

Rail Vehicle Replacement Grant Program (Rail Program) Webinar November 2, 2023



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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Background

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

(Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)

- 71% Increase in funding over the FAST Act
- Major new funding for State of Good Repair, Low and No Emission, and CIG Grants
- Continued Existing Structure for FTA Programs focused on urban, rural, and targeted populations

Provided
Funding for 5
Years



- Rail Vehicle Replacement
- All Stations Accessibility
- Low-No Ferries
- Rural Ferries

Created New
Competitive
Programs



Program Overview

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Program Description

Competitive funding to assist in the funding of capital projects to **replace rail rolling stock**.

- Note, this is not an expansion program

1

FY24 Funding Available:
\$196.9M

2

Multi-year grant awards are permitted at DOT's discretion (up to 3 years).

3



FY 2022 - FY 2023 Rail Vehicle Replacement Grant Competition Summary



FTA received 18 eligible applications from 13 states with a total federal request of \$3.51 billion.

Total funding awarded was \$703.1 million to 6 projects in 6 states.

- Selected projects are listed on the FTA program [webpage](#).



Important Dates

Date	Activity
October 10, 2023	Notice of Funding Opportunity
December 18, 2023	Applications Due
January and February 2024	Project Evaluations
Estimated Spring 2024	Award Announcement
Starts on date of publication of NOFO in the Federal Register (October 10, 2023)	Pre-Award Authority
September 30, 2027 - The year of award plus 3 fiscal years *	Available for Obligation

*For multi-year grants, subsequent obligations must be made in the following year for a two-year agreement, and each of the two consecutive fiscal years for a three-year agreement, following the fiscal year from which the first obligation is made.



Eligibility Information

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Eligible Applicants (Section C.1)

Recipients

- ✓ States (Including territories and Washington, D.C.)
- ✓ Local governmental authorities



Eligible Cost-Sharing or Matching (Section C.2)

Funding Source	Eligible Amount
Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicle Replacement (Rail Program)	Up to 50% of total eligible project costs
Other Federal Funds – including FTA funding and SGR formula funds	Up to 80% of total eligible project costs (including up to 50% from Rail Program)
Non-Federal Funds (Local Match)	At least 20% of total eligible project costs



Eligible Cost-Sharing or Matching (Section C.2)

NOTE: Example for illustrative purposes only.

Project Budget					
Description	QTY	A. Rail Program Grant Amount Requested	B. Other Federal Funds	C. Other Non- Federal Funds	D. Total Cost
New Passenger Revenue Vehicle	20	2,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000	100,000,000
<input type="button" value="Insert Item"/>	Total:	50,000,000	30,000,000	20,000,000	100,000,000

Note:
Column A can be up to 50% of Column D.
Columns A+B may be up to 80% of Column D.
Column C must be at least 20% of Column D.
Column D can only include eligible project costs (e.g., cannot include cost for expansion vehicles).

Exceptions:
For NTI training - Column A may be up to 80% of Column D.
The amount in Column A for NTI training may not exceed 0.5% of the grand total of column A.

For workforce development - Column A may be up to 80% of Column D.
The amount in Column A for workforce development may not exceed 0.5% of the grand total of Column A



Eligible Projects (Section C.3)

Replacement of rail rolling stock



Rail rolling stock is defined as revenue service, passenger carrying vehicles, or propulsion (locomotives) vehicles necessary for the provision of rail public transportation. Rail vehicles can include, but are not limited to, commuter rail, heavy rail, and light rail vehicles.

Replacement is defined as the number of vehicles required to replace the number of vehicles to be removed from service that are substantially the same type.

Project must be included in the transit asset management (TAM) plan upon completion of the plan



Eligible Projects (Section C.3)

Vehicle Replacement

Please complete the table below with information about the existing rail rolling stock to be replaced and the new vehicles planned for procurement.

NTD Revenue Vehicle Inventory (RVI) ID (existing)	Number of vehicles to be replaced (existing)	Years in revenue service (existing list in number of years)	Maximum vehicle passenger capacity (existing each)	Number of vehicles (new)	Maximum vehicle passenger capacity (new each)

Insert Item (New Fleet ID)

Did any of these existing vehicles undergo rebuilds*? ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Rebuild is defined as a capital expense associated with rolling stock that occurs at or near the end of a unit of rolling stock's useful life, and which results in an extended useful life for the unit of rolling stock consistent with the extent of the rebuilding (FTA Circular 5300.1).

If yes, please explain:



Eligible Projects: Workforce Development



Recipients are permitted to use up to 0.5% of the requested grant award for workforce development activities.



An additional 0.5% can be used for training at the National Transit Institute.



See 49 U.S.C. 5314(b)

Examples Include:

- On-the-job training
- Apprenticeships
- Research for training programs
- Employment outreach programs



Ineligible Projects

Projects **not eligible** under this program:

- Vehicles that do not operate on rails;
- Maintenance and other non-revenue vehicles; and
- Fleet expansion projects.

Note: *If a procurement includes both expansion and replacement vehicles, only the cost of the replacement vehicles may be included in the total eligible project cost under this program.*



Evaluation Criteria

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Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

1. Demonstration of Need

- What is the age, condition, and performance of the rail vehicles to be replaced?
- Has the rail rolling stock to be replaced exceeded or will it exceed the useful service life in the 5-year period following the grant? (5 years starting 1 year after the date applications are due)



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

2. Demonstration of Benefits

- **Safety:** How will the project increase safety of vehicles and how does that impact the broader safety of the transportation system?
- **Performance:** How does the project reduce breakdowns and service interruptions, increase service performance and reliability, and reduce the cost of maintaining outdated vehicles?
- **Enhanced Access and Mobility for People with Disabilities:** How does the project improve access and mobility for persons with disabilities?
- **Combatting Climate Change:** Does a replacement locomotive or self-propelled passenger cars with a locomotive or self-propelled passenger cars produce fewer harmful emissions at the point of service?



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

3. Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

- How is the proposed project consistent with rail vehicle replacement priorities in the applicant's Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan?
- How is the proposed project consistent with local and regional planning documents?
- How is the proposed project consistent with local government priorities?
- Are there letters of support from local stakeholders?

4. Local Financial Commitment

- How/when will the local funds be fully secured?
- What is the source of the local share, is it available and set aside for the project?



Evaluation Criteria (Section E.1)

5. Project Implementation Strategy

- How soon can the proposed project be obligated (within 12 months)?
- How has the applicant considered any planning or environmental requirements?
- How will the project be implemented?

6. Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity

- Does the applicant have the know-how to carry out the proposed project?
- What technical, legal, or financial capacity issues exist, if any?



Review and Selection

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Additional Considerations (Section E.2)

Age and condition of vehicles to be replaced

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Diversity in transit system size

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Applicant's availability of State of Good Repair Formula funding

3

Availability of other competitive awards

4

Geographic diversity

5



Additional Considerations (Section E.2)

Applicant's availability of State of Good Repair Formula funding

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State of Good Repair Formula Funds (SGR)

Please list the funding amount the **applicant** receives as part of the State of Good Repair Formula Grant Problem (49 U.S.C. 5337) apportionment.

Applicant's FY2021 SGR Funding Allocation

Applicant's FY2022 SGR Funding Allocation

Applicant's FY2023 SGR Funding Allocation



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Nondiscrimination Requirements



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in several areas, including public transit. Sets service criteria for accessible transit, ADA paratransit requirements, and design standards for vehicles and stations. Applies regardless of federal funding.



Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Prohibits discrimination in federally funded programs based on race, color and national origin, included limited English proficiency.



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Prohibits discrimination in DOT-funded contracts by ensuring fair competition for women- and minority-owned businesses bidding and working on DOT-funded contracts.



External EEO Program. Prohibits discrimination against applicants, employees, and former employees of federally funded agencies, including FTA recipients, based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and genetic information.



Section 5332. Broad nondiscrimination requirement that prohibits FTA funding recipients from discriminating against persons based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, or age.

Office of Civil Rights Reorganization

What's remained the same

- Recipients to continue to submit program plans in the civil rights module in TrAMS
- TCR to verify submission of program plans for grant award eligibility

What's changed

- Review of program plans is shifting from an RCRO responsibility to new centralized format – the Recipient Oversight division
- Questions related to civil rights programs or technical assistance requests should be sent to new email for the Recipient Support division:
FTACivilRightsSupport@dot.gov



Civil Rights Program Submissions



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

- DBE applies to capital, operating, and planning funds, including vehicle procurement
- DBE goal setting identifies if there are DBEs available to do work on the project
 - Transit vehicles excluded from goal setting
- Must be purchased from a DBE-certified Transit Vehicle Manufacturer
 - Eligible TVMs found at: www.transit.dot.gov/TVM
- Must be reported to FTA within 30 days of purchase



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Rail Cars

- Accessible vehicles conform with 49 CFR Part 38

Items of note:

- FTA Circular 4710.1 – Chapter 4
- Level Boarding
 - Rapid Rail (no exception, 3" x +/- 5/8")
 - Light Rail (where operated on dedicated ROW; 8" ATR elsewhere, except street boarding)
 - Commuter Rail/Amtrak (37.42, OGC guidance) Low Platforms 8" ATR



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Equivalent Facilitation

- DOT ADA regulations permit departures from the specific standards where equal or greater accessibility is achieved
 - Accommodates innovation
 - Case-by-case
 - Not an exception
- Determinations made by Administrator of relevant Operating Administration
 - OST approval required
- FTA equivalent facilitation requests processed by TCR

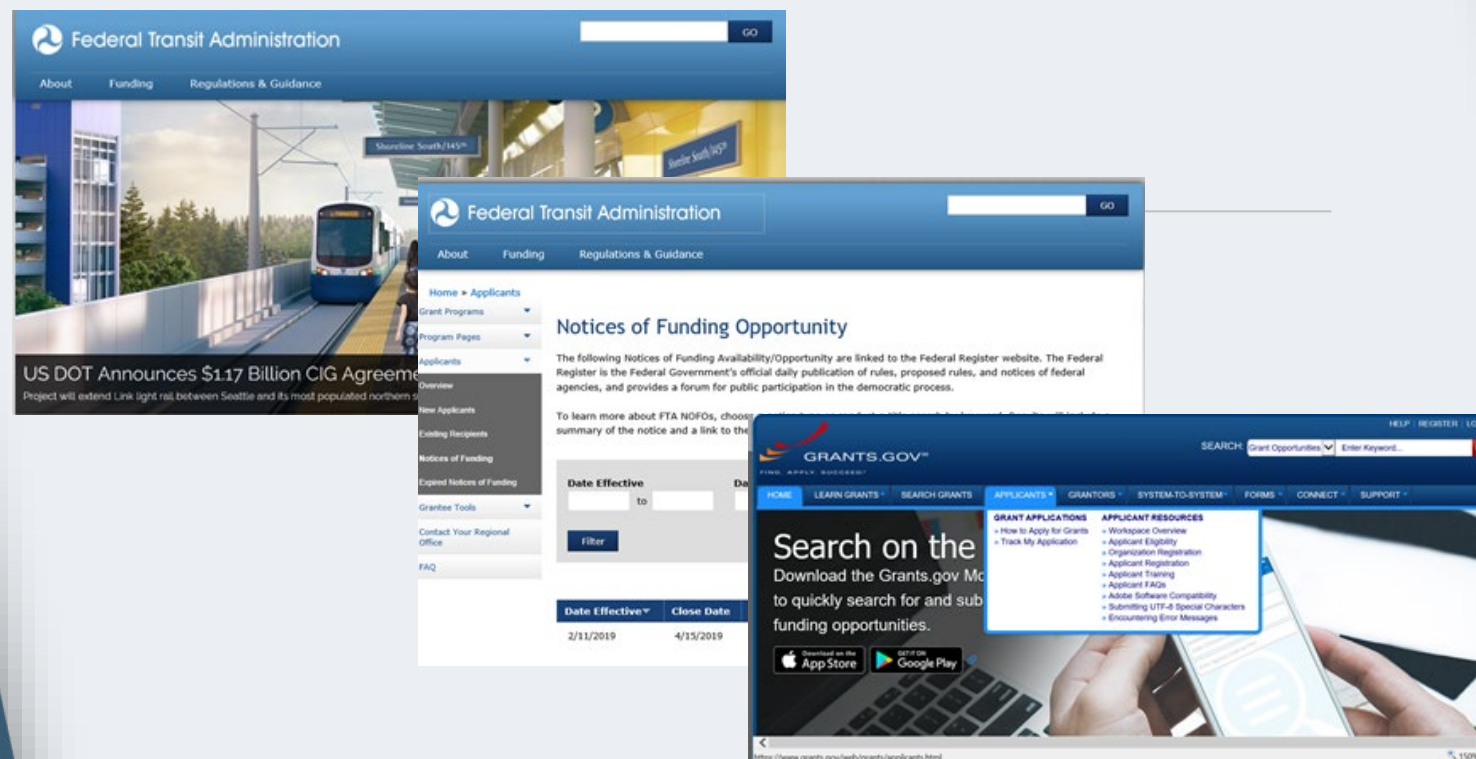


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Date Posted: October 10, 2023

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Grant Program: [Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants](#)

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- [Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants](#)

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- [Fiscal Year 2024 Rail Vehicle Replacement Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Supplemental Form](#)

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Summary: The Rail Vehicle Replacement Program (Rail Program) assists States and local governmental authorities in funding capital projects to replace rail rolling stock. The purpose of the Rail Program is to modernize America's transit system, focusing on maintaining a State of Good Repair for fixed-guideway rail transit. Eligible projects are the replacement of rail rolling stock.

Eligible Applicants: Eligible applicants under this program are also those eligible for Section 5337 funds. This eligibility is composed of States and local governmental authorities located in Urbanized Areas (UZA) with fixed guideway rail transit systems, subject to certain exceptions for certain fixed guideway rail transit systems.



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Document Type: Grants Notice

Funding Opportunity Number: FTA-2024-002-TPM-RAIL

Opportunity Category: Discretionary

Opportunity Category Explanation:

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Category of Funding Activity: Transportation

Category Explanation:

Expected Number of Awards: 3

CFDA Number(s): 20.525 -- State of Good Repair Grants Program

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement: Yes

Version: Synopsis 1

Posted Date: Oct 10, 2023

Last Updated Date: Oct 10, 2023

Original Closing Date for Applications: Dec 18, 2023

Current Closing Date for Applications: Dec 18, 2023

Archive Date: Jan 17, 2024

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$196,906,663

Award Ceiling:

Award Floor:

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants: City or township governments
State governments
Special district governments

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Agency Contact Information: Donna Iken
Phone 202-386-8076
email Donna.Iken@dot.gov

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Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

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☒ Application
☐ Plan
☐ Funding Request
☐ Other
Other (specify):

1.b. Frequency:
☒ Annual
☐ Quarterly
☐ Other
Other (specify):

1.d. Version:
☒ Initial ☐ Resubmission ☐ Revision ☐ Update
2. Date Received:
3. Applicant Identifier:
4a. Federal Entity Identifier:
4b. Federal Award Identifier:

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1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request?
Yes ☐ No ☒ [Explanation](#)

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Applicant and Proposal Profile

Is this a resubmission due to an invalid/error message from FTA? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Section I. Applicant Information

Organization Legal Name:

FTA Recipient ID Number:
(if applicable)

Organization Chief Executive Officer:
(Name and Direct Phone Number)

Applicant Eligibility: ☐ State
☐ Local Governmental Authority

Project Location: ☐ Large Urbanized Area (200,000+ people)
☐ Small Urbanized Area (50,000-199,999 people)
☐ Rural (less than 50,000 people)

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Applicant – Organization Registration

The screenshot shows the Grants.gov homepage with a navigation bar at the top containing links like HOME, LEARN GRANTS, SEARCH GRANTS, APPLICANTS, GRANTORS, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, FORMS, CONNECT, and SUPPORT. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'FOR APPLICANTS' and features a large image of people walking. Below this, there are several sections: 'Check Your Eligibility', 'Get Registered', 'Apply for Grants', 'Track Your Application', 'Adobe Compatibility', 'Applicant Training', 'Applicant FAQs', and 'Manage Subscriptions'. Each section includes a brief description and a link to the relevant page. A sidebar on the right lists 'GRANT APPLICATIONS' and 'APPLICANT RESOURCES'.

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FOR APPLICANTS

Check Your Eligibility
Are you or your organization eligible for a grant? Learn how to check your eligibility here.
[Check Your Applicant Eligibility »](#)

Get Registered
To apply, you need to register an account with Grants.gov. Begin registering today.
[Applicant Registration »](#)
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Registering an Organization
The instructions below are for new organizations or organizations that have never applied for a federal grant before. Most applicants work for organizations that already completed these steps to do business with the federal government.

Before your organization can apply for a federal grant, there are several steps an organization must complete outside of Grants.gov prior to submitting an application through Grants.gov. An organization is an entity that submits grant applications on behalf of the group, such as a state government, nonprofit organization, or a private business. Once you form a legal entity with a **Employer Identification Number (EIN)**, you are ready to complete the steps below.

Below are the main steps and links to more information to complete this process. The process below can take between three business days and five weeks, so please make sure to begin early. If you do not complete these steps by the submission deadline, you are unlikely to be allowed to submit an application. Contact the federal agency point of contact listed in the grant opportunity to discuss that agency's policy.

1. Obtain a DUNS Number

How do I get a DUNS number?
Call 1-866-705-5711 or access the Dun & Bradstreet website
<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>

How long does this step usually take?
1-2 business days

2. Register with SAM

How do I register with the System Award Management (SAM)?
Access <https://www.sam.gov> and complete the online registration process. You also need the authorizing official of the organization to send a notarized letter to SAM and an EIN.

How long does this step usually take?
After SAM receives the notarized letter, up to 2 weeks (up to 5 more weeks to acquire EIN)

3. Register with Grants.gov

How do I register a Grants.gov account?

Organizations must register in Grants.gov in order to submit applications

Workspace in Grants.gov

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Get Started on Your Workspace Application

Workspace is the standard way for organizations or individuals to apply for federal grants in Grants.gov. Workspace allows a grant team to simultaneously access and edit different forms within an application. Plus, the forms can be filled out online or offline—your choice.

Grants.gov Workspace also allows applicants and organizations to tailor their application workflow. Here are three approaches that applicants can take when completing a Workspace application:

Basic

- + Best for organizations with 1-2 registered Grants.gov users
- + Application forms are downloaded and emailed to collaborators before being uploaded back to the workspace

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Intermediate

- + Best for organizations with 3-5 registered Grants.gov users
- + Applicant teams are typically comprised of an AOR who submits, as well as a Workspace Owner who oversees form completion

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Advanced

- + Best for organizations with external Grants.gov users such as consultants
- + Workspace Owner manages form access
- + Workspace Owner manages subforms

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Using Custom Roles in Workspace

Organizations are also able to create custom roles and assign these roles to the users affiliated with the organization.

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Grants.gov Roles & Privileges

When an applicant organization user registers with Grants.gov, the organization E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) -- or a user with the Expanded AOR role -- can assign the user a core role, a custom role, or no role.

Administrator
E-Business
Point of Contact
(EBiz POC)

Core Role
Expanded AOR

Core Role
Standard AOR

Core Role
Workspace
Manager

Custom Role

No Role

E-Business Point of Contact

The E-Business Point of Contact (EBiz POC) works primarily at the administrative level to (among other tasks) assign roles to organization users once they register with Grants.gov.



Web Addresses

FTA Funding Opportunities:



<https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices>

Grants.gov:



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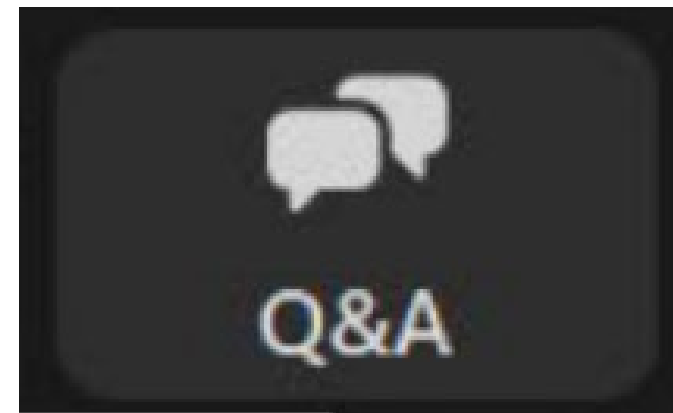
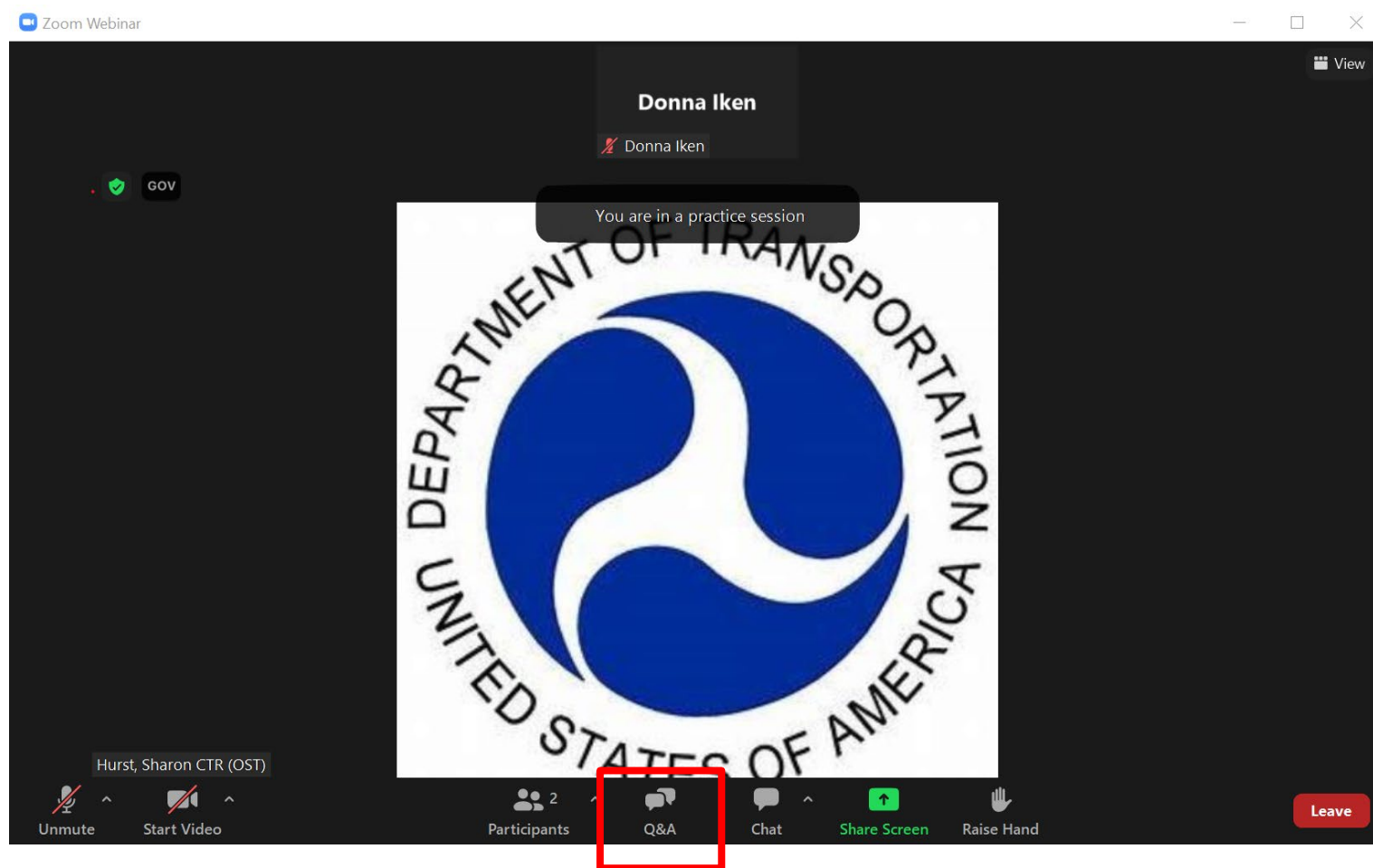


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Improve America's Communities
through Public Transportation



VISION

A Better Quality of Life for All Built
on Public Transportation Excellence



VALUES



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Provide reliable, transparent, responsive, and anticipatory services to meet stakeholder needs

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Commitment to the highest professional and ethical standards

INNOVATION

Foster new ideas, concepts, and solutions for improved outcomes

SUSTAINABILITY

Optimize decisions, resources, and systems to make long-term positive impacts on the environment, infrastructure, and safety

EQUITY

Remove barriers for systemically underserved communities to access all aspects of economic, social, and civic life

