Model Development Technical Support

Questions and Answers

**Question:** Is the intent to develop a STOPS model application for ARC or to focus efforts on preparing the ABM for use on transit projects potentially moving through to FTA?

**Answer:** This task is to assist ARC in developing a STOPS model applications process specifically tailored at leveraging various components of the ARC ABM, GTFS feeds, CTPP data, and the recent regional transit on-board survey. The process should be developed to assist potential project sponsors in deciding whether to run STOPS synthetic or STOPS incremental. The process will guide with the project evaluation process, and with comparing the forecasts generated by the ARC ABM in parallel with a STOPS model application forecast.

**Question:** Is the primary goal of the GTFS feeds to implement a schedule based transit assignment or the automation of building the transit network?

**Answer:** This task is to assist ARC in developing a process in which to import GTFS more directly and make the resulting coded networks schedule-based, as compared to a headway-based approach and to identify ways in which to assist ARC to leverage GTFS to code transit networks, while increasing coding automation and minimizing network coding errors.

**Question:** In the event of an interview, is it possible to hold on Feb 27th or 28th to allow time for travel arrangement of key team members located out of state?

**Answer:** Dates listed in the RFP are tentative and will be scheduled, if necessary, based on the availability of the review committee.

**Question:** Would a table of contents or tabbed section dividers indicating the proposal section/page number count towards the 50 page limit?

**Answer:** No, cover pages, section dividers and a table of contents do not count towards the 50 page limit.