

# FTA

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## FTA and Region III News and Updates



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# FTA Updates

- FTA Leadership Updates
- FTA Priorities
  - FTA Safety Oversight
  - Rebuilding Our Infrastructure
- Virginia Highlights

# FTA Leadership

- Changes to Agency Leadership
  - Nomination of Thelma Drake to be FTA Administrator
  - Deputy Administrator K. Jane Williams
  - Chief Counsel Arjun Garg
  - Office of Communications & Congressional Affairs Associate Administrator Phil Newman

# Status of FY2018 Funds

- FY18 Apportionments tables are available at [www.transit.dot.gov](http://www.transit.dot.gov)

# FTA Priorities

## **Safety: FTA's #1 Priority**

- State Safety Oversight Agency Certification
  - Critical Date: April 15, 2019
- Status of Safety Rules

# FTA Priorities

## Rebuilding Our Infrastructure

- FTA seeks to address the \$90 Billion maintenance backlog
- Continued Investment in Bus Systems
- Federal dollars will incentivize investments by state, local, and private partners

# Region III Award Activity

FY2017 Awards			
	# Awards	# Recipients	\$ Obligated
Region III Total	126	48	\$1.6B
Virginia Total	26	16	\$107M

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## Transit Asset Management



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# Timeline and Deliverables Cycle

Initial due dates if your Fiscal Year runs			Activity	Update Cycle
July-June*	Oct- Sept*	Jan- Dec*		
Jan 2017			Initial SGR Targets (Not reported to FTA)	Annually
Oct 2018			TAM Plan	At least Every 4 years
Oct 2018	Jan 2019	Apr 2019	<i>NTD Asset Inventory</i> <i>NTD Performance Results*</i> <i>SGR Targets</i>	Annually submitted to NTD
Oct 2019	Jan 2020	Apr 2020	<i>Narrative Report</i> <i>NTD Asset Inventory</i> <i>NTD Performance Results</i> <i>SGR targets</i> <i>Narrative Report</i>	Annually submitted to NTD

# What to Expect after 10/1/2018

- Certifications & Assurances include TAM requirements
- Oversight begins, first Comprehensive Reviews in FY 2019
- First mandatory reporting to NTD:
  - Targets
  - NTD Asset Inventories
  - 25% of Facility Condition Assessments
- Planning product changes to add references to TAM targets
- Required references in grant application for 5337 to TAM Plan

# Regional POCs

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## Comprehensive Program Review Overview



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# Oversight Activities

- Comprehensive Program Reviews
  - Triennial Review
  - State Management Review
  - Combined Triennial/State Management Review
- Specialized Program Reviews
- Project Reviews

# Process Changes

- All FTA “grantees” are now referred to as “recipients”
- All FTA “grants” are now referred to as “awards”
- 2018 Review Guide is the source for workshop instruction, recipient reference, and review documentation
  - Text of the requirement is included with each question
- Recipient Information Request (RIR), formerly known as the Grantee Information Request (GIR)
  - RIR includes a listing of documents and a few questions to provide reviewers information on a recipient’s transit program

# What Is Included in the Information Request (RIR)

Redesigned to significantly reduce recipient's level of effort required for completion

## **Recipient Profile Information**

- Basic information about the recipient that FTA uses to better understand the institutional and operating structure, and to help determine applicability of oversight requirements

## **Recipient Information Request**

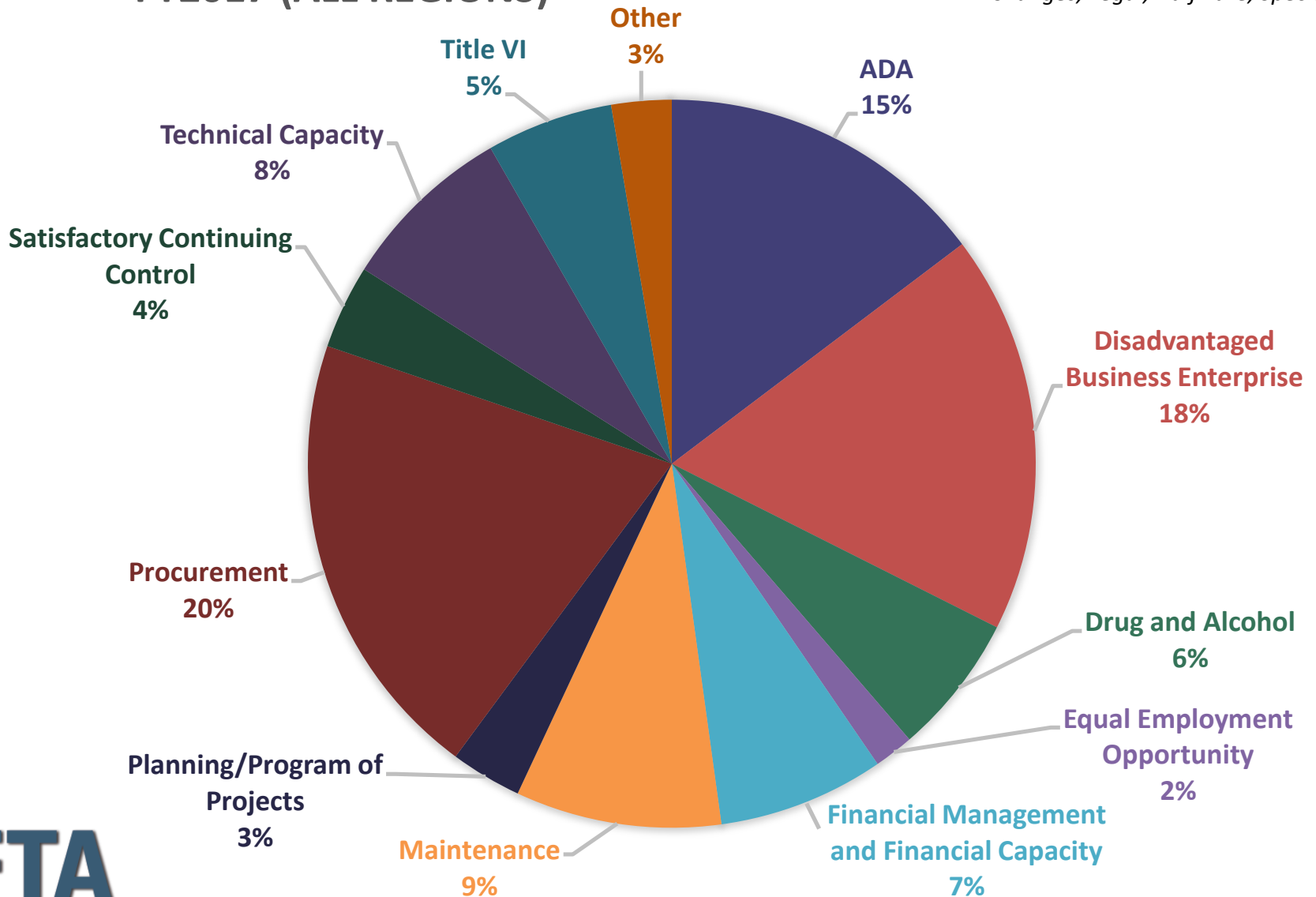
- A list of documents and answers to specific questions needed to assess a recipient's compliance
- Reviewers will provide targeted questions and follow-up items

## **Representative Site Visit Schedule**

- Draft site visit schedule that lists the areas to be discussed and the approximate time for discussion (final schedule to be provided before the site visit)

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS BY REVIEW AREA FY2017 (ALL REGIONS)

*Other: Charter Bus, School Bus, Public Comment Process for Fare and Service Changes, Legal, Half Fare, Special/Other*



# Workshops

- FTA holds annual workshops to help prepare grantees for their reviews
- The workshops are for you!
  - Learn how the reviews have changed since your last review
  - Ask questions, talk with FTA and reviewers

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## Grant Program Reminders



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# Applying for an Amendment in TrAMS

- Recipients are encouraged to discuss any amendment with their Community Planner or Transportation Program Specialist prior to entering in TrAMS.
- Amendments that also move funding from one project to another may require an additional step prior to entering the amendment.

# Applying for Flex Funds in TrAMS

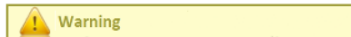
## Major Steps:

- 1) MPO programs Flex Funds in TIP
- 2) Recipient develops new application in TrAMS
- 3) Recipient requests Commonwealth to initiate Flex transfer
- 4) FTA assesses eligibility of Project and approves Flex transfer

# Application Delete Function in TrAMS

- TrAMS users with the developer and submitter role now have the ability to delete applications that are in progress.

## Warning | Delete Application IL-2018-014-01



Please confirm that this is the application you would like to delete, and that you understand that this application cannot be recovered by TrAMS users or by the TrAMS help desk.

I understand that this application cannot be recovered once deleted

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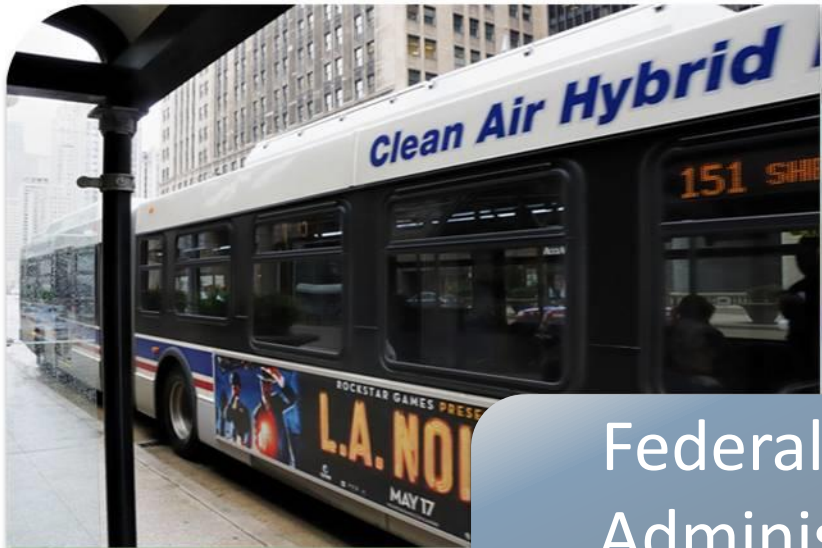
# Grant Review Notification Process

- For all draft grant applications that are ready for initial review, we ask that you utilize the following process:
- Recipients should continue to send an email to your FTA Assigned Community Planner or Transportation Program Specialist letting them know that a **draft grant application** is ready for initial FTA review.
- Email subject should be “*Grant Number - Initial Review Requested.*”
- A copy (cc) should be sent to the following grant review notification email address:

[FTARegion3Grants@dot.gov](mailto:FTARegion3Grants@dot.gov)

# Resources

- Contact the FTA Region III Office  
[Region III Website- Staff Organization](#)
- Contact **TrAMS Help Desk**  
[FTA.TrAMS.Help@dot.gov](mailto:FTA.TrAMS.Help@dot.gov)  
**877.561.7466**
- Go to **TrAMS Online Information**  
[www.fta.dot.gov/TrAMS](http://www.fta.dot.gov/TrAMS)



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