

under the road surface and the timber that forms the top of the gated boxes. In 2024, MaineDOT installed a temporary bridge over the existing structure to address immediate structural concerns. In April 2026, MaineDOT replaced the temporary bridge on top of the causeway with a longer-term interim structure. This action maintains traffic on Route 1 over the bridge and adjacent Sunrise Trail while thorough consideration of alternatives, the NEPA process, design and construction of a permanent solution that addresses the condition of the box culverts.

(c) *A Preliminary Description of the Proposed Action Alternatives:* The preliminary range of alternatives to be considered in the EIS includes the following: (1) taking no action; (2) fully gated replacement culverts; (3) partially gated replacement culverts; (4) replacement of the culverts with bridge span.

(d) *Summary of Expected Impacts:* The EIS will evaluate the expected social, economic, and environmental effects resulting from the action alternatives and the no action alternative. MaineDOT has identified the following preliminary issues for consideration: (1) Wetlands and Waters of the United States; (2) Historic Resources; (3) Section 4(f) Resources; (4) Endangered Species; (5) Essential Fish Habitat; (6) Property Impacts; (7) Downeast Sunrise Trail; (8) Community uses of Route 1 causeway; (9) municipal landfill; (10) transportation resiliency; (11) fish passage; and (12) tidal exchange.

(e) *Anticipated Permits and Other Authorizations:* The project will require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Additional state permits that may be required include a Natural Resources Protection Act permit and Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and Coastal Zone Consistency Determination from the Maine Coastal Program.

(f) *Agency Coordination:* Cooperating agencies have been preliminarily identified to include the USACE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Coast Guard. MaineDOT will prepare a coordination plan to define the agency and public participation procedures for the environmental review process. The plan will establish cooperating and participating agency roles and a review schedule.

(g) *Agency and Public Review:* All individuals and organizations

expressing interest in the project will be able to participate in the process through various public outreach opportunities including public meetings and hearing(s). Public notice will be given regarding the time and place of all public meetings and hearing(s), and information will be posted on the project website and in newspapers with local and regional circulation.

MaineDOT will initiate scoping with agencies, stakeholders and the public. MaineDOT will gather information and solicit input on the draft purpose and need statement for the project, the range of potential alternatives, and potentially significant environmental issues that will be evaluated in the EIS. The scoping process will include a public meeting and comment period.

Notice of availability of the Draft EIS for public and agency review will be published in the **Federal Register** and through other methods which will identify where interested parties can review a copy of the Draft EIS and how to provide comments. In addition, MaineDOT will conduct a public hearing for the Draft EIS. The public hearing will be announced a minimum of 15 days in advance.

(h) *Preliminary Schedule for the Decision-Making Process:* July 15–October 31, 2026: Agency and Public Scoping and comment period.

*Spring 2027:* Draft EIS issued for public and agency review and comment.

*Fall 2027:* Combined Final EIS and Record of Decision issued.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 23 U.S.C. 139 and 327; 23 CFR part 771.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Transit Administration

#### FY 2026 Competitive Funding Opportunity: Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility

**AGENCY:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of funding opportunity (NOFO).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for approximately \$12 million in competitive grants for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM) Program.

**DATES:** Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the *GRANTS.GOV* “APPLY” function by 11:59 p.m. Eastern time September 9, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Email Destiny Buchanan, Office of Program Management, at [destiny.buchanan@dot.gov](mailto:destiny.buchanan@dot.gov) or (202) 366–2053.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The full text of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) can be found on FTA’s website at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/grants/notices> and in the “FIND” module of *GRANTS.GOV*. The funding opportunity ID is FTA–2026–012–TPM–ICAM. Mail and fax submissions will not be accepted.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Transportation Statistics Bureau

[Docket No. DOT–OST–2026–1882]

#### Notice of Request for Clearance of a Revision to a Currently Approved Information Collection: National Census of Ferry Operators

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST–R), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the BTS to request the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB’s) approval for new iterations of an on-going biennial information collection related to the nation’s ferry operations. The information collected from each Census will be used to produce a descriptive database of existing ferry operations. A summary report of census findings will also be published by BTS on the BTS web page: [www.bts.gov/ncfo](http://www.bts.gov/ncfo).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before September 8, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket ID Number DOT–OST–2026–1882 to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Docket Operations (DO). You may submit your comments by mail or in person to the Docket Clerk, Docket No.