

761—920.3 (324A) Definitions.

Department. The state department of transportation. Both the air and transit division and the planning and research division of the department have responsibilities under these rules.

Joint Participation Agreement. A contract between the department and a public transit system for either operations or capital assistance needed for implementation of a transit service project or projects. Each agreement shall include, but not be limited to, a project budget, method of payment, and period of performance.

Programmed project assistance. State transit assistance appropriations minus funds reserved for special projects.

Project. A concerted set of actions that will develop, maintain, or improve one or more elements of the public transit system's service.

Public transit system. A transit system, either urban or regional, which provides transit services to both the general public and transportation disadvantaged persons.

Regional transit system. See Iowa Code subsection 324A.1(7).

Urban transit system. A system designated by the department which meets the requirements of Iowa Code subsection 324A.1(6). To be designated as an urban transit system for the purposes of this chapter, the system must serve a city or urbanized area with a population of 20,000 or more. The system must also be managed by a board of local officials who have either been elected by the public or appointed by elected officials, and who are responsible for policy and oversight of transit services for one or more incorporated areas within Iowa. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to exclude any provider of transit services in an urbanized area from state transit assistance funding if that system was in operation on November 10, 1976, and since that time has provided transportation services on a continuing basis to both the general public and the transportation disadvantaged.