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REGARDING TECHNICAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

**FY 2009 TITLE VI UPDATE**

**HUNTSVILLE TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

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*The following updates reference the City of Huntsville; this specifically addresses the Department of Parking & Public Transit and the Planning Department, unless otherwise stated.*

**I. GENERAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Description of Complaints.** The City of Huntsville has not received any discrimination complaints or lawsuits within the past three years.
- B. Description of Pending Applications.** No applications by the City of Huntsville are pending to any Federal agency other than the possible FHWA Section 112 Planning grant, FTA Section 5307 Formula funds grant, and FTA Section 5309 Capital Bus funds grant.
- C. Description of Reviews.** No Civil Rights Reviews were performed within the last three years. A joint FHWA/FTA Transportation Management Area (TMA) Review was completed in January 2009. The FTA Triennial Review is scheduled for June 2009.
- D. Annual FTA Certifications and Assurances.**

  - 1. FTA Annual Certifications and Assurances were certified by the Mayor of the City of Huntsville on November 18, 2008.
  - 2. FTA Annual Certifications and Assurances were certified by the City of Huntsville Attorney on November 18, 2008.
- E. Title VI Assurance.** The One-Time Standard Assurance was approved on May 8, 1989, and is kept in the "One-Time Submission" file.
- F. Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan.** The City of Huntsville, Department of Parking & Public Transit, with consultation with the Planning Department, completed an LEP Plan. The LEP Plan is attached (*Attachment A*). The Plan has been placed into effect and disseminated to the public and transit employees.
- G. Construction Projects.** Construction of the new Cummings Research Park, Bridge Street, Intermodal Facility reported in the March 2006 Title VI Update has been completed. The facility opened in February 2008.

The City of Huntsville has a Section 112 Grant awarded and executed and a Section 5309 Bus Capital Grant application pending. The two grants are separate funding sources for the same project, a new Downtown Multimodal Parking System/Intermodal Facility.

A request for Probable Categorical Exclusion (PCE) was submitted to FTA February 2007 and was granted on November 15, 2007. Community Disruption and Environmental Justice are addressed under Item P, on page 15 of the PCE document. Impacts Caused by Construction are addressed under Section 3, Item A, B, C, D and E, beginning on page 3 of the PCE document. The Probable Categorical Exclusion document is attached (*Attachment B.*)

**II. PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - TRANSIT**

**A. Demographic and Service Profile.** The following demographic statistical tables and attached maps, Minority/Poverty/Elderly, have been updated and evaluated. Statistical tables provided by the Planning Department. The three maps are attached (*Attachments C, D, and E.*)

POPULATION STATISTICS	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Total Population	306,224	100
Black (non-Hispanic)	72,817	23.78
Hispanic	7,930	2.6
Native American 1	1,361	0.4
Asian / Pacific Islander	6,969	2.28

POPULATION TRENDS	PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2000 - 2007
Total Population	10.7
Black (non-Hispanic)	16.32
Hispanic	51.7
Native American 1	-36.07
Asian / Pacific Islander	31.54

POPULATION	MEDIAN INCOME
<b>Total Family</b>	<b>67,829</b>
Black (non-Hispanic)	35,588
Hispanic	44,947
Native American 1	38,065
Asian / Pacific Islander	N / A

\*Note: Data N/A by Race; change to Total only

FAMILIES BELOW COUNTY MEDIAN INCOME				
POPULATION	NUMBER OF FAMILIES	FAMILIES BELOW COUNTY MEDIAN	% BELOW COUNTY MEDIAN	MEDIAN \$ as a % of TOTAL MEDIAN \$
<b>Total Family</b>	<b>81,227</b>	<b>44,216</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>100</b>
Black (non-Hispanic)	15,283	N / A	N / A	N / A
Hispanic	1,174	N / A	N / A	N / A
Native American 1	582	N / A	N / A	N / A
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,124	N / A	N / A	N / A

\*Note: Data N/A by Race; change to Total only

AUTOMOTIVE AVAILABILITY CHARACTERISTICS			
POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	% of TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
Total Population	109,955	6,133	5.58
Black (non-Hispanic)	22,596	2,459	10.88
Hispanic	1,675	57	3.4
Native American 1	825	44	5.33
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,452	59	4.06

\*Note: Data N/A by Race; change to Total only

EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS			
POPULATION	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	% of TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>156,664</b>	<b>146,220</b>	<b>100</b>
Black (non-Hispanic)	31,201	26,950	21.8
Hispanic	2,555	2,382	1.79
Native American 1	1,313	1,241	0.92
Asian / Pacific Islander	2,509	2,391	1.75

\*Note: Data N/A by Race; change to Total only

1Native American=American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleutian Persons

2There are different definitions for this group of people in the 2000 Censuses.

**B. Service Standards and Policies.**

**1. Vehicle Load Ratio**

VEHICLE LOAD RATIO						
Route	# Pass	Trips	Capacity	Days	Available	Factor
434; CRP BS #12 New route-back up bus	720	24	28	65	43,680	60.7
456; B COMBO (5,8,3)	20,456	18	31	251	140,058	6.8
457; C COMBO (4,6,7,9)	34,719	16	31	251	124,496	3.6
463; RED #2	30,507	12	26	251	78,312	2.6
464; D COMBO (6,7,9,4)	39,737	16	26	251	104,416	2.6
465; BLUE #1	29,229	12	26	251	78,312	2.7
472; TOURIST LOOP	19,471	13	26	251	84,838	4.4
473; E COMBO (7,9,4,6)	36,429	17	26	251	110,942	3.0
501; RED #1	36,742	12	26	251	78,312	2.1
502; BLUE #2	28,660	12	26	251	78,312	2.7
503; A COMBO (8,3,5)	20,897	18	26	251	117,468	5.6
504; WEATHERLY #10	31,703	12	26	251	78,312	2.5
391; DS #1 Trolley weekender	1,516	14	36	251	126,504	83.4
404; DS #2 Trolley weekender	405	14	36	251	126,504	312.4
1449; UAH1 Campus weekender	2,736	10	14	251	35,140	12.8
1456; UAH2 Campus weekender	1,724	10	14	251	35,140	20.4
	<b>335,651</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>424</b>		<b>1,440,746</b>	<b>4.29</b>
16						<b>average</b>

Public Transit's Service Quality Monitoring guide has been established as an average load factor of 2%. The average load factor for FY 2006 was 4.69%. The average load factor for FY ending 2008 was 4.29%.

Public Transit continues to fall well within the established Service Quality Standard. Vehicle no. 501 that runs the Red Core Loop #1 sits at 2.1%, down from 2.8% because it was moved from a 28 passenger bus to a 26 passenger bus. The newer 26 passenger buses have three (3) wheel chair securements, instead of two (2), slightly reducing the seated capacity. The Red Core Loop #1 had the highest recorded daily average of lift deployments. The additional lift securement accommodates the growing number of deployments over the years.

## 2. Vehicle Assignment

VEHICLE ASSIGNMENT				
Veh#	Year	Description	Passenger Capacity	Status
021448	2006	FORD GOSHEN COACH BU	15	
030404	1998	TROL PASSENGER BUS	36	SFD
030405	1999	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	SFD
030409	1999	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	SFD
030421	2001	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	SFD
030422	2001	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	SFD
030434	2002	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	B-UP
030435	2001	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	B-UP
030436	2002	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	28	B-UP
030456	2003	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	31	
030457	2003	BLUE TRANSIT BUS	31	
030463	2004	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030464	2004	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030465	2004	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030472	2005	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030473	2005	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030501	2007	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030502	2007	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030503	2007	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
030504	2007	ELDO SHUTTLE BUS	26	
*Status Codes--				
		active:		12
SFD	Scheduled for Disposal		5	
B-UP	Back Up Veh		3	

Buses are typically assigned to routes based on daily ridership numbers. The highest capacity bus assigned to the highest ridership routes. Exceptions being the weekender only routes, Friday and Saturday evening Downtown Trolley Loop.

## 3. Service Frequency

There continues to be no data to substantiate differentiation between peak and non-peak hours. All other service frequency items remain the same.

## 4. Distribution of Amenities

*Service Standard:* The average number of shelters/benches located along minority/poverty/elderly population routes shall exceed the average number of shelters/benches along non-minority/poverty/elderly population routes.

*Assessment:* Bus Shelters increased by five (5) within the last three years [hi-lighted in yellow below]. There are sixteen (16) total shelters. All previous shelters, except one, are located on routes the census data has designated as low-income or minority populations. The exception sits at the entrance of an apartment complex that is populated by elderly or retired persons, the main patrons along that route.

New shelter (#11) was placed at the extension campus of a local associate college that is convenient for passengers on the Rte #11 Tourist Loop. This shelter sits on the edge of what is considered low-income or minority population by the census data. Approximately two miles away is the new CRP Bridge Street Intermodal Facility and Transfer Point that is one of the main stops on new route #12. The facility is attached to a new high end, outdoor shopping plaza.

The remaining new shelters (four in all #12, #13, #15 and #16) are located along routes the census data has designated as majority low-income or minority populations.

SHELTER LOCATIONS					
	DESCR	RTE NO.	STOP #	STREET LOCATION	DATE INSTALLED OR REPLACED
1	Shelter	10	7	Gallatin Street, west side, Old MHC--MOVED TO NEW MHC on GOLF ROAD	1992
2	Shelter	1, 2	12, 44	Gallatin Street, west side, UAH Public Health Bldg--MOVED TO UAB ENTRANCE ON LONGWOOD	1992
3	Shelter	7, 8	23, 48	Meridian Str., east side at Covington, AAMU	1996
4	Shelter and Bench	1, 2	50, 8	2206 Oakwood Ave, north side, DHR - over existing pad & bench from Nov.1997	01/24/06
5	Shelter and Bench	5, 10	19, 33	1000 Airport Rd, north side, Country Club Apt's - over existing pad & bench from Dec.1998	02/03/06
6	Shelter and Bench	R1, R2	9	Gallatin Street, west side, Housing Authority	02/09/06
7	Shelter and Bench	B1, B2	47	Gallatin Street, east side, Housing Authority	02/09/06
8	Shelter W/B	3	5	Holmes Ave, north side, 8th St @ Seldon Center	02/10/06
9	Shelter W/B	9	27	Adventist Blvd @ Oakwood College	02/10/06
10	Shelter W/B	6	38	Johnson Rd, north side, Hsv Rehab & Phoenix Ind.- replaced damaged shelter from 09/93	02/15/06
11	Shelter W/B	T #11	24	Wynn Dr & Old Madison Pike @ Calhoun College Extension	03/15/06
12	Shelter W/B	6	30	Jordan Lane & Bob Wallace @ Fire Station #4	06/02/08
13	Shelter W/B	1, 2	38, 17	Center for Technology (HCT) on Drake Ave	06/02/08
14	Shelter W/B	1, 2	38, 17	751 Pleasant Row & Pulaski Pike @ Central Health Care - replaced damaged shelter from 11/97	09/09/08
15	Shelter W/B	R1-R2, B1-B2, 3	36, 21, 34	Mason Court @ Holmes and Peachtree	12/15/08
16	Shelter W/B	T #11, 4	5	University Drive & Yukon	12/23/08

## 5. Transit Access

*Service Standard:* Majority of routes will be located within residential areas most densely populated with low-income or minority populations, as well as elderly population, as determined from Census data.

*Assessment:* One new route began service on July 28, 2008. Route #12 CRP/Bridge Street runs a loop every 30 minutes between the new CRP/Bridge Street Intermodal facility and transfer point, the main east/west arterial (University Drive) where passengers can connect to Rte #4, and to the south connects to the University of Alabama, Huntsville (UAH) parking garage [funded with FTA Section 5309 Discretionary appropriations] where passengers can connect with Rte #3. The entirety of route #12 does not fall within a population designated as low-income or minority or elderly according to census data.

However, the majority of routes are still located according to the service standard.

### **C. Changes in Service Standards or Policies - Three Year Period.**

*Policy:* Public Transit initiated one new route that runs a loop every 30 minutes. This new route connects on two sides with established routes. It began service on July 28, 2008.

*Impact:* There are no un-favorable comments for this new route.

Route #12 CRP/Bridge Street runs a loop every 30 minutes between the new Bridge Street Intermodal Facility, route # 4 University Drive to the east and route #3 UAH to the south.

### **D. Transit Construction or Majority Mobility Improvement included in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) within Three Year Period.**

Construction of an intermodal facility was adopted by the local MPO and submitted to ALDOT for inclusion in the TIP. STIP/TIP identifies this project as 'Project #100050016, Transferred from FHWA to FTA Section 112, Downtown Multimodal Parking System, H920, Funding amount \$1,237,500, page 2-33,' and 'Project #1000516991, Huntsville Downtown Multimodal Parking System, FTA3, Section 5309, Funding amount \$1,531,250, page 2-28.'

A request for Probably Categorical Exclusion (CPE) was submitted to FTA February 2007 and was granted CPE on November 15, 2007. Community Disruption and Environmental Justice are addressed under Item P, on page 15 of the PCE document. Impacts Caused by Construction are addressed under Section 3, Item A, B, C, D, and E, beginning on page 3 of PCE document. The PCE document is attached (*Attachment B*).

### **E. Potential Service Changes within the Next Three Years.**

1. Consideration is being given to revising the Downtown Shuttle route. The difference in any revision will be indistinguishable to the system clients and will in no way adversely affect any population within the City of Huntsville, either minority or otherwise.

2. The proposed multimodal facility in downtown is located within the existing fixed route services. No service changes are proposed to its construction.

**III. PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - MPO**

- A. Assessment of Planning Efforts.** There have been no changes in the assessment of planning efforts since the 2006 Title VI Update.
- B. Monitor Title VI Activities.**
  1. Minority communities have been identified and evaluated under Section II PROGRAM-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS - TRANSIT of this update.
  2. Technical assistance for updating Title VI information is an ongoing effort.
- C. Information Dissemination.** The Public Involvement Plan for Transportation Planning in the Huntsville Urbanized Area addresses the methods used to inform minority communities of planning efforts. Reference page 3, Section II C of other Public Involvement Procedures at the following website:  
  
<http://www.hsvcity.com/Planning/PublicInvolvementPlan.pdf>
- D. Minority Participation in the decision making process.**

**Representation on Boards:**

	CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
White Males	9	19
White Females	2	2
Black Males	1	2
Black Females	2	0
Vacancies	2	0
TOTAL	16	23