

## **Service Evaluation & Design**

### **SC Intercity and Regional Bus Network Plan**

#### **South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)**

The purpose of the study is to determine how SCDOT, local and regional public transit providers, and private intercity carriers can work together to develop a financially sustainable network of intercity and regional bus service in South Carolina. The study will also identify the capital and operating needs and costs and a service implementation plan that can be used to successfully develop a statewide intercity bus network. Utilizing a project Technical Working Group and periodic meetings for input, the consultant team will perform the following tasks (1) evaluate the regulatory environment, SCDOT history of utilizing Section 5311(f) ICB funds, and evaluate the historical development of ICB service in SC. (2) Conduct stakeholder outreach through regional meetings and one-on-one meetings with ICB providers and public transit recipients. (3) Complete thorough inventory of current ICB service in SC, document ICB facilities, document intermodal connections and conduct a passenger survey. (4) Assess statewide and regional bus service needs through use of a needs assessment model and identify facility needs and coordination opportunities with public transit.(5) Develop a draft ICB network based on at least three separate funding scenarios (6) Determine funding needs, sources and partnership opportunities through use of an Excel-based costing model and spreadsheets documenting all routes, schedules, frequencies, etc. along with best practices information from other state ICB programs. (7) Develop a recommended service implementation plan with benchmark dates. A Technical Memorandum will be prepared and presented to the TWG for tasks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and the final report.

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