**Frequently Used Transit Acronyms**

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| **5307** | Makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and to governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. |
| **5310**  | Provides formula funding to states for the purpose of assisting private nonprofit groups in meeting the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when the transportation service provided is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meeting these needs. Funds are apportioned based on each state’s share of the population for these two groups. Formula funds are apportioned to direct recipients; for rural and small urban areas, this is the state Department of Transportation, while in large urban areas, a designated recipient is chosen by the governor. Direct recipients have flexibility in how they select sub recipient projects for funding, but their decision process must be clearly noted in a state/program management plan. The selection process may be formula-based, competitive or discretionary, and sub recipients can include states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, and/or operators of public transportation. |
| **5311** | Provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program. |
| **5339** | Federal resources available to States and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. A sub-program provides competitive grants for bus and bus facility projects that support low and zero-emission vehicles. |
| **AAA** | Area Agency on Aging |
| **AAA** | American Automobile Association  |
| **AADT** | Annual Average Daily Traffic |
| **AAFP** | American Academy of Family Physicians  |
| **AARP** | American Association of Retired Persons |
| **AASHTO** | American Association of Stae Highway and Transportation Officials |
| **ABA** | American Bus Association |
| **ACB** | American Council for the Blind |
| **ACCT** | Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation |
| **ACSC** | Ambulatory Care-Sensitive Condition |
| **ACT** | Association for Commuter Transportation |
| **(Project) ACTION** | Accessible Community Transportation In Our Nation |
| **ADA Americans with Disabilities Act** | 1990 Federal Civil Rights legislation which prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity and access for persons with disabilities. The Federal Transit Administration works to ensure nondiscriminatory transportation in support of the ADA. |
| **ADART** | Autonomous Dial-A-Ride Transportation |
| **AFL-CIO** | American Federation of Laborand Congress of Industrial Organizations |
| **AHCA** | Agency for Healthcare Administration |
| **AMPO** | Association of Metropolitian Planning Organizations |
| **AOA** | Administration of Aging |
| **APC** | Automatic Passenger Counter |
| **APHSA** | American Public Human Services Association |
| **APPI** | Affiliated PowerPurchasers International |
| **APR** | Annual Performance Report |
| **APRIL** | Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living |
| **APTA** | American Public Transportation Association |
| **APTS** | Advanced Public Transportation Systems |
| **APWA** | American Public Works Association |
| **ASDS** | Automated Scheduling and Dispatch System |
| **ATC** | Accelerated Transit Capital  Program funds are apportioned based on each eligible sponsor's share of Statewide Mass Transportation Operating Assistance (STOA) program funds received in the prior State fiscal year. |
| **ATMS** | Advanced Traffic Management System |
| **ATNI** | Affliliated Tribes of Northwest Indians |
| **ATP** | Advanced Travel Planner |
| **ATSSA** | American Traffic Safety Services Association |
| **ATU** | Amalgamated Transit Union |
| **AVI** | Automatic Vehicle Identification |
| **AVL** | Automatic Vehicle Location |
| **BRT** | Bus Rapid Transit |
| **CACDA** | Cazenovia Area Community Development Association |
| **CAD** | Computer-Aided Dispatch |
| **CAMP** | Comprehensive Access & Moility Plan |
| **CATS** | Coordinated Agency Transportation System |
| **CAUSE** | Council of Actions United for Service Efforts |
| **CBD** | Central Business District |
| **CBMS** | Community-Based Mobility Strategy |
| **CCAM** | Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility |
| **CCC** | Center for Community Change |
| **CCTM** | Certified Community Transit Manager |
| **CDBG** | Community Development Block Grant |
| **Charter Bus**  | A bus transporting a group of persons who pursuant to a common purpose, and under a single contract at a fixed price, have acquired the exclusive use of a bus to travel together under an itinerary |
| **CHCS** | Center for Health Care Strategies  |
| **CMAQ** | Congestion Mitigation Air Quality |
| **CM(M)S** | Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services |
| **COMTO** | Conference of Minority Transportation Officials |
| **CTP (Coordinated Transportation Plan)**  | Plan which shows the gaps in the service, who the players in the game are for local transit. This is useful in the development of 5311/5310 grants. |
| **CTAA** | Community Transportation Association of America |
| **CTAP** | Community Transportation Assistance Program |
| **CTC** | Community Transportation Coordinator |
| **CTDF** | Community Transit Development Fund |
| **CTPA** | Certified Transit Program Administrator |
| **CTSP** | Community Transportation Service Plan |
| **CUTR** | Center for Urban Transportation Research |
| **DBTAC** | Disability and Business Technical Assistance Centers |
| **DES** | Department of Economic Security |
| **Demand Response (Dial-a-Ride)**  | Non-fixed-route service utilizing vans or buses with passenger boarding and alighting at pre-arranged times at any location within the system service area. Demurrage - An ancillary cost that represents liquidated damages for delays. It occurs when the shipping vessel is prevented from loading or discharging cargo within the stipulated lay time. Dial-A-Ride: Another name for “Demand Response.” |
| **Designated Lanes**  | Lanes that are restricted to use by only certain transportation modes such as buses, BRT vehicles, carpools and other high occupancy vehicles (HOV), etc. |
| **DHHS** | Department of Health and Human Services (Office of Disability) |
| **DHS** | Department of Human Services |
| **DOAP** | Downstate Operating Assistance Program |
| **DOT**  | Department of Transportation |
| **DREDF** | Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund |
| **DRT** | Demand-Response Transportation |
| **DSHS** | Department of Social and Health Services |
| **ECHO**  | Electronic Clearing House Operation- grantee web payment portal |
| **EMS** | Emergency Medical Services |
| **EMP** | Emergency Management Plan |
| **EPS** | Electronic Payment System |
| **ESPA** | Easter Seals Project Action |
| **ETA** | Employment and Training Administration |
| **ETI** | Evaluation and Training Institute |
| **FACES**  | FTA Access Control and Entry System |
| **FAIN**  | Federal Award Identification Number |
| **FCC** | Federal Communications Commission |
| **FFR**  | Federal Financial Report |
| **FHWA** | Federal Highway Administration |
| **Fixed Route**  | Transit service provided on a repetitive fixed schedule basis along a specific route with vehicles stopping to pick up and deliver passengers to specific locations. |
| **FMLM**  | First Mile Last Mile- using volunteer drivers to get a rider from their home to a public bus stop. |
| **FTA**  | Federal Transit Administration-The FTA was established as a component of the DOT in 1968. The missions of the Administration are 1) to assist in the development of improved mass transportation facilities and methods, 2) to encourage the planning and establishment of area wide urban mass transportation systems 3) to provide assistance to State and local governments and their instrumentalities in financing such systems, 4) to provide financial assistance to State and local governments to help implement national goals relating to mobility. |
| **GCACC** | Greater Cazenovia Area Chamber of Commerce |
| **GIS** | Geographic Information Systems |
| **GPS** | Global Positioning System |
| **HCFA** | Health Care Financing Administration |
| **Headways**  | Time between BRT vehicles at most stops on a given transit route. A 7-minute headway means a BRT vehicle will arrive at your station every 7 minutes. |
| **HOV** | High Occupany Vehicle |
| **HAS** | Human Services Agency |
| **HRSA** | Health Resources and Services Administration  |
| **HSTC** | Human Services Transportation Council |
| **HSTP** | Human Service Transportation Plan |
| **HUD** | Housing and Urban Development |
| **ICAT** | International Centre for Accessible Transportation |
| **ICCT** | Interagency Coordinating Committee on Transportation |
| **ICF International** | Inner City Fund International |
| **IPATH** | International Professional Association for Transport & Health |
| **ITS** | Intelligent Transportation Systems - A system of technology that uses advanced communication systems between vehicles, signals and other infrastructure to ensure safe, efficient operation. |
| **IRP** | Intermediary Relending Program |
| **IRTIS** | Interregional Traveler Information System |
| **ISO** | International Standards Organization |
| **ITC** | Institute of Transportation Coordination |
| **ITE** | Institute for Transportation Engineers |
| **ITS** | Intelligent Transportation Systems |
| **IVR** | Interactive Voice Response |
| **JARC** | Job Access and Reverse Commute |
| **LAC** | Local Advisory Committee |
| **LEMP** | Local Emergency Management Plan |
| **Loran-C** | Long Range Aid to Navigation |
| **LTAP** | Local Technical Assistance Program |
| **LTD** | Lane County Transit District |
| **MAC** | Metropolitan Affairs Commission  |
| **MAV** | Mini-unmanned Aerial Vehicle |
| **MAX** | Morrisville Area Xpress |
| **MDT** | Mobile Data Terminal |
| **MDU** | Mobile Data Unit |
| **MMS** | Mobility Management System |
| **MEP** | 100 percent State funding, provided under the Public Transportation Modernization and Enhancement Program. Program sponsors may submit a program of eligible capital projects that, in combination, have a minimum service life of no less than ten (10) years. Eligible projects include any Federal Transit Administration (FTA) activity, meeting the minimum service life threshold, including vehicle rehabilitation and/or replacement, fleet enhancement, deployment of new technologies and passenger amenities and maintenance facilities. Competitive grant process. |
| **Mixed Traffic Lanes**  | Lanes that are open for use by any vehicle and do not offer exclusivity to certain modes or types of vehicles. |
| **Mobility Manager** | The mobility manager in a transportation organization serves the general public through conceptualization, planning, developing and operating programs that respond to and influence the demands of the market. These actions and supportive strategies are performed directly or in collaboration with others in order to provide a full range of travel options that are more effective in meeting needs and more efficient through reasonable pricing. This position is responsible to improve business and community support for the transportation organization. It will require the development and distribution of information that explains how to utilize the available resources in meeting the diverse travel needs of the market it serves. |
| **MPO**  | Metropolitan Planning Organization – in our area the MPO is maintained through the New York Dept. of Transportation (Scott Docteur) |
| **MPSI** | Mobility Planning Services Institute |
| **MSAA** | Mobility Services for All Americans |
| **MTA** | Mass Transportation Authority |
| **MUAs** | Medically Underserved Areas |
| **NCMM** | National Center for Mobility Management  |
| **NACO** | National Association of Counties |
| **NADTC** | National Aging & Disability Transportation Center |
| **NADO** | National Association of Development Organizations |
| **NARC** | Nal Association of Regional Councils |
| **NASUA** | National Association of State Units of Aging |
| **National RTAP** | National Rural Transit Assistance Program |
| **NAWB** | National Association of Workforce Boards |
| **NCD** | National Council on Disability |
| **NCIL** | National Council of Independent Living |
| **NCWD** | National Center on Workforce and Disability |
| **NDRN** | National Disability Rights Network |
| **NEMT** | Non-emergency Medical Transport |
| **NFTA** | Niagra Frontier Transit Authority |
| **NGA** | National Governors Association |
| **NHI** | National Highway Institute |
| **NHSA** | National Head Start Association |
| **NIDRR** | National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research |
| **NRC** | National Resource Center for Human ServiceTransportation Coordination |
| **NRICGP** | National Research Initiative Cooperative Grant Program |
| **NSC** | National Steering Committee |
| **NTBA** | National Transit Benefit Association |
| **NTD**  | National Transit Database |
| **NTI** | National Transit Institute  |
| **NTOC** | National Transportation Operations Coalition |
| **NYAPT** | New Yor Association for Pupil Transportation |
| **NYSAMM** | New York State Association for Mobility Management |
| **OCC** | Operations Control Center |
| **OEM** | Office of Emergency Management |
| **OIC** | Operations Information Center |
| **OVOC** | One Vision One Call |
| **PACT** | Program for Coordinated Transportation |
| **PAV** | Public Access Videophone |
| **PDS** | Professional Dispatching and Scheduling |
| **PMT** | Passenger Miles Traveled |
| **PMTF** | Public Mass Transit Fund |
| **PSS** | Passenger Service and Safety |
| **RDLF** | Rural Development Loan Fund |
| **RDP** | Research Design Protocal |
| **RFI** | Request For Information |
| **RHI Hub** | Rural Health Information Hub |
| **RIBTC** | National Rural Public & Intercity Bus Transportation Conference |
| **RITA** | Research and Innovation Technology Administration |
| **RMC** | Regional Mobility Council |
| **RSC** | Rehabilitation Services Commission |
| **RTAP** | RURAL Transit Assistance Program |
| **RTC** | Regiona Transit Council |
| **RTD** | Regional Transportation District |
| **RTIF** | Rural Transportation Investment Fund |
| **RTP** | Regional Transportation Plan |
| **RTPA** | Regional Transit Planning Authority |
| **SAFETEA-LU** | Safe Acoountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act |
| **SAM**  | System of Award Management |
| **SMOP** | Safe Mobility of Older Persons |
| **SOV** | Single Occupant Vehicle |
| **SUAS** | Small Unmanned Aerial Systems |
| **SUMC** | Shared-Use Mobility Center |
| **SURTC** | Small Urban and Rural Transit Center |
| **STAC** | Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee |
| **STOA**  | Standard Operating Assistance- Current Formula -- $.405 per passenger, $.69 per vehicle mile for both upstate and downstate. https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/policy-and-strategy/public-trans-respository/stoarr.pdf |
| **TA**  | Technical Assistance |
| **TATS** | Traveler Advisory Telephone System |
| **TCIP** | Transit Communications Interface Protocol |
| **TCRP** | Transit Cooperative Research Program |
| **TD** | Transportation Disadvantaged |
| **TDDS** | Talking Directory Display System |
| **TDM** | Transportation Demand Management |
| **TDP** | Transportation Development Plan |
| **TE** | Transportation Enahncement |
| **TERO** | Tribal Employment Rights Office |
| **TIC** | Traveler Information Center |
| **TIP** | Transportation Improvement Plan- 5 year plan for roads/bridges and transit programs are included. |
| **To From** | Participants transported to and from program. |
| **TRAMS**  | Transit Award Management System- where FTA grants are developed and tracked |
| **TRB** | Transportation Research Board |
| **TCR** | Transportation Coordination Referral |
| **TIP** | Transportation Improvement Plan |
| **TLPA** | Taxi, Limousine and Paratransit Association |
| **TMC** | Transportaion Management Center |
| **TPG** | Transit Partnership Group |
| **TRANSED** | Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons |
| **TRB** | Transportation Research Board |
| **Travel Training aka “Bud Buddy”** | Short-term, one-on-one, intensive instruction designed to teach people with disabilities and seniors to travel safely and independently on fixed-route public transportation in their community. |
| **TRIPS** | Traveler Itenary Planning Systems |
| **TSAG** | Transportation Safety Advancement Group |
| **TTAP** | Tribal Technical Assistance Program |
| **UDS** | Uniform Data System |
| **UPWP**  | Unified Work Program- annual or biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. [Metropolitan Planning Organizations](https://www.transit.dot.gov/oversight-policy-areas/transportation-planning/metropolitan-planning-organization)(MPOs) are required to develop UPWPs to govern work programs for the expenditure of FHWA and FTA planning funds. [23 CFR 450.308)(b)] |
| **U.S. DOT** | United States Dept of Transportation |
| **UPT** | Unlinked Passenger Trips |
| **UW** | United Way |
| **UWR** | United We Ride |
| **UZA**  | Urbanized Area  |
| **VLU** | Vehicle Logic Unit |
| **VMMI** | Vehicle Maintenance Management Inspection |
| **VMS** | Variable Message Sign |
| **VOIP** | Voice Over Internet Protocol |
| **VTC** | Volunteer Transportation Center  |