Areas of focus

- Preserve existing system
- Operating funds:
  - LBO
  - Section 5311
    - Formula
    - Transportation to work
  - Section 5310
- Implement innovative technologies/service models
Goal: Use technology to solve mobility gaps for seniors, persons with disabilities and veterans

Launch event: Daylong workshop to bring together transportation providers, technology companies, advocates for target populations

Received over 40 proposals

Thirteen projects selected - awards ranged from $100,000 to $2.1 million
Rural projects include:

- Rides A-Go-Go
- MUVE: Michigan Universal Vehicle Ecosystem pilot (MUVE)
- Vets to Wellness
- Huron Mobility Initiative
Projects in various stages of completion

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FTA providing funding for comprehensive evaluation of projects and the Challenge
• Partnership of 13 state DOTs and transit agencies to develop and test full-size, full-speed, accessible automated buses
• Michigan has two projects: Two routes on the MSU campus and the consortium’s only rural project in Huron County
• Phase 1 is wrapping up
• Preparing to enter Phase 2
• Awaiting announcement of FTA’s IMI grant awards
• Expect to begin service in early 2023
Other projects

- **Bay Area Transit Authority:**
  - Vehicle crash avoidance technology
  - Tech study

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Future projects?

- Mobility for All grant applications
- Low or No Emission Grant Program
- Buses and Bus Facilities Program Competitive Grant
- Statewide integrated dispatch system
- FTA’s Accelerating Innovative Mobility (AIM) initiative
  - Explore new ways of doing business