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To: Michigan Tribal Governments

From: Jean Ruestman, Administrator, Office of Passenger Transportation (OPT)

Subject: FY 2026 Application Instructions for Michigan Tribal Government Grant Program Administered by the Office of Passenger Transportation

A draft of the [FY 2026 Application Instructions for Michigan Tribal Government Grant Program](#) is attached for your comments. It can be also found on our website at: [Public Transportation \(michigan.gov\)](#), [Annual Application for Funding \(michigan.gov\)](#).

A few major changes have been made between the FY 2025 application instructions and the FY 2026 instructions:

- “45 days” has been changed to 60 days in this statement: “OPT will provide comments and recommendations to the applicant within 60 days after the application due date.”
- ADA Complaint Information - Form 3175:

This [wording](#) has been added in this statement below

“Provide the responses to the questions on the form [and ensure that compliance reviews by either MDOT or FTA are shown on the submitted form.](#)”

- Section 5333(b) Labor Warranty - Form 3093:

The “**Note**” has been changed from “Do not include school bus transportation providers, private transportation providers such as taxi, Uber, Lyft, etc. and their unions on the Section 5333(b) Labor Warranty form.” to “Only include public transportation providers receiving FTA funds on the Section 5333(b) Labor Warranty form.”

- Proof of Public Notice:

This statement has been changed from “The public notice must be shown in major newspapers of the applicant’s service area and must invite comment.” to

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“The public notice must be published in a major newspaper of the applicant’s nearest service area and must invite comment.”

This statement has also been added as below:

“Please reference the website for the published public notice requirements:
[Michigan Legislature - Section 691.1051.](#)”

The FY 2026 Local Public Transit Revenue and Expense Manual (R&E Manual) is available to help you prepare your FY 2026 budgeted OAR Report(s). To view the R&E Manual, go to [Public Transportation \(michigan.gov\)](#), "Resources," "Audit and Accounting Information."

We encourage you to read through the FY 2026 Application Instructions to help you understand the application requirements and process. If you have any questions or comments regarding the application instructions and process, please contact your [OPT project manager](#).

If you do not know who your project manager is or do not have internet access and would like a hard copy of the FY 2026 Application Instructions document, forms, or R&E manual, please contact [Michelle Wieferich](#), Executive Administrative Assistant, by email or by calling 517-335-2560.

Sincerely,

Jean Ruestman, Administrator
Office of Passenger Transportation