## **FTA Tribal Transit Program**

### Program Purpose

 To provide direct funding to federally recognized tribes for the purpose of providing public transportation services that allow tribal members to access needed services such as health care, employment, education, and recreation.

## Eligible Applicants

 Federally recognized Indian tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the US Dept. of Interior

## **FTA Tribal Transit Program**

## **SAFETEA-LU (FY 2006-2012)**

- Created the Tribal Transit Program
  - Administered as a discretionary program at approximately \$15 million / year

## MAP-21(FY 2013-2014)

- Continued and Modified TTP
  - Formula Program: \$25 Million per year
  - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million per year



## **FTA Tribal Transit Program**

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) (FY 2016-2020)

- Continued the Tribal Transit Program and increased the amount made available under the formula
  - Formula Program: \$30 Million per year
  - Discretionary Program: \$5 Million per year
- TTP now totals \$35 Million per year



# Formula Apportionment

#### Statutory Formula

- Tier I: 50 percent based on vehicle revenue miles
- Tier 2: 25 percent based on Indian tribes providing at least 200,000 vehicle revenue miles
- Tier 3:25 percent based on Indian tribes providing public transportation on tribal lands as identified by the Census where more than 1,000 low income individuals reside

# Formula Apportionment

- FTA published the FY 2016 Apportionment Notice on Feb. 16, 2016 (Table 10 contains Tribal apportionments)
- FTA apportioned formula funds to 124 tribes
  - Ten more tribes received a formula allocation in FY16 compared to FY 2015
  - Participation under the formula program continues to increase

# Formula Apportionment

#### Eligible Projects

- Any purpose eligible under Section 5311
- Capital, Planning, Operating, Job Access and Reverse Commute

### Eligible Federal Share

- 100% (no match required for formula funds)

## Funding Availability

 Funds are available the year appropriated plus two years (total of three years)



# **Competitive Program**

- FTA solicited proposals for the FY 2016 competitive program funds through a NOFO on March 14, 2016
  - \$5M made available in FY16 funds
  - Competition closed on May 13, 2016
  - FTA received 44 proposals requesting \$8.3M
  - Project selections will were announced on September 26,
    2016
  - FTA funded 35 projects to 34 tribes in 12 states



# TTP Technical Assistance Assessments

- FTA began conducting TTP Technical Assistance Assessments in FY 2015
  - Assessments are designed for FTA to collaborate with tribal transit leaders
  - Identify areas in need of improvement and then assist to put solutions in place to address these needs
  - ☐ FTA offers workshop to prepare tribes for TA Assessments
  - Assessments will continue in FY17



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