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Dear Transit Agency Directors:

TDOT is pleased to announce the allocation of Urban Operating Assistance Program (UROP) funds for State Fiscal Year 2016 (FY16). Allocations are based on population reported in the 2010 Census. Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge are taken off the top before the distribution by population due to the high impact of tourism in those communities. UROP funds are intended to supplement other available funds in support of urban transit agencies. The table below shows the allocated funds to each urban transit agency.

| Agency | FY16 Allocation |
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| City of Bristol | \$ 387,400.00 |
| Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority (ARTA) | \$ 2,124,100.00 |
| City of Clarksville (Clarksville Transit System) | \$ 884,300.00 |
| Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency (CUATS) | \$ 372,200.00 |
| Jackson Transit Authority (JTA) | \$ 400,600.00 |
| City of Johnson City (Johnson City Transit System -JCTS) | \$ 671,100.00 |
| City of Kingsport (Kingsport Area Transit System - KATS) | \$ 594,000.00 |
| City of Knoxville (Knoxville Area Transit) | \$ 3,113,900.00 |
| Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA) | \$ 5,908,300.00 |
| City of Morristown | \$ 329,000.00 |
| City of Murfreesboro | \$ 742,500.00 |
| Oak Ridge | \$ 165,500.00 |
| City of Gatlinburg (Gatlinburg Mass Transit System -GMTS) | \$ 353,600.00 |
| City of Pigeon Forge (Pigeon Forge Fun Time Trolleys + Sevierville) | \$ 606,100.00 |
| Nashville-Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) | \$ 4,585,000.00 |
| Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) | \$ 569,500.00 |
| Franklin Transit Authority (FTA) | \$ 249,600.00 |
| Total | \$ 22,056,700.00 |

* Pigeon Forge receives Sevierville's allocation because Pigeon Forge provides service to Sevierville.

In February 2014, Commissioner Schroer approved several changes to the UROP program for FY15 and FY16.

- Grantees may use up to \$1million in UROP funds for capital expenses.
- TDOT will reimburse at 80% the first \$500,000 in total expenses (80% state, 20% local). Above \$500,000 in total expenses, TDOT will reimburse expenses at a 50% match (50% state, 50% local).
- Federal funds obligated for capital purchases should be exhausted before using UROP funds for capital expenses with no federal share.
- Federal funds obligated for operating expenses should be exhausted before using UROP funds for operating expenses with no federal share.

To request a UROP contract, please email or mail the following to Kwabena (KB) Aboagye (kwabena.aboagye@tn.gov):

- A completed UROP Request Form (attached);
- A PDF of the full final report from your agency's most recent FTA Triennial Review (if applicable);
- Documentation of the status of corrective actions associated with any findings from the Triennial Review.
- An indirect cost allocation plan, current indirect rate calculation, and a letter from the cognizant agency approving the plan. (Applies only if indirect costs are charged to UROP).

FY2016 UROP funds will be available for inclusion in contracts requested by June 30, 2016. If funds are not requested by the deadline, they will be reallocated at the discretion of the Commissioner unless compelling circumstances warrant an exception. If you have any questions, please contact Kwabena "KB" Aboagye at 615-741-5316.

Sincerely,



Matthew Long
Transit Manager

cc: Toks Omishakin, TDOT Deputy Commissioner/Chief
Liza Joffrion, TDOT Multimodal Director
Larry Sanborn, TDOT Multimodal Assistant Director
George Mitchell, TDOT Multimodal Transit Program Supervisor
Jason Spain, TPTA Executive Director
Tommy Bradberry, TPTA President



FY2016 Urban Operating Funds Request Form

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| Name of Transit Agency | |
| Amount of UROP Funding Requested | |
| Requested Start Date for Contract | |
| Have all available 5307 funds been obligated in FTA grants? (yes/no) | |
| Date of Most Recent FTA Triennial Review (please attach) Please indicate if this is already on file with TDOT | |
| Date of Letter from FTA Closing All Findings (please attach) Please indicate if letter already on file with TDOT | |