

ASTV Stakeholder Issues

1. Three market segments: small transit bus, cutaway bus, transit van
2. Current low floor inhibited by cost (\$100,000 vs. \$40,000)
3. Small vehicles not lasting advertised 10-12 year Altoona lifetime
4. Agencies are interested in adopting new technologies, but lack the necessary funding
5. Maintenance difficult to manage, especially in shared city/county maintenance facilities
6. Responsibility for maintenance and warranties is not assigned, and is often avoided
7. State control of 5310: precludes agency input in procurement, specs are not always written well
8. State assignments of vehicles is commonly not appropriate
9. Human services funding and service coordination: will affect ability to purchase vehicles and specifications of vehicles (FMVSS, etc)
10. Ride quality: high cutaway vehicles sway; wheelchair positions poorly placed
11. There is no “white book” for small vehicle procurement
12. Emissions standards affect vehicle technology (hybrid vs. low-floor?)
13. Cutaway vehicles successful by riding truck market; allows for new product development
14. Physical room for components (ITS, etc.) limited in small vehicles
15. Need to move away from “low bid mentality” and focus on quality, needs
16. Capital funds should focus on life cycle cost and service coordination
17. Pooled or combined purchases unlikely to meet needs of all members