Summary of the Safety Research and Demonstration Program Webinar Q/A

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Q: Will the webinar presentation slides be available to participants?

A: Yes. It is posted at the SRD Program website. https://www.transit.dot.gov/research-innovation/safety-research-and-demonstration-program

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Q: Does a transit agency require a partnership with another entity?

A: No, a transit agency with an FTA Recipient ID is eligible to apply directly without any partners. However, FTA encourages partnerships for research proposals.

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Q: Which buses are eligible for this grant program?

A: Bus for this grant program is defined as "a rubber-tired, low-floor transit passenger vehicle, 35 feet or longer in length, and is self-powered."

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Q: What are the evaluation criteria for the projects?

A: The NOFO provides detailed application review criteria under section E.
https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/applying/notices-funding/safety-research-and-demonstration-srd-program

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Q: Will FTA consider any proposals that address the collision and mitigation area focused on rail transit rather than bus transit?

A: The proposers can apply for either bus or rail operation. However, FTA is more interested in bus collision avoidance and mitigation proposals.

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Q: Will FTA consider two separate projects from the same transit agency that are phased so that the total is greater than $2 million ($2 million per separate project phases)?

A: An agency or entity can submit as many project applications as necessary, but it is our preference to receive one project per application.

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Q: Is there a maximum percentage of capital funding you can request?

A: This is a not a capital funding program but a research program. The minimum project amount is $750,000 and maximum project amount is $2,000,000 of federal funding. The grant program requires 20% cost share.

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Q: Do you anticipate another round of the Safety Research and Demonstration Program?

A: We anticipate future funding for the SRD program, pending on future appropriations. However, the safety topic(s) and focus might change.

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Q: When are the submission end date and time?

A: Project proposals must be submitted via grants.gov by 11:59 pm EDT on October 14, 2016.

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