



# U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

## State Programs Team Semi-Annual Meeting

**Hosted by North Carolina DOT**

*Charlotte, North Carolina*

*March 19-20, 2008*





# Overview - Wednesday

- 8:00 am** Welcome and Introductions
- 8:30 am** FTA Region IV Update - State Programs Team
- 8:45 am** The Route to Success: Today and Beyond
- 9:30 am** Forward Thinking: The Road Ahead for Transit in your State
- 10:30 am** *Break*
- 10:45 am** Forward Thinking: The Road Ahead for Transit in your State
- 12:00 pm** *Working Lunch: NCDOT*
- 1:30 pm** Charter: Final Rule Highlights
- 2:15 pm** Intercity Bus: How are intercity needs being met?
- 3:00 pm** NCDOT-CATS Presentation
- 3:30 pm** Tour: Charlotte Light Rail System (Lynx)





# Overview - Thursday

- 8:00 am **Welcome back!**
- 8:30 am **Coordinated Planning - Part II**
- 9:30 am **Planning for Transit Facilities - Part II**
- 10:15 am ***Break***
- 10:30 am **Planning for Grant Making – Timing Consideration**
- 11:30 am **National Transit Database (NTD): Rural Reporting**
- 12:00 pm ***Networking Lunch***
- 1:00 pm **Oversight: State Management Reviews**
- 1:30 pm **Grant Management: Reporting & Close-outs**
- 2:00 pm **The Route to Success: Today and Beyond**
- 2:30 pm ***Adjourn***





# Region IV Update

- Since September....
- Personnel Updates
- Pilot – State Programs Team
- State Team Accomplishments
- State Team Assignments





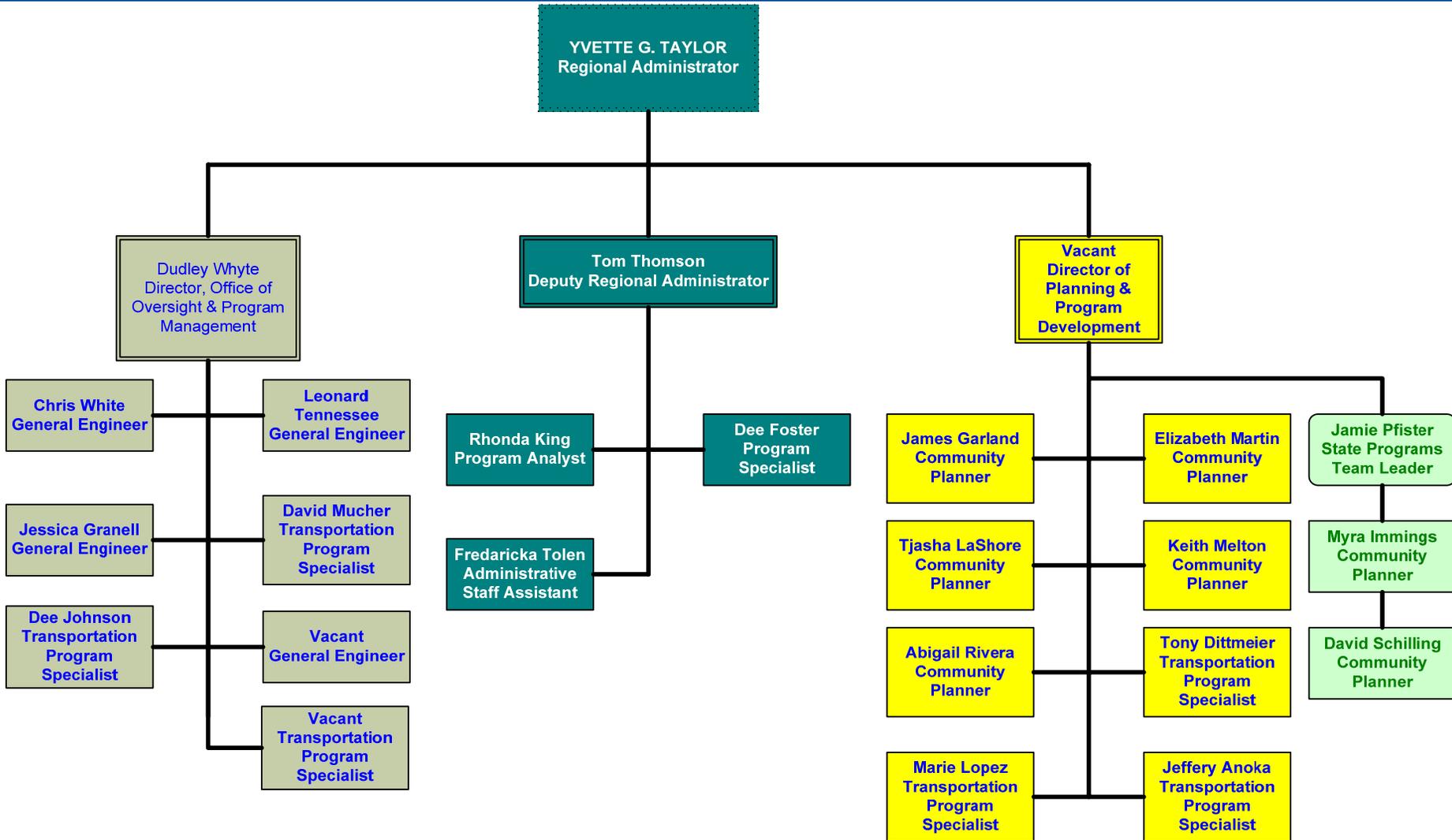
# State Programs Team

- Team Members
  - David Schilling: TDOT, KYTC, SCDOT
    - Regional United We Ride Liaison
  - Myra Immings: GDOT, GDHR, ALDOT
    - Environmental Specialist
  - Jamie Pfister: FLDOT, MDOT, NCDOT
    - Team Leader





# Region IV Office





# Route to Success: Today and Beyond

- What's Working and What's Not?
  - Coordinated Transportation Programs
  - Nonurbanized Formula Program
  - Statewide & Metropolitan Planning





# Coordinated Transportation Programs

## What's Working and What's Not:

- State – DR for all areas under 200K (Section 5316 & 5317)
- Section 5316 (JARC) changed from discretionary to formula program
- Section 5317 (New Freedom) program established
- Section 5310, 5316 and 5317 - projects must now be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan
- Section 5316 & 5317 - projects have to be competitively selected
- Inclusion of Section 5316 & 5317 in State Management Plans





# Nonurbanized Formula Program

## What's Working and What's Not:

- Creation of the Tribal Transit Program
- Provision for Tribes to be Direct Recipients
- Intercity Bus Consultation (5311 f)
- NTD Reporting
- Coordination with other programs
- Increased funding to RTAPs





# Statewide & Metropolitan Planning

## What's Working and What's Not:

- Final Rule issued 2/14/ 2007; took effect on 3/16/2007
- Phased-In Approach for Final Rule
  - ***Any amendments or updates*** to statewide LRTPs, STIPs, metropolitan LRTPs, or TIPs on or after July 1, 2007 must be based on the provisions and requirements of the *Final Rule*.
  - ***However, administrative modifications*** may be made to statewide LRTPs, STIPs, metropolitan LRTPs, or TIPs on or after July 1, 2007 without meeting *Final Rule* requirements.
- Fiscal Constraint
  - Revenue and cost estimates for the metropolitan LRTP, TIP and Statewide TIP (STIP) must use an inflation rate(s) to reflect "year of expenditure dollars"
  - In air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas, projects included in the first two years of the STIP and TIP shall be limited to those for which funds are "available" or "committed"
- More linkage between Transportation Planning/Project Development and NEPA





*Forward Thinking:  
The Road Ahead for  
Transit in your State*





# Forward Thinking: Road Ahead for Transit in your State

- Describe and explain your agency's organizational structure. What organizational changes you are expecting in the next 6-9 months?
- Describe your State's transit vision, including short-term and long-term goals for transit in your State.
- What successes or challenges do you expect with implementing your State's transit vision?

