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Department/Agency Information
For each programmatic area, please provide the requested information.

Name of Programmatic Area	Mass Transit
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Restructuring

Brief Description of Current Program:
Mass Transit oversees allocations and aid for transit services, equipment, and operating expenses.

State and/or federal statutory authority for this activity:
Authority cited from South Carolina Code Section 57-1-30 that states, "the department shall have as its functions and purposes the systematic planning, construction, maintenance, and operation of the state highway system and the development of a statewide intermodal and freight system."

To which goal(s) in the Agency's Annual Accountability Report does this program relate?
All four goals relate to our core program of Mass Transit.
Mass Transit relates to Goal 1: Improve Safety, Goal 2: Preserve our Transportation Infrastructure, Goal 3: Optimize Mobility, and Goal 4: Enhance a Strengthening Economy.

How does this program substantially address the legislative intent and the stated goals of the department/agency as set forth in statute?

Describe the impact that eliminating this programmatic area would have on the mission of the department/agency and the citizens of South Carolina:

Do any other governmental entities provide similar or related services? If yes, please explain.

Could/should this function be eliminated, combined with another area or transferred to another department/agency in order to achieve greater efficiency or eliminate redundancy? If yes, please explain.

Cost Savings and Increased Efficiencies

What, if any, changes would the department/agency recommend to generate cost savings or efficiencies in this program?

Use the transit asset management system to optimize replacement of public transit vehicles.

What are the anticipated cost savings/efficiencies that would be achieved?

SCDOT is utilizing its transit asset management system to identify public transit vehicles statewide that have already reached or are projected to reach their useful life, and prioritizing capital funding to optimize vehicle replacement cycles for maximum efficiency. SCDOT is further identifying transit agencies and locations that exhibit underutilization of transit vehicles, and following a protocol to transfer identified vehicles to locations where they would be fully utilized rather than investing in new vehicle acquisition. Both practices contribute to cost savings and maximum utilization of funding resources while properly maintaining the state's public transit vehicles.

Is legislative action required to allow the department/agency to implement these recommendations?

None

If legislative action is required, explain the constitutional, statutory or regulatory changes needed.

Describe the department/agency action that will be implemented to generate the desired outcomes.

What is the timeline for implementation of the change and realization of the anticipated benefits?