

Small Vehicle Transit Agency Survey

The Small Urban & Rural Transit Center (SURTC) at North Dakota State University in conjunction with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are examining the current small transit vehicle market to determine how well current vehicles meet transit agency needs. The results of this survey will be combined with recommendations obtained through stakeholder meetings to decide whether there are issues that need to be addressed in the small transit vehicle market. We appreciate any input you are able to provide. Please include comments to assist us in fully addressing this topic.

Please note that all responses will be kept confidential and will be used solely for the purposes of the Federal Transit Administration.

Transit Agency: _____

Name & Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Date: _____

1). Which of the following vehicles does your transit agency operate, and what is the approximate number/make/model of each vehicle type in your fleet?
(Feel free to provide inventory sheets and continue with question 2)

Vehicle Type	Number of Vehicles	Make / Model(s)	Seat Capacity	Length	Mileage
Small Transit Bus (Less than 30 ft.in length)					
Van					
Other small vehicle (Less than 30 ft. in length)					

2). Is your agency planning on purchasing new vehicles in the next 12 months?

- Yes **(Continue with question 3)**
- No **(Skip to question 5)**

3). If Yes, what type, how many, and at what cost?

Vehicle Type	Number of Vehicles	Make / Model	Price
Small Transit Bus (Less than 30 ft.in length)			
Van			
Other small vehicle (Less than 30 ft. in length)			

4). Please discuss the primary reasons for selecting the cited types of vehicles your agency procured, or plans to procure, this year. (e.g. replace vehicles, unique features, cost, etc.)

5). If **No**, please discuss the primary reasons for not purchasing new vehicles this year.

6). How many **transit vehicles** have or will be retired in 2006? Please discuss the primary reasons for retiring these vehicles.

7). What type(s) of transit bus service does your agency offer? Please check all that apply and indicate the number of routes by service type.

Type of Service	Number of Routes
<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed-Route	
<input type="checkbox"/> Demand Response (Paratransit)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Express	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify ____	

8). What new service, if any, is your transit agency planning to provide in the next 3 to 5 years? Please check all that apply.

Type of Service	Number of Routes
<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed-Route	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commuter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Express	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify ____	

9). If cost were not an issue, what technologies would you like to incorporate in your small bus fleet? (e.g. Automatic Passenger Counters (APC), Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL), electronic fare collection, obstacle detection devices, etc.)

10). Does your agency currently use, or plan to use in the next 5 to 7 years any power source other than diesel and /or gasoline for your small buses/vans?

11). If **no**, what are your reasons for **not** using an alternative fuel source?

12). If **yes**, please check all that apply and indicate the number of small buses/vans.

Power Source	Transit Buses	Vans
<input type="checkbox"/> Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel-Electric Hybrid		
<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel-Gasoline Hybrid		
<input type="checkbox"/> Biodiesel		
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen fuel-cell		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify		
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan to use alternative fuel but have not decided		

13). FTA is conducting a pilot **pooled procurement** program called the Cooperative Procurement Pilot Program (CPPP). What is your opinion about partnering with other transit agencies to procure buses through a single and standardized RFP for buses that share the same specifications, features and design?

14). How does the **Buy America policy** affect you agency's procurement process for federally funded procurement of vehicles?

15). What are the most significant challenges that your agency is facing currently with regard to procurement of vehicles?

16). Rank the following 7 aspects of current fleet vehicles in order of how much you would like to see them improved, from highest priority (1) to lowest priority (7)

- ___ Fuel Economy
- ___ Operating Cost (maintenance, labor, etc.)
- ___ Capital Cost
- ___ Reliability
- ___ Accessibility
- ___ Emissions/Environmental
- ___ Service (meeting ridership demand)
- ___ Other:

