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FYs 14-17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION		Infrastructure	
<b>PROJECT NAME</b>	Paratransit Purchase and Replacement		
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority		
<b>PROJECT TYPE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Road Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Off-Road Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Amenities/Enhancements
<b>ROADWAY OR NEAREST INTERSECTION</b>		<b>TERMINI (TO/FROM)</b>	<b>LENGTH (MILES)</b>
		Davidson County	
<b>COUNTIES</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davidson <input type="checkbox"/> Rutherford <input type="checkbox"/> Sumner/Robertson <input type="checkbox"/> Williamson/Maury <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson		
<b>BRIEF DESCRIPTION</b>	Purchase of paratransit buses for replacement and expansion		
PROPOSED ELEMENTS		PROJECT HISTORY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks <input type="checkbox"/> Curb Ramps <input type="checkbox"/> Crosswalk <input type="checkbox"/> Signalization/ Traffic Control <input type="checkbox"/> Intelligent Transportation System <input type="checkbox"/> Signage <input type="checkbox"/> Bus/ Transit Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Transit Capital</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Amenities <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Parking (Rack, Locker) <input type="checkbox"/> Shared Lane <input type="checkbox"/> New Greenway <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway Extension <input type="checkbox"/> Greenway Amenities <input type="checkbox"/> Connection to School <input type="checkbox"/> Connection to Transit Stop		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Project in TIP</b>   ID#__2008-15-052 <input type="checkbox"/> Not in TIP, LRTP Project   ID#_____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Project, Not in TIP or Plan <input type="checkbox"/> New Project <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
		GRANT FUNDING SUMMARY (NEW REQUESTS)	
		<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Federal Requested</i>
		2014	\$0
		2015	\$0
		2016	\$0
		2017	\$0
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>
		*Please complete the PROJECT BUDGET WORKSHEET form and include any funding from other sources of revenue.	
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**PROPOSAL NARRATIVE**

(Provide no more than 5 pages, responding to each of the following sections)

<p><b>Section 1.</b> <b>Project Description, Purpose, Need, and Objectives</b></p>	<p>MTA offers fixed route, demand response, and other specialized transportation services. The objectives of this project are to: (1) increase transit accessibility and emphasize multi-modal transportation (2) support ongoing and future economic development that will contribute to a vibrant community. Increasing ridership is a key to improving transit opportunities and garnering support for future transit investment. The replacement and expansion of paratransit buses will make transportation more efficient, easier, and ADA accessible for the customer to use. With more paratransit buses the MTA will be able to expand service to more areas. Not only will the purchase of buses expand service but the new buses will make rides more comfortable and enjoyable for passengers. The newer fleet vehicles will also look more appealing to the eye which will promote ridership. This project will enhance the quality of life in the region by increasing travel choices and efficiency. This project will increase appeal of public transportation, which in turn increases ridership and support for transit investment</p>
<p><b>Section 2.</b> <b>Benefits to Region and Local Community</b></p>	<p>This project is also a part of the MTA's Strategic Master Plan, which identifies long-term planning opportunities for public transportation in Nashville.</p>
<p><b>Section 3.</b> <b>Project Deliverables, Schedule, &amp; Milestones</b></p>	<p>This Project can be implemented within 12 months and project can be obligated within 12 months. MTA has an experienced procurement and program management staff and is ready to begin procurement and deployment of the program tasks once the notice of award for this project has been granted.</p> <p>MTA has previous success with completing larger capital projects with the use of federal funds. There are no outstanding legal issues that would make this a high-risk project to implement quickly.</p>
<p><b>Section 4.</b> <b>Budget Narrative</b></p>	<p>MTA is the designated recipient for federal funds. MTA is in fundable status for grant-making purposes. We have already identified a 10% match through local funds and have requested the State to provide a 10% match. MTA has an adequate financial system in place to effectively implement this project.</p>

