



FTA Authorization Fact Sheet Human Services Transportation Coordination



Purpose

The human services transportation coordination provisions aim to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that communities coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs. Coordination will enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of services, and facilitate the most appropriate cost-effective transportation possible with available resources.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Sections 5302, 5303, 5310, 5311, 5314, 5316, and 5317;
SAFETEA-LU Section 3046

Features

Coordinated Planning

- Requires the establishment of a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan for all FTA human service transportation programs: Section 5310 Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Program, Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and Section 5317 New Freedom Program.
- Requires the plan to be developed by a process that includes representatives of public, private and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.
- Planning requirements become effective in FY 2007 as a condition of Federal assistance. JARC planning requirements existed previously and accordingly, are effective immediately.

Coordinated Federal Funding

Permits funding from other non-DOT programs to be used to meet matching funds requirements for transportation services under Sections 5310, 5316, 5317 programs and the Section 5311 non-urbanized area formula program. Section 5310 and Section 5311 funds may also be matched by funds from the Federal Lands Highway Program established by Section 204 of title 23.

Mobility Management

- Defines mobility management as an eligible Federal capital expense supported with 80% Federal public transportation funding.
- Mobility management consists of short-range planning and management activities and projects for improving coordination among public transportation and other transportation service providers. It includes personnel and technology activities.
- Mobility Management funding may not be applied to operating public transportation services.

New Projects

Establishes a new human services coordination program to improve and enhance the coordination of Federal resources for human service transportation, funded at \$1.6 million annually. This funding is expected to support the implementation of the Presidential Executive Order on Human Service Transportation Coordination and the United We Ride Initiative.