

# 2019

# Legislative & Policy

# Agenda *for Community and Public Transportation*

## NEED

- *On-demand mobility is needed in rural areas and for specialized needs*
- *Bus and Bus Facility Funding is still recovering from years of inadequate investment*
- *Federal oversight of small urban and rural providers is often not right-sized and wastes resources for FTA and providers alike*
- *Preserve and support the non-emergency medical transportation benefit (NEMT) in the Medicaid program*
- *Considerable growth in NEMT is outside of Medicaid and transitioning into private-sector healthcare providers, insurers (MCOs), Medicare and beyond*
- *Census driven regulations result in financial and regulatory turmoil for rural providers on a national scale*
- *In the aftermath of hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, fires and other disasters, transit providers and the communities they serve are hard pressed for local share*

## CTAA RESPONSE

- *Inventory obstacles to successful on-demand scheduling in rural areas, develop turn-key solutions, and secure dedicated federal investment to inspire change and advance the industry.*
- *Ensure \$1.2 Billion is the new baseline for Sect. 5339 Bus and Bus Facility funding, recognize the annual replacement cost nationwide and continue to advocate for adequate capital investment for rural and small-urban transit.*
- *Work with Congress and the Administration to right-size and introduce risk-based approaches to all regulations, focusing on triennial and state management reviews oversight processes.*
- *Work with the broad-based healthcare and transportation coalition, as well as Congress and the Administration, to defend the Medicaid NEMT benefit.*
- *Educate CTAA members about the opportunities before them in communities of all sizes and provide real-world technical assistance and promising practices on the emerging nexus of NEMT, technology, and on-demand mobility.*
- *Partner with FTA to create a formal five-year transition plan to successfully move rural providers to robust small urban status and allow localities to manage major changes brought about by the 2020 Census.*
- *Work with Congress and FTA to establish a temporary local match relief program for areas struck by natural disasters, including those not declared as federal disaster areas.*