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Dear GDOT Transit Partners:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is pleased to announce the FY 2023 Call for Projects for transit funding under the following Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) programs:

- Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program
- Section 5304 Statewide Planning Program
- Section 5307 Formula Grants for Small Urban Transit Program
- Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program
- Section 5339 Formula Grants for Program Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investments Program

Eligible recipients include states and federally recognized Indian Tribes, state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, and operators of public transportation services. Eligible activities include planning, operating, and capital assistance, job access and reverse commute projects, mobility management activities, and the acquisition of public transportation services.

The deadline for completed applications is **November 1, 2021**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. Please notify your assigned Project Manager if you anticipate any delays.

Applications will be submitted in the Blackcat Transit Management System (<http://gadot.blackcattransit.com>). Blackcat login invitation emails were sent to key contacts for the transit agencies that contract directly with GDOT as subrecipients. For new applications, please contact your GDOT Transit Project Manager to request access to the system.

Tips for Accessing Blackcat:

1. Look out for an email from BlackCat with your login instructions. The email will come from system@blackcattransit.com. Please also check your spam/junk folder.
2. *Usernames and passwords should not be shared with anyone other than contact that it was assigned to.* Transit agencies may add additional users once logged into the system.
3. Open the Resources tab in Blackcat, then Global Resources to find the following helpful documents:
 - a. Project and Application "Cheat Sheet"
 - b. GDOT BlackCat Training PowerPoint – September 2020
 - c. Recording of the GDOT BlackCat Training – September 2020
4. Download the User Guide by clicking "Help" in the top right corner of your screen

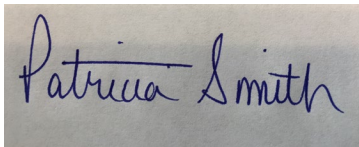
5. Go to the Applications tab in Blackcat to apply for open funding opportunities

Please review the application checklist located in each finding application to ensure that all required pages and documents are submitted.

With the exception of the transmittal letter and authorizing resolution, the application has been formatted to allow completion using the templates provided. The transmittal letter must be submitted on your agency's letterhead and signed by an authorized representative. The authorizing resolution must be adopted at an official meeting of the governing body after which it must be notarized and attested.

Should you have any questions as you begin completing the application, do not hesitate to contact your Transit Project Manager for assistance. The Transit Project Manager's contact information can be found on our website here: <http://www.dot.ga.gov/IS/Transit#tab-15>.

Thank you,

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Patricia Smith
Acting Transit Program Manager