

**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (“GDOT”)
TRANSIT TRUST FUND PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2026 APPLICATION**

TRANSIT AGENCY AFFIDAVIT AND CERTIFICATION

I, Garnett L. Johnson (Name), the Mayor (Title),

on behalf of Augusta Transit (Transit Agency), who being duly sworn do swear that the information given herein is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. The Transit Agency swears and certifies that it has read and understands the Transit Trust Fund Program (“TTFP”) General Guidelines and that it has complied with and will comply with the same.

The Transit Agency further swears and certifies that it has read and understands the provisions set forth in 2 CFR 200; Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circulars 5010.1F, Award Management; 9050.1A, Urbanized Area Formula Program; 9040.1H, Formula Grants for Rural Areas; 4220.1G, Third Party Contracting Guidance; the FTA Master Agreement; applicable portions of Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR), including subpart 31.6; and Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A) §§ 32-9-1 through 32-9-3, 32-9-5, 32-9-9 through 32-9-11, 40-2-151.1, and 48-13-140 through 48-13-144.

The Transit Agency acknowledges and understands that eligibility for TTFP funding mirrors FTA requirements and that, as required by federal financial management principles and outlined in the GDOT Transit Program Financial Management Oversight Manual, maintaining effective control and accountability for all TTFP and federal funds, property, and other assets is required. The Transit Agency also understands that as a recipient of TTFP and federal funds it is required to sign and comply with all related annual certifications and assurances, and the related contract or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that includes specific reporting and compliance requirements.

Further, the Transit Agency agrees that it shall be responsible for any claim, damage, loss, or expense that is attributable to negligent acts, errors, or omissions related to the designs, drawings, specifications, work, and other services furnished by or on behalf of the Transit Agency according to this Application (“Loss”). To the extent provided by law, the Transit Agency further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify GDOT and the State of Georgia from all suits or claims that may arise from said Loss.

The Transit Agency acknowledges and understands that if it fails to comply with the TTFP General Guidelines or fails to comply with its TTFP Application and Certification, or fails to cooperate with the auditor(s), or fails to maintain and retain sufficient records, then GDOT may, at its discretion, prohibit the Transit Agency from participating in the TTFP in the future and may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the issued TTFP funds. Furthermore, the Transit Agency acknowledges and understands that if in the estimation of GDOT, a transit project shows evidence of the Transit Agency’s failure to participate in the specified tasks, equipment and materials described in the project summary included with its Application, then GDOT may pursue any available legal remedy to obtain reimbursement of the allocated TTFP funds, or prohibit Transit Agency from participating in the TTFP until appropriate corrective action is taken by the Transit Agency to address the deficiencies or reimburse the issued TTFP funds to GDOT. The Transit Agency swears and certifies that all projects identified on the project list included with Transit Agency’s Application, shall be completed in accordance with all relevant Federal, State and local laws.

Transit Agency: Augusta Transit

46923
E-Verify Number

_____ (Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

Garnett L. Johnson (Print)
Mayor / Commission Chairperson

This ____ day of _____, 20____.
In the presence of:

_____ (Date)

NOTARY PUBLIC

TRANSIT AGENCY SEAL:

My Commission Expires:

NOTARY PUBLIC SEAL:

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PROPOSED TRANSIT PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Legal Name of Applicant Organization		Augusta, Georgia
Physical Address		535 Telfair Street, Augusta, GA 30901
Mailing Address		Same
Organization Type		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City Government <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Commission <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
Authorized Submitter (This should also be the person to whom questions about this application are to be directed)	Name	Sharon Dottery
	Title	Director, Transit
	Phone #	706-821-1818
	Email	sdottery@augustaga.gov
E-Verify #		46923
Authorized Official who will Execute the Contract	Name	Garnett L. Johnson
	Title	Mayor
	Phone #	706-821-1831
	Email	granettjohnson@augustaga.gov
Designated Staff Person who will Affix the Government's Seal	Name	Lena Bonner
	Title	Clerk of Commission
	Phone #	706-821-1820
	Email	lbanner@augustaga.gov
Designated Notary who will Notarize the Executing and Attesting Officials' Signatures	Name	Natsha McFarley
	Title	Assistant Deputy Clerk
	Phone #	706-821-1820
	Email	nmcfarley@augustaga.gov

Type of proposed TTFP project:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operating <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Project Description: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the proposed TTFP <u>eligible transit project(s)</u>. Indicate how the project complies with FTA requirements. Limit project description to two (2) 8.5 x 11 pages. 	Eligible Projects: This application will utilize the TTFP funds to operate a Microtransit Program for the South Augusta Region of Richmond County. This is an expansion of Augusta Transit Services. We currently operate a Fixed Route, ADA Paratransit and Richmond Transit (Rura) Programs. Adding Microtransit is a win-win for Augusta Transit and the citizens of ARC. All guidance from the FTA Cir. 4250.1G and local government policies and procedures will be adhered to.
Provide details certifying that TTFP funds will be additive and not supplant existing funds:	The Transit Trust Fund Program (TTFP) funds will be additional funding used to operate a Microtransit Program. See attached award summary.

PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET

Provide a detailed project budget in the applicable columns/rows in the table below. TTFP funds must be additive and not supplant existing funds. Projects cannot be modified once the MOA is executed. Please double-click in the table to enter data in highlighted cells.

Proposed Project Budget		Proposed Project Funds by Source			TOTAL
Item	Description	TTFP Funds	Local Funds	FTA Funds	Total Cost
1	Microtransit Program	\$ 297,806.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,806.00
2					\$ -
3					\$ -
4					\$ -
5					\$ -
6					\$ -
7					\$ -
8					\$ -
9					\$ -
10					\$ -
Total Proposed Budget		\$ 297,806.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 297,806.00

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AUGUSTA TRANSIT PROPOSED MICROTRANSIT PROGRAM

Project Name

Connecting Opportunities: Augusta Transit's Microtransit Service in South Augusta

Branding Name

AT Connect

Project Description

Problem: Since the 1990s increasing population and residential densification led to a reclassification of several census blocks to 'rural' South Augusta to 'urbanized'. Reclassified areas lost their access to rural transportation and were unserved by fixed route transit. The affected areas continued to grow in population and economic opportunity becoming a 'transit desert' unserved by transit. Empirical evidence confirms a suppressed and robust demand for transit in South Augusta.

Project Objective: Microtransit is ideally suited to zonal operations and riders who value increased flexibility and accessibility while being a cost-effective option for transit agencies entering unserved areas. Microtransit offers the flexibility and accessibility required to bridge the gap connecting residents and essential services in growing suburban low-density areas.

This funding request will:

- Launch a Microtransit service to harness the unmet demand for transit.
- Provide affordable transportation connecting South Augusta to economic and quality-of-life opportunities.
- Integrate South Augusta into the overall Richmond County transit network.

Evaluation of project success will be measured by:

- Increased and sustained transit ridership to/from and within South Augusta.
- Increased access to resource providers by transit users measured by consistency in medical appointment attendance, grocery/supermarket visits per month, visits to recreation facilities, etc.
- Growing employee labor pool accessing high paying jobs by transit riders.
- Decrease in job absenteeism due to unsustainable commuting costs by private or public ridesharing services.

Justification for Funding

Microtransit will bring an affordable transit option to 45,000 South Augusta residents many of whom are retired veterans or active service members permitting everyone to benefit from cheaper trips.

Employee Benefits

Affordable on-demand Microtransit will facilitate and increase access to first, second and third shifts for employees; decrease job absenteeism due to a flexible and reliable service creating more earning opportunities for workers.

Enhanced Wellbeing

Microtransit services will permit affordable and consistent access to medical, rehabilitation, grocery and recreational facilities in South Augusta.