

# ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT

# NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE

Independent Accountant's Report On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2025





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Management and the Board of Directors Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Oakland, California

We have performed the attached procedures on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics Form FFA-10 (FFA-10), related to Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District's (the District) compliance with the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Declarations section of the 2025 Policy Manual and the Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) and Records and Reporting System; Final Rule, as specified in 49 CFR Part 630, Federal Register, January 15, 1993, as of June 30, 2025. The District is responsible for its compliance with those requirements.

The District has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of assisting users in understanding compliance with the above specified requirements. Additionally, FTA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures are appropriate to meet their purposes. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the procedures either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves performing specific procedures and reporting on findings based on the procedures performed.

The procedures and the associated findings are included in Attachment A.

We were engaged by the District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, compliance with the specified requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District and FTA and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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San Francisco, California <>, 2025

The procedures below were applied separately to each of the information systems used to develop the reported actual vehicle revenue miles (VRM), fixed guideway (FG), directional route miles (DRM), passenger miles traveled (PMT), and operating expenses (OE) of the District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for each of the following modes:

- Motor Bus (MB) Directly Operated
- Motor Bus (MB) Purchased Transportation
- Commuter Bus (CB) Directly Operated
- Demand Response (DR) Purchased Transportation
- Bus Rapid Transit (RB) Directly Operated

## **FTA Suggested Procedures:**

a. Obtain and read a copy of written system procedures for reporting and maintaining data in accordance with NTD requirements and definitions set forth in 49 CFR Part 630, Federal Register, dated January 15, 1993, and as presented in the 2025 Policy Manual. If there are no procedures available, discuss the procedures with the personnel assigned responsibility for supervising the NTD data preparation and maintenance.

## Findings: Step performed without exception.

- b. Discuss the procedures (written or informal) with the personnel assigned responsibility of supervising the preparation and maintenance of NTD data to determine:
  - The extent to which the transit agency followed the procedures on a continuous basis, and
  - Whether they believe such procedures result in accumulation and reporting of data consistent with the NTD definitions and requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 630, Federal Register, dated January 15, 1993 and as presented in the 2025 Policy Manual.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

c. Inquire of these same personnel about the retention policy that the transit agency follows as to source documents supporting NTD data reported on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form (FFA-10).

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

d. Based on a description of the transit agency's procedures from procedure a and procedure b above, identify all the source documents that the transit agency must retain for a minimum of three years. For each type of source document, haphazardly select three months out of the year and observe whether the document exists for each of these periods.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

e. Inquire whether separate individuals (independent of the individuals preparing source documents and posting data summaries) review the source documents and data summaries for completeness, accuracy, and reasonableness and how often these individuals perform such reviews.

## Findings: Step performed without exception.

f. Select a haphazard sample of three source documents from each mode and determine whether supervisors' signatures are present as required by the system of internal controls. If supervisors' signatures are not required, inquire how personnel document supervisors' review.

g. Obtain the worksheets used to prepare the final data that the transit agency transcribes onto the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form. Compare the periodic data included on the worksheets to the periodic summaries prepared by the transit agency. Recalculate the arithmetical accuracy of the summaries.

## Findings: Step performed without exception.

h. Inquire regarding the procedure for accumulating and recording Passenger Miles Traveled (PMT) data and inquire whether the procedure is one of the methods specifically approved in the 2025 Policy Manual.

# Findings: Step performed without exception.

- i. Inquire of transit agency staff, the transit agency's eligibility to conduct statistical sampling for PMT data every third year. Determine whether the transit agency meets NTD criteria that allow transit agencies to conduct statistical samples for accumulating PMT data every third year rather than annually. Specifically:
  - a. The public transit agency serves an urbanized area (UZA) with a population of less than 500,000.
  - b. The public transit agency directly operates fewer than 100 revenue vehicles in all modes in annual maximum revenue service (VOMS) (in any size UZA).
  - c. Service purchased from a seller is included in the transit agency's NTD report.
  - d. For transit agencies that meet one of the above criteria, review the NTD documentation for the most recent mandatory sampling year (2023) and determine that statistical sampling was conducted and meets the 95% confidence and +10% precision requirements.
  - e. Determine how the transit agency estimated annual PMT for the current report year.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

j. Obtain a description of the sampling procedure for estimation of PMT data used by the transit agency. Obtain a copy of the transit agency's working papers or methodology used to select the actual sample of runs for recording PMT data. If the transit agency used average trip length, observe that the universe of runs was the sampling frame. Observe that the methodology used to select specific runs from the universe resulted in a random selection of runs. If the transit agency missed a selected sample run, observe that a replacement sample run was random. Observe that the transit agency followed the stated sampling procedure

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

k. Select a haphazard sample of three source documents for accumulating PMT data for each mode and determine that the data are complete by comparing the data in the accumulation periods to the total (all required data are recorded) and that the computations are accurate by recalculating. Select a haphazard sample of three accumulation periods for each mode and re-compute the accumulations for each of the selected periods. Recalculate the arithmetical accuracy of the summary

I. Inquire with management regarding the procedures for systematic exclusion of charter, school bus, and other ineligible vehicle miles from the calculation of actual vehicle revenue miles with transit agency staff and determine that they follow the stated procedures by selecting a haphazard sample of three source documents for each mode used to record charter and school bus mileage and recalculate the arithmetical accuracy of the computations.

### Findings: This procedure is not applicable to the District.

- m. For actual VRM data, document the collection and recording methodology and identify that deadhead miles are systematically excluded from the computation. This is accomplished as follows:
  - If actual VRMs are calculated from schedules, document the procedures used to subtract missed trips. Select a haphazard sample of the days that service is operated, and re-compute the daily total of missed trips and missed VRMs. Recalculate all of the summarizations for accuracy.
  - If actual VRMs are calculated from hubodometers, document the procedures used to calculate
    and subtract deadhead mileage. Select a haphazard sample of the hubodometer readings and
    determine that the stated procedures for hubodometer deadhead mileage adjustments are
    applied as prescribed. Recalculate all of the summarizations for accuracy.
  - If actual VRMs are calculated from vehicle logs, select hapazard samples of the vehicle logs and determine that the deadhead mileage has been correctly computed in accordance with FTA definitions.

## Findings: Step performed without exception.

n. For rail modes, observe the recording and accumulation sheets for actual VRMs and observe that locomotive miles are not included in the computation.

#### Findings: This procedure is not applicable to the District.

- o. If fixed guideway or High Intensity Bus directional route miles (FG or HIB DRM) are reported, inquire of the person responsible for maintaining and reporting the NTD data whether the operations meet FTA definition of fixed guideway (FG) or High Intensity Bus (HIB) in that the service is:
  - Rail, trolleybus (TB), ferryboat (FB), or aerial tramway (TR) or
  - Bus (MB) service operating over exclusive or controlled access rights-of-way (ROW), and
    - Access is restricted;
    - Legitimate need for restricted access is demonstrated by peak period level of service D or worse on parallel adjacent highway;
    - Restricted access is enforced for freeways; priority lanes used by other high occupancy vehicles (HOV) (i.e., vanpools (VP), carpools) must demonstrate safe operation; and
    - High Occupancy / Toll (HO/T) lanes meet FHWA requirements for traffic flow and use of toll revenues, and that the transit agency has provided to NTD a copy of the State's certification to the US Secretary of Transportation that it has established a program for monitoring, assessing and reporting on the operation of the HOV facility with HO/T lanes.

p. Observe the measurement of FG and HIB DRM with the person reporting NTD data and inquire if he or she computed mileage in accordance with FTA definitions of FG/HIB and DRM. Inquire of any service changes during the year that resulted in an increase or decrease in DRMs. If a service change resulted in a change in overall DRMs, re-compute the average monthly DRMs, and compare the total to the FG/HIB DRM reported on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics form.

## Findings: Step performed without exception.

- q. Inquire if any temporary interruptions in transit service occurred during the report year. If these interruptions were due to maintenance or rehabilitation improvements to FG segment(s), the following apply to management:
  - Report DRMs for the segment(s) for the entire report year if the interruption is less than 12 months in duration. Report the months of operation on the FG/HIB segments form as 12. The transit agency should document the interruption.
  - If the improvements cause a service interruption on the FG-DRMs lasting more than 12 months, the transit agency should contact their validation analyst to discuss. FTA will make a determination on how the DRMs should be reported.

Findings: Step performed without exception.

r. Measure FG/HIB DRM from maps or by retracing route.

Findings: Step performed without exception.

s. Inquire whether other public transit agencies operate service over the same FG/HIB as the transit agency. If yes, observe that the transit agency coordinated with the other transit agency (or agencies) such that the DRMs for the segment of FG/HIB are reported only once to the NTD on the Federal Funding Allocation form. Each transit agency should report the actual VRM, PMT, and OE for the service operated over the same FG/HIB.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

t. Review the FG/HIB segments form. Inquire about the Agency Revenue Service Start Date for any segments added in the 2025 report year with the persons reporting NTD data. This is the commencement date of revenue service for each FG/HIB segment. Determine that the date reported is the date that the agency began revenue service. This may be later than the Original Date of Revenue Service if the transit agency is not the original operator. If a segment was added for the 2025 report year, the Agency Revenue Service Date must occur within the transit agency's 2025 fiscal year. Segments are grouped by like characteristics. Note that for apportionment purposes, under the State of Good Repair (§5337) and Bus and Bus Facilities (§5339) programs, the seven-year age requirement for FG/HIB segments is based on the report year when the segment is first reported by any NTD transit agency. This pertains to segments reported for the first time in the current report year. Even if a transit agency can document an Agency Revenue Service Start Date prior to the current NTD report year, FTA will only consider segments continuously reported to the NTD.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

u. Compare operating expenses in the FFA-10 with audited financial data after reconciling items are removed.

v. If the transit agency purchases transportation services, inquire with the personnel reporting the NTD data regarding the amount of purchased transportation generated fare revenues. Observe the purchased transportation fare revenues equal the amount reported on the Contractual Relationship form.

# Findings: Step performed without exception.

w. If the transit agency's report contains data for purchased transportation services and the procedures in this report were not applied to the purchased transportation services, obtain a copy of the IAS-FFA regarding data of the purchased transportation service. Note as a negative finding if the purchased transportation services were not included in this report, and the transit agency also does not have a separate Independent Accountant's Statement for the purchased transportation data.

## Findings: Step performed without exception.

x. If the transit agency purchases transportation services, obtain a copy of the purchased transportation contract and observe that the contract specifies the public transportation services to be provided; the monetary consideration obligated by the transit agency or governmental unit contracting for the service; the period covered by the contract (and that this period overlaps the entire, or a portion of, the period covered by the transit agency's NTD report); and is signed by representatives of both parties to the contract. Inquire of the person responsible for retention of the executed contract whether copies of the contracts are retained for three years.

#### Findings: Step performed without exception.

y. If the transit agency provides service in more than one UZA, or between an UZA and a non-UZA, inquire of the procedures for allocation of statistics between UZAs and non-UZAs. Obtain and compare the FG segment worksheets, route maps, and urbanized area boundaries used for allocating the statistics, and determine that the stated procedure is followed and that the computations are correct.

# Findings: Step performed without exception.

z. Compare the data reported on the Federal Funding Allocation Statistics Form to data from the prior report year and calculate the percentage change from the prior year to the current year. For actual VRM, PMT or OE data that have increased or decreased by more than 10%, or FG DRM data that have increased or decreased, interview transit agency management regarding the specifics of operations that led to the increases or decreases in the data relative to the prior reporting period.