



INTRODUCTION

The Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP) is a Federal program established and funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The purpose of the program is to provide a source of funding to assist in the design and implementation of training and technical assistance and other support services tailored to meet the specific needs of transit operators in areas with populations of less than 50,000.

RTAP fund recipients may include FTA program grantees, local public bodies and agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes, and operators of public transportation services. States are given discretion in deciding how to best allocate resources, provide assistance and implement training under their respective RTAP Programs.

National RTAP is managed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). National RTAP develops training and technical assistance materials, provides an information clearinghouse, offers technical assistance and supports peer-to-peer technical assistance. More information about National RTAP is available at www.nationalrtap.org

MDOT RTAP GOALS

1. To promote the safe, effective, and dependable delivery of mobility, focusing on rural and small urbanized areas;
2. To provide training and technical assistance that enhances transportation options;
3. To identify and make available up-to-date information, technical assistance, and other resources that support the increase capacity of transit organizations and broaden the professional development of individuals providing services;
4. To facilitate peer-to-peer self-help through the development of local networks of mobility professionals;
5. To support the engagement and coordination of the community in mobility activities, including public, private, non-profit, specialized, and human services agencies;

6. To strategically utilize RTAP funds, to leverage resources that expand the capacity to deliver effective and efficient rural mobility services.

STATEWIDE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Statewide Advisory Committee will:

1. Assist with identifying training and technical assistance needs of sub-recipients;
2. Assist in developing training resources that provide the most appropriate level of training for administrative and operations staff as well as board members;
3. Review and evaluate possible training options/resources (e.g. courses, toolkits, workshops, videos) at the request of MDOT's RTAP Manager;
4. Develop a menu of training/technical assistance options for approval by MDOT;
5. Assist in developing an annual calendar of training opportunities/ events that are to be sponsored by or supported with RTAP funding;
6. Make recommendations to MDOT concerning types, levels, extent and methods of training and or technical assistance;
7. Advise MDOT on the annual RTAP Program of Projects;
8. Assist in evaluating the effectiveness of the annual training calendar and Program of Projects;
9. Help to establish a suggested basic training program for sub-recipients.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND TERMS OF SERVICE

1. There will be a total of nine rotating seats with staggered term of one, two and three years;
2. Members will be selected from each of the six coordinated planning regions, with three additional members at large;
3. Members will represent Section 5311 and 5310 projects; mobility managers, operations as well administrative staff.

RTAP ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 11-14, 2014 MPTA Conference Selected
Oxford, MS

NAME	TITLE	PROJECT	GENDER	REGION	TERM	TERM END	PROGRAM
Horace Davis	Transit Coordinator	Pine Belt	B/M	6	2	11/15	5310/5317
Sabrina Bartley	Executive Director	Natchez Transit	B/F	7	3	11/16	5310/5311
Mary A. Griffin	Project Officer	Bolivar County	B/F	5	3	11/16	5310/5311
Billy Robertson	Transit Director	Choctaw Transit	W/M	1	2	11/15	5311
Antoinette Brown	Project Director	Aaron Henry	B/F	2	3	11/16	5310/5311
Jeremy Hare	Mobility Manager	Northeast	W/M	1	2	11/15	5311
Larry Everett	Driver	United CAA	B/M	2	1	11/15	5310
Elizabeth Simmons	Project Manager	Madison Co.	B/F	5	1	11/15	5311
Tammy Covan	Program Assistant	Jackson County	B/F	6	1	11/15	5310