



1           ~~(4)~~ (5) Advancement of economic development objectives, including  
2           services for workers and visitors that support the travel and tourism industry.  
3           Applicants for “new starts” in this service sector shall demonstrate a high level  
4           of locally derived income for operating costs from fare-box recovery, contract  
5           income, or other income.

6           (b) The Agency of Transportation shall evaluate proposals for new public  
7           transit service submitted by providers in response to a notice of funding  
8           availability, by examining feasibility studies submitted by providers. The  
9           feasibility studies shall address criteria set forth in the most recent public  
10          transit policy plan.

11          (c) The Agency, in cooperation with the Public Transit Advisory Council,  
12          shall adopt appropriate performance and service standards for transit systems  
13          receiving federal or State assistance. The Agency of Transportation shall  
14          provide guidance, training, funding, and technical assistance to transit systems  
15          in order to meet the performance and service standards established.

16          (d) The Agency of Transportation shall provide written guidance, funding,  
17          and technical assistance in the preparation of financial and management plans  
18          for public transit systems for each fiscal year. To provide a foundation for  
19          financial stability and reliability in the provision of transportation services to  
20          the public, the Agency of Transportation shall, in cooperation with the Public  
21          Transit Advisory Council, establish both short and long-range fiscal, operating,

1 and capital investment plans to support the goals outlined in this section and  
2 regional transportation development plan proposals and regional plans as  
3 required by section 5089 of this title.

4 Sec. 11. 24 V.S.A. § 5091(i) is amended to read:

5 (i) ~~To implement~~ The Agency of Transportation shall distribute State and  
6 federal funds to public transit systems through an annual competitive program  
7 that implements the public transportation policy goals set forth in section 5083  
8 of this title and 19 V.S.A. § 10f, advances economic development objectives,  
9 and achieves, where possible, geographic balance in funding. ~~the Agency of~~  
10 ~~Transportation shall use the following formula for distribution of operating~~  
11 ~~funds to public transit systems:~~

12 (1) [Repealed]

13 ~~(A) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's population of~~  
14 ~~elders (persons age 60 and above) in each of the designated transit service~~  
15 ~~areas;~~

16 ~~(B) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's youth~~  
17 ~~population (persons ages 12 through 17) in each of the designated transit~~  
18 ~~service areas;~~

19 ~~(C) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's population of~~  
20 ~~people who have limited physical mobility in each of the designated transit~~  
21 ~~service areas;~~

1           ~~(D) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's population of~~  
2           ~~people who are in poverty in each of the designated transit service areas;~~

3           ~~(E) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's households~~  
4           ~~lacking access to an automobile in each of the designated transit service areas.~~

5           ~~(2) 20 percent of operating funds shall be based on need for employment~~  
6           ~~transportation, as measured by the percentage of the State's employed persons~~  
7           ~~residing in each of the designated transit service areas, using data developed by~~  
8           ~~the Vermont Department of Labor. [Repealed.]~~

9           ~~(3) 15 percent of operating funds shall be based on the need for~~  
10           ~~congestion mitigation and air quality, as measured by the percentage of the~~  
11           ~~State's overall population living in high density areas in each of the designated~~  
12           ~~transit service areas, using data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census.~~  
13           ~~[Repealed.]~~

14           ~~(4) 15 percent of the operating funds shall be based on need for~~  
15           ~~economic development transportation, as measured by the percentage of the~~  
16           ~~State's jobs in each of the designated transit service areas, using data~~  
17           ~~developed annually by the Vermont Department of Labor. [Repealed.]~~