - 8-10 minutes each
Coordinated Planning Session

• Brief Overview of the Cross-Cutting Requirements
  − Designated Recipient
  − Coordinated Plan*
  − Competitive Selection

• Panel Discussion
  − South Carolina Approach, Diane Lackey
  − North Carolina Approach, Miriam Perry
  − Kentucky Approach, Vickie Bourne

• Exercise

• Questions
Coordinated Plan

• FTA Programs
  - Section 5310: Elderly and Disabled Formula Program
  - Section 5316: Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
  - Section 5317: New Freedom (NF)

• Designated Recipient
  - JARC and NF: State agency designated by the Governor to administer the program in urbanized areas less than 200,000 in population and in rural areas.
  - 5310: State agency designated by the Governor to administer the program statewide
Coordinated Plan

- States must certify that projects funded under Sections 5310, 5316, and 5317 are derived from a locally developed coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan.

- State must certify that the plan was developed through a process that included representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation from the public.
Coordinated Plan

Elements of the plan:

• An assessment of available services
• An assessment of transportation needs of target population
• Strategies, activities and/or projects to address the identified gaps
• Priorities for implementation based on resources, time, and feasibility
Coordinated Plan

Tools and Strategies:

• Community Planning Session
• Self-assessment Tool
• Focus Groups
• Survey
• Detailed Study and Analysis
• Charrette
• Framework for Action
Stakeholder involvement:

- Adequate outreach
- Broad representation (transportation partners, passengers and advocates, human service partners, others)
- Opportunity for participation & involvement (time, location, transportation available)
Coordinated Plan

Panel Discussion

• South Carolina
• North Carolina
• Kentucky
Coordinated Plan – Exercise

Discussion Points

• Designated Recipient
• Coordinated Plan
• Stakeholder Involvement
• Technical Assistance
• Competitive Selection
• Local Match
• Next Steps
Please take a few minutes to complete the evaluation form located in the last TAB of your binders.