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## 1. DOT Technical Assistance

### a. [Technical Assistance](#)

- i. USDOT will continue to help communities access resources by providing webinars, consolidating Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs), simplifying the language in NOFOs, and developing tools. The DOT Navigator in addition to itself providing technical assistance resources, provides links to more than sixty technical assistance opportunities across DOT- [Find Technical Assistance Resources](#).
- ii. [US DOT Navigator](#)
  1. Online portal to access technical assistance resources available across the US DOT.
- iii. [ROUTES](#)
  1. Offers user-friendly tools and information, aggregates US DOT resources and provides technical assistance addressing rural transportation’s unique challenges.
- iv. [Thriving Communities](#)
  1. Technical assistance and capacity building resources to improve communities through transportation improvements.
- v. [FHWA Center for Local Aid Support](#)
  1. Connects with Local, Tribal and Federal Land Management Agency transportation networks to provide national leadership in the advancement of innovative technologies and practices.
- vi. [FTA-Sponsored Technical Assistance Centers](#)
  1. FTA’s Technical Assistance and Workforce Development Program (49 U.S.C. § 5314) funds technical assistance projects through national nonprofit organizations across a number of areas to improve public transportation.

- vii. [Joint Office of Energy and Transportation](#)
  - 1. The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) provides technical assistance on planning and implementation of a national network of electric vehicle chargers and zero-emission fueling infrastructure as well as zero-emission transit and school buses.
- viii. [Electric Vehicles & Rural Transportation](#)
  - 1. Toolkit designed for rural communities, businesses, governments, and organizations that are interested in EV infrastructure but are unsure of where to begin or who to talk to.
- ix. [FHWA's Transportation Funding Opportunities for Tribal Nations](#)
  - 1. A guide to provide information on new and existing highway and bridge transportation funding programs for which Tribes are eligible.
- x. [USDOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#)
  - 1. Provides information on small business assistance, small business loans for women and veterans, and more small business resources.
- xi. [USDOT Key Notices of Funding Opportunity](#)
  - 1. List of anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for key programs within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), as well as adjacent programs that support BIL and IRA objectives.
- xii. Last updated: Tuesday, April 4, 2023
- b. [US DOT Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Technical Assistance](#)
  - i. [About Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization](#)
    - 1. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) mission is to ensure Small Business policies and goals of the Secretary of Transportation are implemented in a fair, efficient and effective manner.
  - ii. [Small Business Transportation Resource Centers \(SBTRCs\)](#)
    - 1. The Small Business Transportation Resource Centers are established under the US Department of Transportation. SBTRCs work closely with the transportation contracting community and other technical assistance providers to serve small disadvantaged transportation businesses.
  - iii. [Minority Business Development Centers](#)
    - 1. The Minority Business Development Centers are established under the US Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency. The Centers are located in areas with the largest concentration of minority populations and the largest number of minority businesses. These centers help Minority-owned businesses gain access to new markets — domestic & global —

and help them grow in size and scale, by providing them business experts.

- iv. [Small Business Development Centers \(SBDCs\)](#)
    - 1. The U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) administers the Small Business Development Centers Program to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations.
  - v. [Procurement Technical Assistance Centers \(PTACs\)](#)
    - 1. Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) provide local, in-person counseling and training services for you, the small business owner. They are designed to provide technical assistance to businesses that want to sell products and services to federal, state, and/or local governments.
  - vi. [Small Business District Offices](#)
    - 1. SBA District Offices offer counseling, training and business development to help you start and grow your business.
  - vii. [Veteran’s Business Outreach Centers](#)
    - 1. Designed to provide entrepreneurial development services and referrals for eligible veterans owning or considering starting a small business. Click [here](#) for more information on the Veteran Business Center Outreach Program.
  - viii. [Women’s Business Centers](#)
    - 1. WBCs provide free to low cost counseling and training and focus on women who want to start, grow and expand their small business.
  - ix. [SBA’s Ascent](#)
    - 1. A free learning platform for women entrepreneurs to help you grow your business.
- c. [Department of Transportation Technical Assistance Resources](#)
- i. Technical Assistance Resources
    - 1. At DOT, “technical assistance” includes programs, processes, and resources that provide targeted support to a community, region, organization, or other beneficiary to help them access and deploy federal funding and build local capacity to develop, design, and deliver transportation plans and projects.
    - 2. View and search the table below to find existing technical assistance resources and programs funded or managed by DOT that can provide deeper levels of assistance, technical information, best practices, and training.

- d. [Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration Technical Assistance](#)
  - i. The TOD Technical Assistance Initiative is a project of the Federal Transit Administration administered by Smart Growth America that provides on-the-ground and online technical assistance to support transit-oriented development, improve access to public transportation, and build new economic opportunities and pathways to employment for local communities.
- e. [DOT FHWA Technical Assistance / Local Support](#)
  - i. The [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act \(IIJA\) \(Public Law 117-58, also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”\)](#) provides an unprecedented opportunity for local public agencies to gain direct access to Federal-aid funds to address transportation needs.
  - ii. FHWA is here to support local public agencies with technical assistance for planning, design, construction, preserving, and improving public roads and in the stewardship of Federal funds.
- f. [DOT FTA-Sponsored Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Resource Programs](#)
  - i. FTA’s Technical Assistance and Workforce Development Program and the Public Transportation Innovation Program
    - 1. FTA’s Technical Assistance and Workforce Development Program (49 U.S.C. § 5314) and the Public Transportation Innovation Program (49 U.S.C. § 5312) fund technical assistance, training, and research resource programs through national nonprofit organizations across a number of areas to improve public transportation. These nonprofit partners and the work they do play a critical role in supporting public transit agencies to:
      - a. Improve accessibility and transportation for older adults and people with disabilities
      - b. Drive the adoption of mobility management and related promising practices
      - c. Accelerate innovative mobility practices and strategies
      - d. Support rural communities
      - e. Leverage new transit technologies
      - f. Train the public transit workforce
      - g. Provide workforce development technical assistance
      - h. Support research projects selected by the transit industry that address day to day issues
      - i. Support the transit industry meet safety regulation
  - ii. National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)
    - 1. The [National Center for Mobility Management \(NCMM\)](#) supports FTA's [Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility](#) activities and is funded through a cooperative agreement with FTA. The Center

works to help communities adopt transportation strategies and mobility options that empower people to live independently, and advance health, economic vitality and self-sufficiency. NCMM provides capacity-building technical assistance and training; catalogs and disseminates best practice information on innovative mobility management programs around the country; and works to improve and enhance the coordination of federal resources for human service transportation, especially for people with disabilities, older adults and people with lower incomes.

- iii. National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)
  - 1. The [National Aging and Disability Transportation Center \(NADTC\)](#) is a national technical assistance center funded by FTA with guidance from the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Community Living](#) to promote the availability and accessibility of transportation options that serve the needs of people with disabilities, seniors and caregivers with a focus on the Section 5310 program and other transit investments. NADTC supports the delivery of more effective, efficient, high-quality and coordinated specialized transportation services that maximize federal investments. NADTC provides technical assistance, information and referral; develops field training; implements interactive communication and outreach strategies; and supports communities in assessing their needs and developing innovative transportation solutions.
- iv. Accelerating Innovative Mobility National Network (AIM-NNet)
  - 1. The Accelerating Innovative Mobility National Network (AIM-NNet), also known as Mobility Innovation Collaborative (MIC), is a partnership between the Shared Use Mobility Center (SUMC) and FTA. AIM-NNet supports FTA's Mobility Innovation programs by providing a comprehensive suite of technical assistance and knowledge sharing activities that spread the benefits of innovation in mobility to communities around the country. AIM-NNet supports public transportation agencies, communities and regions in the development, selection, deployment and oversight of innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions. AIM-NNet technical assistance offers valuable resources and information exchange to recipients of FTA Research funding, as well as others advancing Mobility Innovation in their communities.
- v. National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT)
  - 1. The [National Center for Applied Transit Technology \(N-CATT\)](#) delivers expert, focused technical assistance to transit agencies and organizations in rural areas and small cities to use or develop transit technologies and innovations that make services more cost-effective and efficient. N-CATT's work supports FTA's

mission and focus on innovation by developing and supporting transit programs and services in rural and small-city America.

- vi. National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (National RTAP)
  - 1. The [National Rural Transportation Assistance Program \(RTAP\)](#) was established by FTA in 1987 to provide a wide range of professional services and products. National RTAP addresses the training and technical assistance needs of rural and tribal transit programs across the nation and supports state RTAP programs. National RTAP provides comprehensive free technical assistance programs and resources including training materials, webinars, newsletters and technical briefs, peer resources, research, and innovative technology initiatives. The National RTAP also manages the Transportation [Technical Assistance Coordination Library \(TACL\)](#), which provides a sustainable methodology and platform to access resources across a diverse range of transportation technical assistance centers and FTA.
- vii. National Transit Institute (NTI)
  - 1. The [National Transit Institute \(NTI\)](#) at Rutgers University conducts trainings and educational programs related to public transportation. Funded by FTA, NTI's mission is to develop, promote, and provide training, and education programs in support of public transportation and quality of life in the United States. Training is available to public transportation agencies, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), State Departments of Transportation, and other agencies providing transportation services.
- viii. Transit Workforce Development Technical Assistance Center (TWC)
  - 1. The [Transit Workforce Development Technical Assistance Center \(TWC\)](#) was created by FTA in September 2021 to support public transit agencies' workforce development needs for all modes and in communities of varying sizes, including urban, tribal, and rural entities. The center helps transit agencies recruit, hire, train, and retain the diverse workforce needed now and in the future. Main initiatives include 1) conducting technical assistance activities within and for transit agencies that promote more effective and efficient training of frontline workers involved in public transportation maintenance and operations; and 2) implementing technical assistance activities through collaborative partnerships between transit agency management and labor, including apprenticeships. Overall, the center is providing opportunities to address social inequities that exist in the transit industry and creating diversity within and among the transit workforce.
- ix. Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)
  - 1. The [Transit Cooperative Research Program \(TCRP\)](#) is sponsored by FTA and serves as one of the principal means by which the public transportation industry develops innovative near-term



solutions to meet demands placed on it. TCRP provides useful reports and other tools to help public transportation practitioners solve problems and inform decision makers.

- x. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Technical Assistance Center (TAC)
  - 1. The [Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan \(PTASP\) Technical Assistance Center \(TAC\)](#) provides a comprehensive technical assistance to help the transit industry meet PTASP regulation requirements at 49 C.F.R. Part 673. TAC provides one-on-one technical assistance, facilitates training and peer-sharing via live webinars and roundtables, conducts voluntary technical reviews of draft Agency Safety Plans, and maintains a resource library with technical assistance tools.
- xi. Multi-State Technical Assistance Program
  - 1. The [Multi-State Technical Assistance Program \(MTAP\)](#), administered by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), provides a forum through which state-level public transportation agencies can communicate with each other about federal transit regulations, grant program management, and technical issues pertaining to everyday administration of public transportation service. MTAP was developed to benefit the member states as well as their Federal program counterparts and local transit operators. Networking among the States is conducted through two annual meetings, peer-to-peer assistance, conference calls, and electronic communication.
- xii. Visit the [Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility \(CCAM\)](#) webpage for FTA-Sponsored CCAM technical assistance centers.
  - a. Last updated: Wednesday, April 19, 2023
- g. [Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Technical Assistance](#)
  - i. Technical Assistance
    - 1. The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Joint Office) provides technical assistance on planning and implementation of a national network of electric vehicle chargers and zero-emission fueling infrastructure as well as zero-emission transit and school buses.
  - ii. States and Communities
    - 1. The Joint Office provides technical assistance for [states and communities](#) creating and executing [state plans](#) under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program and the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program.
  - iii. Tribal Nations
    - 1. The Joint Office provides technical assistance to [tribal nations](#) electrifying their transportation systems. Learn more about

zero-emission transportation [funding opportunities for tribal nations](#).

- iv. School Districts
  1. The Joint Office provides technical assistance to [school districts](#) applying for or receiving funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program.
- v. Transit Agencies
  1. The Joint Office provides technical assistance to [transit agencies](#) applying for or receiving funding through the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No Emission Vehicle Program.
- vi. Find Data and Tools
  1. Explore foundational [data sets, tools, and resources](#) to deploy zero-emission, convenient, accessible, and equitable transportation infrastructure.
    - a. Explore Funding Opportunities
    - b. As part of a suite of [technical assistance](#) resources, the Joint Office of Energy and Transportation connects stakeholders with critical data and tools. These resources will expand over time to meet evolving needs. Initially, this suite of resources is aimed to help transportation stakeholders deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure by:
      - i. Providing foundational data sets, including installed chargers and designated corridors
      - ii. Helping states discover information independently
      - iii. Enabling the market to expand using core capabilities from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Transportation
      - iv. Addressing gaps in existing data sets and tool requirements
      - v. Facilitating connections among states with EV charging experts
- vii. [Funding opportunities](#)
  1. Funding opportunities for Joint Office projects may be available from the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Transportation, and other government sources.
- viii. The Joint Office hosts webinars that may be useful in helping states and key stakeholders build capacity for electric vehicles and plan for charging infrastructure. Register for [upcoming webinars](#) and watch [past webinars](#).