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Division: Public Transit

Rule Title: Intercity Bus Program

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**The person to be contacted regarding the proposed rule is:** Facility and Records Management Director

**Name of person originating the proposed rule:** Charles Carr

**Name of supervisor or person who approved the proposed rule:** Charles Carr

**Purpose:**

Provide guidance to public transportation operators concerning the eligibility requirements for participation in MDOT's Intercity Bus Program

**Summary:**

Describes eligibility requirements, application procedures, administrative and approval requirements for public transportation projects funded from the Intercity Bus Program.

**The full text of the proposed rule is:**

**All cites herein refer to the most current version of the cited document.**

- A. MDOT recognizes the provisions of 49 U.S.C. Section 5311(f) and the guidance contained in FTA Circular 9040 1.E, "Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Guidance" as the basis for the Intercity Bus Program (ICB). (Both are available through the FTA website- [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov).)
- B. Through the Public Transit Division, the MDOT will develop, implement and support projects that improve accessibility and availability of intercity bus services. Significant emphasis is to be placed on coordinating resources of existing public and private resources.
- C. The ICB program will be administered, to the extent practical, in accordance with the provisions of the most current MDOT's State Management Plan for Federal Transit Administration funded Transportation Programs. (Available from the Public Transit Division)
- D. For the purposes of this rule and applications submitted to the MDOT, intercity bus service is defined as regularly scheduled bus service for the general public which operates with limited stops over fixed routes connecting to two or more urban areas that are not in close proximity; which may have the capacity for transporting passengers' baggage and; service that makes specific planned connections with established intercity bus service, where such service is available. Dedicated commuter service is not included in this definition.
- E. Chapter IX, Parts F-I of the above referenced plan provides more specific guidance on eligible recipients, eligible activities, project selection, application procedures and the optional exemption. (This document is available from the Public Transit Division.)