

PUBLIC NOTICE

Transportation Advisory Board April Meeting

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- The 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Funding program makes federal resources available to urbanized areas for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. Eligible 5307 activities include planning, engineering, design, and evaluation of transit projects and other technical transportation-related studies; capital investments in bus and bus-related activities such as replacement, overhaul, and rebuilding of buses, crime prevention and security equipment and construction of maintenance and passenger facilities; and capital investments in new and existing fixed guideway systems including rolling stock, overhaul and rebuilding of vehicles, track, signals, communications, and computer hardware and software. All preventive maintenance and some Americans with Disabilities Act complementary portrait service costs are considered capital costs. Operating assistance is only an eligible expense for urbanized areas with populations less than 200,000.
- 5307 funds allocated to the Charlotte urbanized area are distributed using a formula that considers population, bus fleet, and transit service provided in its urbanized area outside of Charlotte, which includes the remainder of Mecklenburg County, Iredell County, York County, and Union County.

Based on the current distribution formula created by the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) and approved by the Charlotte Regional Transit

Planning Organization (CRTPO), Union County will receive up to \$969,420 in Federal 5307 funds for FY23. This funding will be used for both operating expenses, which require a 50% local match, and capital expenses, which require a 20% local match.

The FY23 5307 Grant will result in an award of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) funds to Union County. Funds awarded during a given fiscal year are initially awarded for a 1-year period of performance, but that may be extended if needed to enable them to be drawn down for a period of 5-years after the start of the federal fiscal year of the award. Thus, funds awarded for the FY23 5307 application can be drawn down through June 30, 2026.

In Union County, 5307 operational-related services are currently provided using demand response, subscription, and contracted fixed-route service. These services are rendered by Union County Transportation, or its subcontractors, and CATS. Union County's Transportation and Planning staff have developed a list of activities for these funds, which include paying for 50 percent of the cost of the existing Union County 74X Express bus service and provision of demand-response service in the urbanized portions of the County. The funding used for capital-related items will be used for the purchase of security-related items as required by the 1% Security Minimum Requirement, facility renovations, consulting services, and administrative vehicles.

- Financial Impact: The grant total is \$969,420. The local match includes \$457,187 for operating (50% federal and 50% local) and \$102,446 for capital (80% federal and 20% local).

FFY22 Funding FY25 Application 5310 Grant

- The Section 5310 program (49 U.S.C. 5310) provides formula funding to states to assist private nonprofit groups meet the transportation needs of older adults and people with disabilities when transportation service is unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate to meet the needs of these residents. The 5310 program aims to remove barriers to transportation services and expand mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities by supporting services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the unique transportation needs of these residents in all areas - large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000-200,000), and rural (under 50,000). Funds are apportioned based on each state's share of the population, then direct recipients manage and distribute funds to sub-recipient projects.
- This grant is used to transport passengers who are 65+ or disabled to their appointments.
- The period of performance for this grant is two years after the start of the awards fiscal year.
- The 5310 grant requires a 50% Federal and 50% Local split.

- Financial Impact - The total 5310 Grant operating request of \$400,000 for the two-year period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027, is 50% Federal Grant (\$200,000) and 50% Local Match (\$200,000).