

Provision of Rural Transit Services

Funding

Available from FTA for rural transit districts

Operations

May contract with established service provider

Timing – **CRITICAL**

- *Must initiate creation of district by May, 2016 to access remainder of FY2016 Fed. Funds.*
- *Must initiate creation of district by June, 2016 to gain access to FY 2017 State funds. (allocation Sept. 2016)*



Rural Transit District Funding

Provided by the TxDOT from Federal and State matching dollars.

HOW:

- Allocations are made to Rural Transit Districts
- Allocations are based on each district's proportional share of population, land area, and performance.



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1st Step: "Conference" to Establish Need

- 30-day advance public notice
- Conference (Com Court workshop) to be attended by Commissioners Court and one member from each city council in rural area.
- Attendees elect a presiding officer
- Purpose: consider current rural districts vs creation of a new district for Collin County
- If need for new district is established, conference attendees open up the Public Hearing



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2nd Step: Public Hearing for Creation of a District

- Hold Public Hearing to hear public input.
- After hearing, the conference determines if new district is warranted
- If so, by resolution create and establish boundaries of a rural transit district



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3rd Step: Governing Body of the New District

- Select a board within 60 days after boundaries are established
- Selection made by members of Commissioners Court and one city council member of each municipality in the territory of the district

