

2021-2025 MATBUS Transit Development Plan Response to Submitted Questions

1) Does Metro COG have a DBE requirement?

A: No, Metro COG does not have a DBE requirement. Metro COG will not take this into consideration when reviewing proposals or in awarding projects.

2) What kind of transit data is available?

A: MATBUS collects General Transit Feed Specification data for NTS reporting purposes. This data is rather robust in that ridership can be assessed by day, stop, and route. MATBUS also collects general demographic information on riders as well as their purpose of the ride. MATBUS has been collecting this data for many years, and can be made available to the chosen consultant. MATBUS is collecting this information on all of its routes, including TAP Ride and Paratransit.

MATBUS also collects a whole host of other data points such as on-time performance, incidents, accidents, etc. This information is tracked in a similar manner to ridership information. Ridership and these other performance measures are reported to the MAT Coordinating Board at their regularly scheduled meetings.

3) When will Metro COG schedule consultant interviews?

A: Metro COG and its project partners will evaluate proposals once they are received (deadline Jan 28th). It is unclear how long this review will take as it is unknown how many firms will be submitting proposals. The selection committee will decide on how many and what firms will be invited to be interviewed. Once that process takes place, Metro COG will work with the proposed project managers to schedule interviews. At that time, Metro COG will convey the format of those interviews and address any accommodations that may be necessary.