

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

DTIM BTLRRH 47

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on DTIM BTLRRH 47, FTA 49 U.S.C. section 5311, a proposed guidance document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 21 days by:

1. Department's website: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DTIMBTLRRH47>

2. Mailing written comments to:

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WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at wisconsindot.gov to allow for ongoing comment.

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Federal Formula Grant Program for Rural Areas

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The Federal Formula Grant Program for Rural Areas (also called "Section 5311") supports capital and operating expenses for public transportation services that are scheduled for and operated in non-urbanized areas (population under 50,000).

Currently, 49 systems across the state receive these federal funds to operate bus or shared-ride taxi systems providing public transportation for rural residents.

Annual funding amounts per system are equalized via formula statewide, combining grants from the Federal Formula Grant Program for Rural Areas, [State Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Program](#) as well as [Federal Formula programs for Urban Areas](#).

Approximately one-half of total annual operating expenses for Wisconsin transit systems are reimbursed through state and federal grants.

WisDOT awards Section 5311 formula grant funds via the annual Public Transit Assistance Program (PTAP). This program's application is made available online in WisDOT's [BlackCat® Grant Management System](#) each fall.

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