



Transit Newsletter

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Preparing for the Audit

FTA is expected to Audit NDDOT
Transit office in April.

*Thank you all for your assistance
in preparing for this audit!*

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Accidents/incidents - Any of us.

Buildings - Denny or Bruce
special requests, RTAP/training - Bruce or Dawn
Pre-authorizations for Capital - Bruce or Dawn
Contracts, Reports, Vehicles, - Dawn
Quarterly reports , eligible expenses - Paula
Policies - Drug & Alcohol, Title VI, LEP - Kim or Dawn
Vehicle repairs – Kim or Bruce

Applications for additional funding for
the current contract year will be
accepted in January and February.

Please use the form "FTA Additional Funding
Request" located on the NDDOT Transit web site.
Include adequate information to justify the requested need.

Fleet Numbers

If you have a fleet number with Ford or Chevy,
please contact the company and cancel that
number. If a bidder uses a fleet number in
bidding for a vehicle, the contract will need to be
cancelled.

Drug and Alcohol

All training should be completed by April 1, 2011.
Contact your testing agency or consortium for
training opportunities.

Rail Road Crossings

The following is the North Dakota Motor Vehicle
Code concerning Railroad Crossings.



39-10-42. All vehicles must stop at certain railroad grade crossings.
The department of transportation and local authorities, with respect to
highways under their respective jurisdiction, are hereby authorized to
designate particularly dangerous highway grade crossings of
railroads and to erect stop signs thereat. When such stop signs are
erected, the driver of any vehicle shall stop within fifty feet [15.24
meters] but not less than fifteen feet [4.57 meters] from the nearest
rail of such railroad and shall proceed only upon exercising due care.
39-10-43. **Certain vehicles must stop at all railroad grade
crossings.**

1. **The driver of a bus carrying passengers**, or of any schoolbus,
or of any vehicle carrying any chlorine, empty or loaded cargo tank
vehicles used to transport dangerous articles or any liquid having a
flashpoint below two hundred degrees Fahrenheit [93.33 degrees
Celsius], cargo tank vehicles transporting a commodity having a
temperature above its flashpoint at the time of loading, certain cargo
tank vehicles transporting commodities under special permits issued
by the hazardous materials regulations board, and every motor
vehicle which must have the following placards: "explosives",
"poison", "flammable oxidizers", "compressed gas", "corrosives",
"flammable gas", "radioactive", or "dangerous", before crossing at
grade any track or tracks of a railroad, shall stop such vehicle within
fifty feet [15.24 meters] but not less than fifteen feet [4.57 meters]
from the nearest rail of such railroad and while so stopped shall listen
and look in both directions along such track for any approaching
train, and for signals indicating the approach of a train and may not
proceed until the driver can do so safely. After stopping as required
herein and upon proceeding when it is safe to do so, the driver of any
said vehicle shall cross only in such gear of the vehicle that there will
be no necessity for manually changing gears while traversing such
crossing and the driver may not manually shift gears while crossing
the track or tracks.
2. No stop need be made at any such crossing at which traffic is
controlled by a police officer. For the purposes of this section, a
United States marshal must be considered a police officer.
3. No stop need be made at a crossing that the director has
designated as an out-of-service crossing and which is clearly marked
by signs bearing the words "Tracks out of service" or "Exempt" in
conspicuous places on each side of the crossing.
4. The designation must be limited to use at crossings where track
has been abandoned or its use discontinued.
5. The director shall notify the road authority and any railway
company of a crossing under the jurisdiction of that railway company
which the director has designated as an out-of-service crossing
under this section and the road authority shall erect signs bearing the
words "Tracks out of service" or "Exempt" in conspicuous places on
each side of the crossing.
6. All signs must conform to the manual on uniform traffic-control
devices as provided under section 39-13-06.

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