

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 24-02 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to a fixed route transit grant program; and to provide an appropriation.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 24-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
5 and enacted as follows:

6 **Fixed route transit grant program - Distributions - Uses.**

- 7 1. Within the limits of the legislative biennial appropriation, the director shall distribute  
8 fifty percent of the funding appropriated for the fixed route transit grant program in  
9 January of each even-numbered year and any remaining amounts in January of each  
10 odd-numbered year. The distribution for each year is based on the following:
- 11 a. Fifteen percent must be distributed in equal amounts to each of the eligible cities.  
12 b. The remaining eighty-five percent must be distributed to the eligible cities in  
13 proportion to the population of the urban area associated with each eligible city  
14 relative to the combined total population of all the urban areas associated with  
15 eligible cities.
- 16 2. Funding distributed under this section may be used for operating expenses, capital  
17 projects, contract costs, and other transit-related expenditures necessary to provide  
18 fixed route public transit services, including paratransit services.
- 19 3. For purposes of this section:
- 20 a. "Eligible city" means a city that operates fixed route transit services, is located in  
21 an urban area within the state, and has the largest population of the cities located  
22 within its respective urban area.
- 23 b. "Urban area" means a densely developed territory with at least two thousand  
24 housing units or five thousand people measured at the census block level.

- 1           c. The director shall use the most recent federal decennial census data to  
2                   determine the population of each eligible city and each urban area.

3           **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - FIXED ROUTE**

4           **TRANSIT GRANTS.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
5 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be  
6 necessary, to the department of transportation for the purpose of providing grants under the  
7 fixed route transit grant program, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2027, and ending June 30,  
8 2029.