



GO! TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM (GOTCP) Definitions

“**ACCG**” means the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

“**Advisory Panel**” may be comprised of members from ACCG, GARC, GDOT, GMA, OPB, GRTA, GTA, SRTA and any other agencies related to transportation or finance.

“**Community Improvement District (CID)**” means a political subdivision organized for the purpose of financing a wide range of public-use facilities and establishing and managing policies and public services relative to the needs of the district.

“**Debt Service**” includes principal and interest payments for bank and/or government Grants, bonds, capital leases plus payments on inter-jurisdictional agreements not reported as operating expenses.

“**Eligible Costs**” means capital costs used for the acquisition of a long-term asset that will be used for ten years or longer and which asset is permanent or of non-depletable/disposable nature. In addition, expenditures that add to the value or useful life of a capital asset may be considered a capital cost. Expenditures made for the design, construction, or otherwise to equip a capital project are considered to be capital costs. Examples of capital costs include:

- Acquisition of land;
- Construction of new buildings, or renovation of existing buildings;
- Purchase of major equipment that is a tangible resource of a long-term nature used in an operation or activity;
- Purchase of permanently attached fixtures or machinery that cannot be removed without impairing the building;
- Payments for professional services such as contracts for engineering and architectural services;
- Construction of parking lots;
- New and replacement buses;
- Purchase of bus maintenance and administrative facilities, transfer facilities, bus malls, transportation centers, intermodal terminals, park-and-ride stations; and
- Passenger amenities such as passenger shelters and bus stop signs.

“**Eligible Project**” means a capital project with a minimum useful life of at least ten years. To the extent applicable, FTA guidelines will be used to determine useful life. Where a useful life has not been defined by FTA or is defined by FTA and is less than 10 years, the applicant, in consultation with GOTCP staff, must “make the case” by identifying a useful life period for the project.

“Eligible Recipient” means either (a) an Existing Transit Operator that is a Government Unit, or (b) a Government Unit that will furnish funds to one or more Existing Transit Operator(s) providing service to the general public.

“Emergency” means a situation that poses an immediate risk to the health, life, or economic vitality of an area.

“Existing Transit Operator” means an operator that is a government unit providing transit service to the general public on a regular and continuing basis, but does not include school bus or charter bus, that has been providing such service prior to the date of application.

“FTA” means the Federal Transit Administration.

“GARC” means the Georgia Association of Regional Commissions.

“GDOT” means the Georgia Department of Transportation.

“GMA” means the Georgia Municipal Association.

“GOTCP” means the General Obligation Bond Transit Capital Program.

“GO Transit Capital Program Agreement” means the Agreement between SRTA and the Recipient summarizing the terms of the award of the funding amount.

“GOTCP Staff” means any SRTA or GRTA employees that are tasked with running the daily operations of the program.

“Government Unit” means a local, regional or state government, Community Improvement Districts, or any existing Transit Operator, including combinations of two or more of these entities.

“GRTA” means the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority.

“GSFIC” means the Georgia State Financing & Investment Commission

“GTA” means the Georgia Transit Association”.

“OPB” means the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget.

“Operations and Maintenance” means the necessary ongoing service and preservation of a project after construction has been completed.

“Rural Eligible Applicant” means a Government Unit that is only eligible to receive funding under the FTA 5311 Formula Grants for Other than Urbanized Areas (Rural) Program or a Government Unit that is eligible to receive funding from both FTA 5307 and FTA 5311 programs that chooses to be a rural applicant.

“SRTA” means the Georgia State Road and Tollway Authority.

“State Fiscal Year” means the twelve-month period ending on June 30 of each year.

“Urban Eligible Applicant” means a Government Unit that is only eligible to receive funding under the FTA 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program or a Government Unit that is eligible to receive funding from both FTA 5307 and FTA 5311 programs that chooses to be an urban applicant.