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Program Administration Section

Responsibilities:

Coordinate the administration of bus, marine, and intercity bus activities within the Comprehensive Transportation Fund for the BPT. Oversee training, federal drug and alcohol program, and motor bus and limousine credentialing and safety program, including:

- monitor, coordinate and process contracts, checklists and payments for all BPT projects;
- monitor and coordinate project closeout activities:
- administer the year-end reconciliation process;
- administer the CPA audit reconciliation process;
- promulgate annual Local Revenue and Expense Manual:
- promulgate the Audit Guide for Transportation Authorities and Agencies in Michigan in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Treasury; and
- monitor and coordinate the Public Transportation Management System (PTMS).

Administer the department's motor bus and limousine credentialing duties and safety responsibilities prescribed by Michigan statues for BPT, including:

- conduct state annual motor bus vehicle safety inspections;
- certify state annual limousine vehicle safety inspections;
- process state annual motor bus and limousine registrations and renewals;
- issue and renew motor bus and limousine operating authority business licenses who meet the insurance and safety requirements of the law;
- monitor motor bus and limousine insurance levels for compliance;
- issue motor bus and limousine decals; and

• process fee collections.

Administer statewide procurement and disposal of intercity motor coaches under the Intercity Bus Capital Equipment Program within the Comprehensive Transportation Fund for BPT.

Staff Information:

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Financial Management Unit

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Sandy Lovell: Accountant, responsible for PTMS database management and for the collection and review of annual reconciliation reports. Responsible for preliminary redistribution of Local Bus Operating Assistance, reviews and approves cost allocation plans, assists transit agencies with accounting questions and serves as withholding of funds coordinator. (517) 335-2525; E-mail: lovells@michigan.gov

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Regulatory Unit

David Sucha: Supervisor, responsible for the direct supervision of professional staff, for the statewide procurement of intercity motor coaches under the Intercity Bus Capital Equipment Program. Responsible for day to day administration of state laws (Act 432 of 1982 - Motor Bus Transportation Act and Act 271 of 1990 - Limousine Transportation Act) which regulate the safety of passengers of motor carriers of passengers for hire. (517) 335-2565; E-mail: suchad@michigan.gov

Dave Bunting: Field Safety Specialist, technical resource person for passenger commercial vehicle equipment safety and maintenance issues statewide. Coordinates scheduling of vehicle safety inspections, processes vehicle registrations/renewals, issues decals and answers inquiries on technical vehicle regulations, interpretations and compliance. Performs state annual inspections to meet capacity demands and serves as a back-up to other Field Safety Specialist staff. Coordinates enforcement activities as needed. Responsible for work pertaining to the day to day administration of Act 432 of 1982 - the Motor Bus Transportation Act. Also, performs all functions relating to the licensing application process. Oversees legislative issues and performs rulemaking/bill analysis functions. (517)

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Transportation Services Section

Responsibilities:

Provide assistance and oversight to over 135 public transit service providers, rideshare/vanpool providers, and passenger marine. The assistance and oversight is on all federal and state capital and operating assistance projects to insure that the funds are used according to the intent of the project and all federal and state rules and regulations are met.

Coordinate the administration of all federal and state transit programs including the preparation and administration of federal grants and the development of the annual application guidelines for all state programs. Monitor and analyze federal legislation and rules.

Staff Information:

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Supervisors, responsible to carry out the state's public transportation program for the assigned geographic area. This includes the direct supervision of professional staff to provide program oversight, evaluation, and assistance with the preparation of the state's annual transportation program.

South Unit Janet Holoweiko: Supervisor. (517) 373-7134; E-mail: holoweikoi@michigan.gov

Project managers, responsible for assistance and oversight of transit agencies in assigned geographic area

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Project managers, responsible for assistance and oversight of transit agencies in assigned geographic area. Provide direct assistance to transit agencies with respect to program planning, budgeting, service development and delivery, and contract administration.

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Bus Acquisition and Intercity Transportation Section

Responsibilities:

Provide assistance and oversight to intercity bus/rail programs carriers that provide intercity passenger service in Michigan. The assistance and oversight is on all federal and state capital and operating assistance programs and projects to ensure that funds are used according to the intent of the program/project and all state and federal rules and regulations are met. Provide state safety oversight of state rail fixed guideway systems, which currently includes the Detroit People Mover. Manage contract and specification development for the statewide vehicle procurement program for use by local transit agencies.

Staff Information:

Jerry Smalley, Manager, is responsible for administering and managing federal and state intercity passenger programs. Responsible for managing statewide procurement and specification development of state/federally funded new vehicles used by public and private nonprofit transit agencies. Manage the oversight responsibilities for fixed guideway systems in Michigan. (517) 335-2550; E-mail: smalleyj@michigan.gov

Debi Magley, Administrative Assistant, provides administrative and secretarial support for section staff. (517) 335-2475; E-mail: magleyd@michigan.gov

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Intercity Transportation Unit

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Therese Cody, Departmental Analyst, is responsible for managing the Rail Passenger Operating Program which provides funds for state-assisted Amtrak train services and marketing. Responsible for all state-funded rail passenger terminal projects. Monitor customer service provided by Amtrak and at passenger rail facilities. Department liaison to the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative and the Ann Arbor to Detroit Transit Study. (517) 373-8749; E-mail: codyt@michigan.gov

Mike Bedore, Departmental Analyst, is responsible for managing the Rail Passenger Capital Program for both conventional and high-speed passenger rail service in Michigan. Designated as Michigan's State Safety Oversight Program Manager for rail fixed guideway systems. Monitors on-time performance for Amtrak train services in Michigan. (517) 335-1005; E-mail: bedorem@michigan.gov

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Planning & Programming

Responsibilities:

Develop and monitor the annual statewide public transportation program (PTP) and budget, and the operations budget, together totaling over \$300,000,000. (The PTP includes programs administered by either the Bureau of Passenger Transportation (BPT) or the Freight Services and Safety Division.)

Develop and implement the budgetary and financial control procedures, and assure the conversion of existing financial management systems to new systems for the PTP.

Manage the PTP's contract process, including the preparation and award of over 600 contractual documents annually.

Manage the information technology needs for the PTP and the aeronautics program, including systems development, services and hardware.

Staff information:

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