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Subject: Call for FTA Section 5339 Projects – Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program – FY2018 Grant Application Package

To: Public Transportation Partners

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Dear Public Transportation Partner:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is pleased to announce its annual call for projects for its FY2018 federal transit funding under the Federal transportation authorization entitled “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act” or FAST Act. Within this authorization, Federal funding is provided through the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA’s) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program. This program provides capital project funding for the purchase or rehabilitation of bus transit vehicles, the development and construction of transit facilities, and the integration of transit technology into system operations. Projects must be located in urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more.

In accordance with the direction from the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB), GDOT must announce its call for transit projects under all the transit programs it administers no later than September 29, 2016. **The deadline for receiving completed applications from interested organizations is November 29, 2016.**

GDOT will use the following evaluation criteria to assess the Section 5339 grant applications as shown in Table 1. Funding awards are dependent on the availability of FTA funds and the results of the grant application evaluation process. Please note that no state funds are available for this program; thus, the maximum federal share of projects is 80% with the Applicant (local jurisdiction) responsible for the remaining 20% of the total project cost.

Table 1: Section 5339 Grant Application Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Share of Total Points
Past performance in Section 5339 (or similar transit project) contract management, including procurement, timely reimbursements, and technical project management.	45
Technical soundness of current and prior Section 5339 (or similar transit project) work activities and deliverables	35
Integration of Section 5339 investments into a comprehensive transit program	20
TOTAL	100

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The grant application has been prepared in a “fillable” Microsoft Word format for ease of entering text and numerical information. All potential subrecipients, should review this package carefully and complete all sections of the application as outlined in the instructions. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Mr. Theo Letman, Urban Transit Group Leader in the GDOT Intermodal Office – Transit Program in our Atlanta office (phone number: 404-631-1238; e-mail address: tletman@dot.ga.gov).

Please submit your completed one (1) original signature application plus two (2) copies via U.S. Mail and an electronic copy (PDF) via e-mail by close of business on November 29, 2016 to the following address:

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Failure to meet this deadline may jeopardize your grant application. Please make sure you schedule the approval of your application and exhibits, including your authorizing resolution in time to meet the November 29, 2016 deadline for submitting your application.

Thank you for all that you do in support of public transportation on behalf of our Georgia citizens.

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