



Brazos Transit District

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City of Bryan
Funding Request

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Brazos Transit District (BTD)

Established in 1974. BTD is a Large Urban & Rural transit agency covering 20 counties in Central & East Texas. The population of its service area is 1,401,195 and it covers over 14,000 square miles. BTD provides fixed-route, ADA complementary paratransit, and demand-response service.



Overview of Existing Service



Fixed Routes

- Ten Fixed Routes in Bryan-College Station.
- Hourly (Yellow every 30 min)
- Monday – Friday
- 5AM – 7PM



Demand Response

- Curb to Curb Service
- No Destination Restrictions
- Monday – Friday
- 6AM – 6PM
- Call to Schedule. Seven Days in Advance



ADA Paratransit

- Trips must originate and end $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from a Fixed Route.
- Monday – Friday
- 6AM – 6PM
- Call to Schedule. Seven Days in Advance.

Usage Statistics

- BTD provided 324,350 trips in the UZA for 2023.
- While we provided 324,350 trips last FY, the demand is much higher. BTD is maxed out with what service we can provide under the current system configuration. (ex. driver shortages, vehicle repairs, funds, etc)
- In FY 2023, 4,425 trips were denied.

Trips in the UZA	FY 2022	FY 2023	% Change	Trips per Day (251)	FY 2024 -June
Fixed Route:	256,219	295,830	+13%	1,178.6	163,003 (+15.9%)
Demand Response:	24,501	28,520	+14%	113.6	18,863 (-3.4%)
Totals:	280,720	324,350	13.5% Increase	1,292.2	181,866 (+13.5%)
TAMU:	4,862,528	5,452,150	+12.1%		
BTD & TAMU:	5,143,248	5,776,500	+12.3%		



Importance of Public Transportation

Economic Benefits



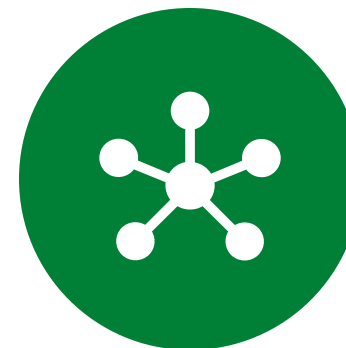
Every dollar invested in public transportation can yield around \$4 in economic gains in the community. This includes fostering business clusters, and attracting tourists for both business and pleasure.

Job Creation



Not only does public transportation create new jobs through its functioning, such as bus drivers, office workers, maintenance support, and more! It also connects people to job opportunities within their communities. Residents can easily commute to their workplaces everyday through public transportation.

Connectivity



Transit connects workers to jobs and students to classes. Public Transit helps to produce a skilled workforce and allows area employers to attract the employees they need to keep the economy growing.

Community Mobility



Inter-city transit systems help riders move throughout the area, regardless of the neighborhood they live in. Many people do not have the capability to drive, so public transportation is sometimes the only option to help them get to their destination.

Funding Need

The 2020 Census designated BTD as a Large Urban agency. This was confirmed early of 2024. With this change, BTD received a reduction of \$1,586,665 from FY 2023-2024.

BTD is seeking \$334,000 from the City of Bryan to keep current services.



Funding Reduction:

FY2023: \$4,396,427

FY2024: \$2,809,762

Difference: -\$1,586,665



FY 2024 Funding:

State: \$1,075,990

Federal: \$2,809,762

Total: \$3,885,752

Expenses: \$4,829,587

Difference: (-\$943,835)



Funding Expenses Include:

- Operating
- Maintenance
- ADA Paratransit





Why is Funding Needed?



1

2020 Census: Large Urbanized Area

According to the 2020 Census College Station-Bryan grew over 200,000 in population. This growth recategorized BTD from a small urban to large urban area (UZA), thus changing the funding formula for urban funds.

2

Funding Changes

In FY 2023, BTD was awarded \$4,396,427 as a small urban agency. The classification change to large urban reduced BTD's Urban funding to \$2,809,762 for FY 2024. This was a 36% decrease in Urban funding.

3

Community Support

The Federal Transit Administration changes the funding formula for large urbanized area to allow communities to financially support public transit in their cities. BTD is seeking funding to make up the decrease.

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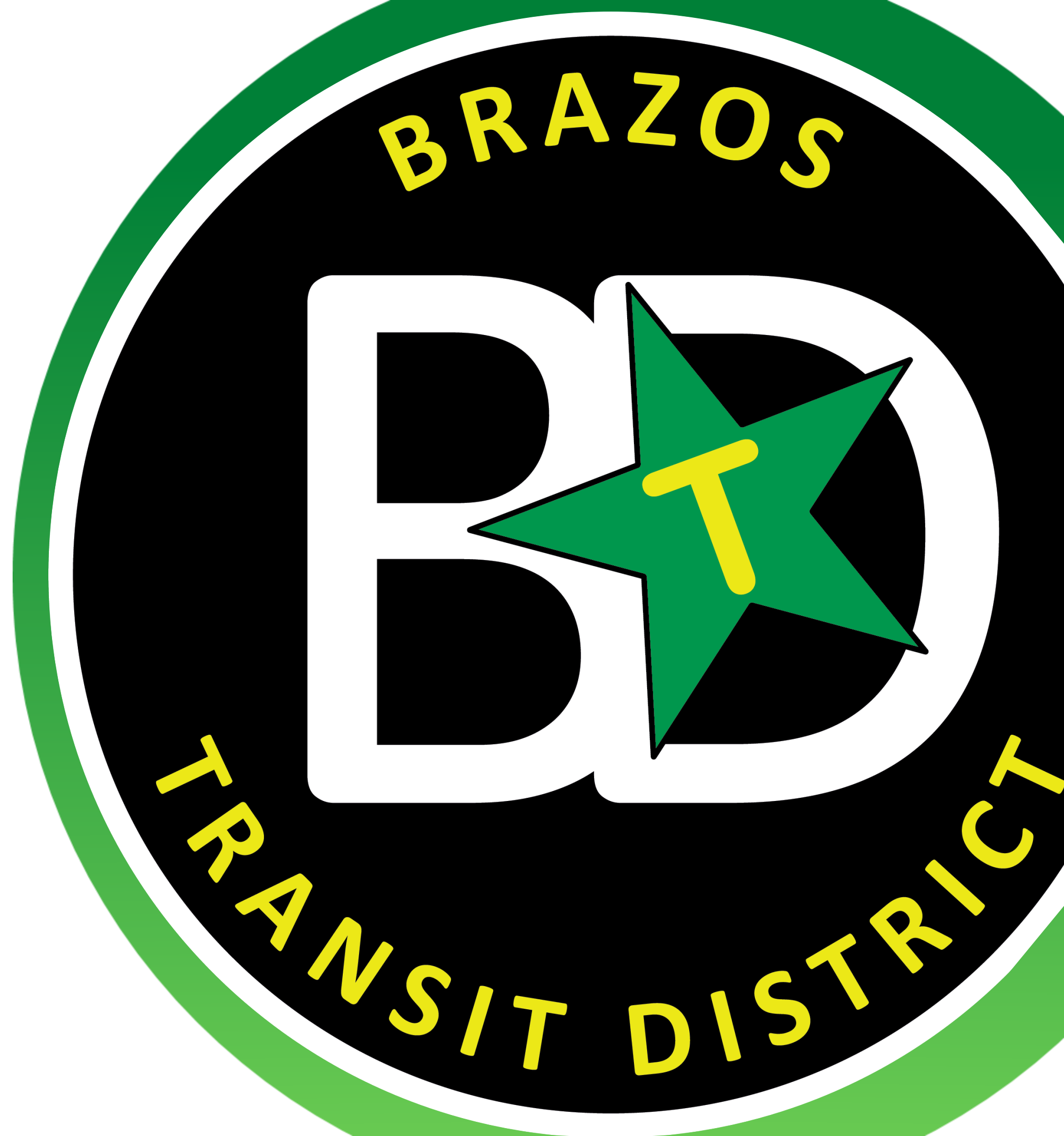
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Thank You
For Your Attention

