

INFORMATION ATTACHMENT

SPARE FLEET RATIO REDUCTION RESPONSE TO FTA TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a Triennial Review for fiscal year 2019. This review is required by Chapter 53 of Title 29, United States Code, Section 5307. The process included a pre-review assessment and an on-site visit to GRTC. The Triennial Review focused on GRTC's compliance in 21 areas. No deficiencies were found with the FTA requirements in 18 areas. One deficiency was found in the satisfactory continuing control. The basic requirement to fulfill the satisfactory continuing control is to ensure that FTA-funded property will remain available to be used for its originally authorized purpose throughout its useful life until disposition.

Highlights

GRTC recently implemented a complete route restructuring in June 2018. As a result, GRTC had 157 fixed route buses and a reduced peak requirement of 111 buses, which resulted in an excessive spare ratio of 41 percent. GRTC must submit to FTA a plan to reduce our spare ratio to 20 percent or less as required by January 3, 2020. The reduction plan includes a list for each type of bus and the number of buses to be disposed of until we reach the 20 percent.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the GRTC Board of Directors concur with the spare ratio reduction plan to dispose of buses to reduce our spare ratio to 20 percent as required by FTA and to create a contingency fleet in order to respond to likely requests for additional service by Richmond and Henrico in FY21.

Eldridge F. Coles, Secretary
GRTC Board of Directors

Date

December 17, 2019