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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Operators of Local Public Transportation Systems
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Transportation Association of South Carolina
American Bus Association
Motorcoach Association of South Carolina

FROM: Doug Frate, Director 
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DATE: August 23, 2011

RE: **Applications for Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom Funds
State FY 2011 - 2012**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) is requesting applications for federal financial assistance to support local public transportation programs and projects for the programs referenced above. These federal funds are for programs administered through the U.S. Department of Transportation's, Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The application deadline is **September 19, 2011**. The funding programs currently announced are:

FTA Section 5316—Job Access Reverse Commute Program (JARC): Funds are available in the rural and small urbanized areas of South Carolina. The goal of JARC is to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and nonurbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. Toward this goal, FTA provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the transportation needs of those eligible to receive these funds.

FTA Section 5317—New Freedom Program: Funds are available in the rural and small urbanized areas of South Carolina. The New Freedom formula grant program aims to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society. Lack of adequate transportation to work is a primary barrier for individuals with disabilities. The New Freedom Program seeks to reduce barriers to transportation services and expand mobility options to the disabled beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.



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The application packet and instructions for each of these programs may be accessed at the SCDOT Website at: <http://www.scdot.org/getting/Masstransit.shtml>, or you may contact the Office of Public Transit directly at (803) 737-0831.

Please share this information with other agencies that may have an interest in these funds. If further assistance is needed, please contact Ms. Lavern Glover, Program Manager, or me at (803) 737-0831.

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