

National RTAP

*Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
National Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)*

What's New:

April 5, 2003

Former National RTAP Board Member from PennDOT receives: "A Cut Above" award

Beth Denniston presents National RTAP's "A Cut Above Award" to Jim Grier in recognition of a career devoted to the highest commitment to advancing rural transit agency excellence.

FTA Releases FY 2003 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information

The Omnibus Appropriations Bill "Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003", (Pub. L. 108-7) was signed into law by President Bush on February 20, 2003, which includes the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations for fiscal year 2003 (FY 2003 DOT Appropriations Act), and provides FY 2003 appropriations for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) transit assistance programs.

You can see the 5311 apportionments well as RTAP apportionments for each state on the FTA web site at:

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/federalregister/2003/tables/table5.html>

Or you can see the entire FTA Fiscal Year 2003 Apportionments, Allocations and Program Information Notice on the FTA web site at:

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/library/legal/federalregister/2003/fr31203.html>

New AARP Report Helps Agencies Understand Needs of Seniors

Are you planning a new service for seniors? or expanding an existing one? Doing either requires some insight into the needs and expectations of your passengers. A new report recently released by the AARP could help you gain the insight. [Understanding Senior Transportation](#) may help you better understand how older persons connect with their communities and the types of mobility problems they experience - particularly current or potential riders over age 75.

You can obtain a copy of the report on the AARP web site at: http://www.research.aarp.org/il/inb50_transport.pdf

If you have any trouble downloading the .pdf, contact [Matt Grizzard](#) by [e-mail](#) or phone 202-408-9541 ext. 3015 and the form can be sent to you via e-mail, fax, or mail.

Success Stories Sought on Best Practices, Lessons for Small Urban, Rural Transit

Harvard Design and Mapping (HDM) is seeking small urban and rural transit systems to share their experiences in Transit ITS implementation. This information will be used to develop an interactive Web site, called the Rural ITS Transit Success Electronic Story Booklet, for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office (ITS JPO).

If you would like to participate or would like more information, go to: <http://www.hdm.com/its/>

This site is an extension of a study and report that HDM recently completed for the FTA entitled Technology in Rural Transit: Linking People with Their Community. The report provides rural transit system managers with a synopsis of contemporary knowledge to help plan and implement Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) technologies. An online version of the report can be found at www.hdm.com/content.php?content=projects/it_rural_transit.xml.