



# U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration

## Rural Reporting National Transit Database (NTD)

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# What is the NTD?

- System – The foundation of the NTD was established by Congress in 1974. (First annual report -1979 data; originally, NTD was called Section 15).
- Database Reporting – The NTD was created to be the primary national database for public transit data. The NTD collects annual transit performance and financial data, monthly ridership and safety and security data.
- Uniform Accounts – The NTD summarizes data in various annual reports on the transit industry.
- Congress also gave the NTD a key role in:
  - Apportionments (3) and Cost Data, GPRA, Core, Strategic Plan
  - Safety and Security data
  - Monthly Ridership data
  - Performance measures
  - Rural Transit Data (New)
  - Transit Infrastructure Data
  - “Gatekeeping”





# Statutory Authority

- **49 USC 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.

- **49 USC 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.





# Statutory Authority

- Data collected exclusively by the NTD is referenced in
  - 49 USC 5307 & 5336 Formula Apportionment
  - 49 USC 5308 Clean Fuels
  - 49 USC 5309 & 5337 Fixed Guideway Modernization
  - 49 USC 5335 Conditions and Performance Reporting
  - **49 USC 5311 Rural Transit**
  - Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
  - Audited and certified data to fulfill these requirements.





# Rural Reporting

- 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:
  - A. total annual revenue;
  - B. sources of revenue;
  - C. total annual operating costs;
  - D. total annual capital costs;
  - E. fleet size and type, and related facilities;
  - F. revenue vehicle miles; and
  - G. ridership.





# Rural Reporting

- State DOTs submit an Annual Report
  - Tribes receiving direct apportionments under 5311
- Deadlines based on State Fiscal Year
- NTD Rural Reporting Manual
  - Final Rule December 6, 2007





# 2007 Rural Forms

- Revised Form RU-20
  - Vehicle type/age data added
  - Public transit trips added to total trips
  - Modal (Bus, DR) trips, miles added
  - Maintenance facilities added
  - Intercity Data Form Added
  - Tribal Data Box Added
  - Operating Revenues
    - Revise to Sources of Funds for Operating Expenses
    - Add drop down menu for Item 11 (Federal sources).
  - Sources of Capital Funds
    - Add drop down menu for Item 16 (Federal sources)
- Revised RU-30 with Statewide Summary data





# Reporting Deadlines - FY 2007

## State FY 2007 Ends

## Report Deadline

June 30, 2007

February 29, 2008

September 30, 2007

February 29, 2008

Dec. 31, 2007

April 30, 2008





# Resources

- NTD Website:

<http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/rural.htm>

- Rural Reporting Manual:

[http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/pubs/RuralIRM/2007/html/2007\\_Rural\\_TOC.htm](http://www.ntdprogram.gov/ntdprogram/pubs/RuralIRM/2007/html/2007_Rural_TOC.htm)





# Questions?

