

Arizona State Transportation Board Meeting

AZ SMART Updates and Applications March 21, 2025

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AZ SMART Program Update

- New Applications (see new Applications Link at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/2cb2262a861c43bbb535c8660277b484/?org=adot>)

Date Submitted	Name of Applicant
2/6/2025 15:52:37	Gila County, Arizona
1/17/2025 16:35:50	Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) dba Mountain Line

- RFGAA revisions - No policy, priority criteria or substantial changes
- Application Revisions - several new questions to better facilitate Courtesy Technical Reviews (proximity to railroads, utilities, environmental issues, formula federal aid, etc.)
- Updated Application Instructions
- Updated Standard Terms and Conditions
- All changes noticed in red in 03/13/25 Questions and Answers on AZ SMART website

AZ SMART Eligibilities

- **Eligible applicants** - any entity eligible for a *federal discretionary grant for surface transportation projects*
- **Eligible Projects** - surface transportation projects eligible under the specified *federal discretionary grant*. Projects must be related to a public facility and be continuously available for use by the public.
- **Eligible Uses** - fund or reimburse:
 - Design and other engineering services (DOES)* *that meet federal standards*. Federal discretionary grant application must be submitted within 2 years of the Date of Award
 - Required Match on a federal discretionary grant; *must meet federal standards*.
 - Reimbursement of up to 50% of costs to development and submission (GDS) a federal discretionary grant; not required to meet federal standards. Limited to projects located in municipalities with population of less than 10,000 and counties less than 100,000.

Muni > 10K

Awarded FTA Buses
and Bus Facilities
Grant

Applicant
administration

AZ SMART \$:
\$2,044,750 for
Match

Project Estimate:
\$20,447,500

Applicant \$:
\$2,044,750

Proceed without
assistance? Yes

Score: 41

Rank: 1

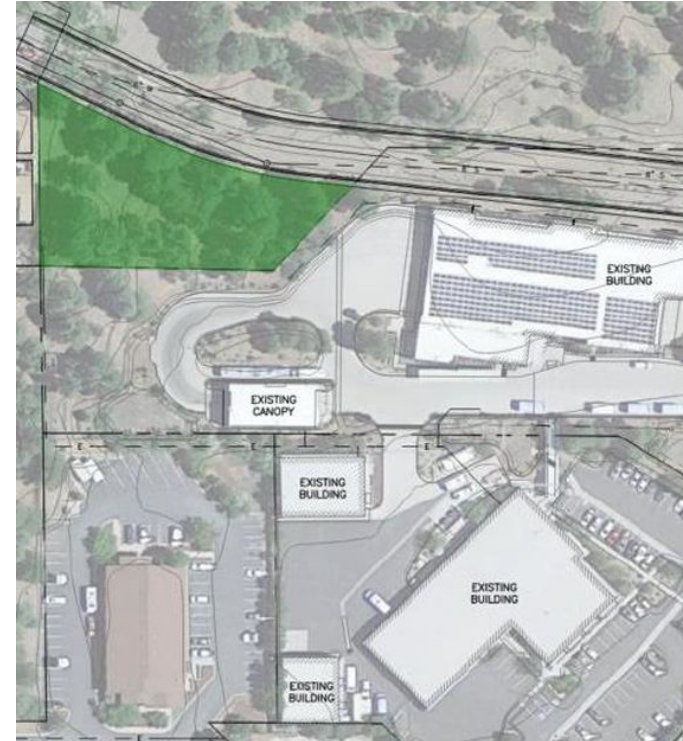
Mountain Line

Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA)

- Awarded \$16.358 M in June, 2023 by FTA
- Required match is \$4,089,500
- Flagstaff Transit Tax is providing 50% of required match (or \$2,044,750); balance requested from AZ SMART

Project Purpose: Transit Maintenance Facility Improvement

- Construct 6 new maintenance bays, heated floors, a roof tall enough to lift buses, install overhead crane and improve ventilation.
- Will allow mechanics to close the bay doors, eliminating workforce exposure to cold stress and reducing heating costs and energy consumption. Reduces workforce exposure to toxic fumes, chemicals, and particulates.



Priority Criteria Scores/Rankings

Priority Criteria and Scores		Points	
<i>Project addresses safety improvement(s)</i>	Safety of non-motorized users, Safety of workforce currently exposed to harsh weather conditions, high-voltage equipment and fleet, and poor ventilation system.	10	Rationale for reduction from 15 to 10 pts - Safety of non-motorized users is acceptable but the safety of maintenance personnel is not aligned with the emphasis areas identified in the Strategic Highway Safety Plan as discussed in the RFGAA.
<i>Evidence of public support for the Project</i>	Current approved Regional or Tribal Transportation Improvement Program	15	
<i>Population Score</i>	Flagstaff	5	
<i>Population of Project location</i>	Municipality over 10K population	NA	
<i>Life Cycle costs or Long-term impacts</i>	The annual O&M cost of the improved maintenance facility is \$53,000 and will be funded through FTA 5307 formula funding and our dedicated transit tax revenue. This includes labor, building maintenance, utilities, and parking deck maintenance that will be needed over the 40-year useful life of the facility. In accordance with Strategic Plan Goal 2: Stewardship of Resources, Mountain Line maintains our facilities and equipment at a high standard, as demonstrated by the fact that we've never had a maintenance finding in an FTA Triennial Review (federal audit every three years). Our Facility Maintenance Plan minimizes equipment down time and improves the safety and overall condition of the transit buildings, equipment, bus stops and connection centers. Facility maintenance is integrated into our Transit Asset Management process and progress is reported annually to FTA and biannually to our Board of Directors.	5	
<i>Total Project Cost</i>	\$20,477,500	NA	
<i>Cash monies from Applicant</i>	\$2,044,750		
<i>% cash monies from Applicant</i>	10%	1	
<i>Partnering</i>		5	
Total points		41	
Application Rank		1	

Technical/Financial Capacity

<i>Technical Capacity (previous federal grants or formula funded projects?)</i>	Yes. Notice of award was received June 26, 2023, for a Federal Transit Administration 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Grant for \$16,358,000 for Maintenance Facility Improvements: Essential project to reach community goals for climate action, racial equity, transition to electric buses, and improve mechanical safety and efficiency at Mountain Line public transit Headquarters on Kaspar Dr in Flagstaff.	Also received \$1.6 mil FTA 5339/5307 grant to design the facility as direct recipient and also receives formula funding.
<i>Financial Capacity (>1.0 = applicant can meet short term obligations)</i>	<i>Most current audit year</i>	<i>Ratio</i>
	FY 23	1.24
	FY 22	2.12
	FY 21	1.77
<i>Grant phases</i>	Construction	

Financial Report

As of 2/28/2025						
Cumulative AZ SMART Fund Report						
Funding Category	ADOT	Muni < 10K	Muni 10K+	County < 100K	County 100K+	Total
Revenue						
Legislative Appropriations /1	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 62,500,000.00
Interest Earnings to Date	\$ 1,062,042	\$ 1,059,183	\$ 1,053,786	\$ 1,063,369	\$ 1,059,862	\$ 5,298,243.08
Total Revenues	\$ 13,562,042	\$ 13,559,183	\$ 13,553,786	\$ 13,563,369	\$ 13,559,862	\$ 67,798,243.08
Approvals						
Grant Development		\$ 4,600		\$ 50,000		\$ 54,600.00
Match Awards	\$ 5,371,724	\$ 31,212	\$ 12,207,413	\$ 3,346,000	\$ 4,242,642	\$ 25,198,991.15
Design & Engineering	\$ 3,750,000	\$ 10,010,257	\$ 7,639,320	\$ 5,445,651	\$ 6,670,000	\$ 33,515,228.00
1% Program Administration	\$ 100,000					\$ 100,000.00
Match Released	\$ (1,250,000)	\$ -	\$ (6,277,008)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (7,527,008.15)
Design Recovered	\$ -	\$ (807,500)	\$ (433,772)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,241,272.00)
Net Approvals	\$ 7,971,724	\$ 9,238,569	\$ 13,135,953	\$ 8,841,651	\$ 10,912,642	\$ 50,100,539
Redistribution						
January Available for Awards	\$ 5,539,767.29	\$ 4,272,125.40	\$ 372,790.54	\$ 5,921,501.82	\$ 2,598,836.57	\$ 18,705,021.61
January Redistribution	\$ (1,798,762.96)	\$ (531,121.08)	\$ 3,368,213.78	\$ (2,180,497.49)	\$ 1,142,167.76	\$ - .00
Current Available for Award	\$ 3,791,555	\$ 3,789,493	\$ 3,786,047	\$ 2,541,221	\$ 3,789,388	\$ 17,697,704.08
Pending Requests						
Grant Development		\$ -		\$ -		\$ - .00
Match Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,044,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,044,750.00
Design & Engineering	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 530,000	\$ -	\$ 530,000
Total Pending Requests	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,044,750	\$ 530,000	\$ -	\$ 2,574,750
After Approval of Pending	\$ 3,791,555	\$ 3,789,493	\$ 1,741,297	\$ 2,011,221	\$ 3,789,388	\$ 15,122,954.08

Geographic Distribution Impact

(if current applications are awarded)

By County

County	# AZ SMART Apps Received	# AZ SMART Awards	AZ SMART \$ Awarded /2	% AZ SMART Awarded
Apache	2	2	\$1,250,452	2.40%
Cochise	4	4	\$4,608,500	8.84%
Coconino	8	8	\$14,340,390	27.50%
Greenlee	1	1	\$595,000	1.14%
Graham	1	1	\$367,760	0.71%
Gila	3	2	\$1,072,411	2.06%
La Paz	2	2	\$3,608,264	6.92%
Maricopa	3	2	\$437,407	0.84%
Mohave	3	3	\$250,000	0.48%
Navajo	8	7	\$5,031,200	9.65%
Pima	0	0	\$0	0.00%
Pinal	1	1	\$1,113,613	2.14%
Santa Cruz	3	3	\$6,550,000	12.56%
Yavapai	6	6	\$1,461,133	2.80%
Yuma	5	5	\$10,774,492	20.66%
Statewide	4	4	\$684,667	1.31%
Total	54	51	\$52,145,289	100.00%

By COG/MPO

COG/MPO	# AZ SMART Apps Received	# AZ SMART Awards	AZ SMART \$ Awarded /2	% AZ SMART Awarded
BHMPO	0	0	\$0	0.00%
CAG	3	2	\$1,072,411	2.06%
CYMPO	0	0	\$0	0.00%
MetroPlan	3	3	\$7,447,748	14.28%
MAG	3	2	\$437,407	0.84%
NACOG	21	20	\$14,635,427	28.07%
SCMPO	1	1	\$1,113,613	2.14%
SEAGO	8	8	\$12,121,260	23.25%
SVMPO	1	1	\$0	0.00%
Statewide	4	4	\$684,667	1.31%
WACOG	5	5	\$3,858,264	7.40%
YMPO	5	5	\$10,774,492	20.66%
	54	51	\$52,145,289	100.00%

By Board District

District	# AZ SMART Apps Received	# AZ SMART Awards	AZ SMART \$ Awarded /2	% AZ SMART Awarded
1	3	2	\$437,407	0.84%
2	0	0	\$0	0.00%
3	8	8	\$11,753,500	22.54%
4	5	4	\$2,553,784	4.90%
5	18	17	\$20,622,042	39.55%
6	16	16	\$16,093,889	30.86%
Statewide	4	4	\$684,667	1.31%
Total	54	51	\$52,145,289	100.00%

Yellow highlights identify geographies impacted by, and assume approval of, current applications.

Requested Action

- Approve \$2,044,750 to NAIPTA for Match on FTA Bus and Bus Facilities federal grant for the Maintenance Facility Improvements.