



FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 PROGRAM AWARDS

Planning and Programming Committee

March 18, 2026



Approve Recommendation

Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Program Awards

Recommendation:

- A. APPROVING Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding awards totaling \$10,752,739, as shown in Attachments A, B, and C, made available to Metro through the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program;
- B. AUTHORIZING the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute pass-through funding agreements with the subrecipient agencies receiving the approved awards;
- C. DELEGATING to the CEO or their designee authority to administratively approve minor changes to the scope of approved Section 5310 awards;
- D. CERTIFYING that the Section 5310 funds are fairly and equitably allocated to eligible subrecipients and, where feasible, that projects are coordinated with transportation services assisted by other federal departments and agencies; and
- E. CERTIFYING that the Section 5310 projects selected for funding are included in the Board-adopted 2025–2028 Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan), in compliance with federal requirements



FTA Section 5310 Background

- > Metro is LA County's Designated Recipient and Administrator of FTA Section 5310 funds for the Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim, Lancaster–Palmdale, and Santa Clarita Urbanized Areas.
- > Section 5310 funds support capital and operating projects serving seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- > Following [Board adoption of the 2025–2028 Coordinated Plan](#) and [authorization to release the Section 5310 solicitation](#), Metro conducted a competitive solicitation for the 2025 funding cycle.
- > Board approval is required to proceed with funding awards identified in Attachments A, B, and C.
- > All recommended awards align with the Board-adopted Coordinated Plan to improve and expand mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout LA County.



Funding Availability and Outreach

- > \$10.75 million in Section 5310 funds are available through the 2025 competitive solicitation.
- > Funds were allocated by Urbanized Area: Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim (\$10.22M), Lancaster–Palmdale (\$311,667), and Santa Clarita (\$222,790).
- > The Board-approved 2025 Section 5310 Solicitation was released on September 26, 2025, with applications due November 14, 2025 (up to \$800,000 per applicant).
- > Extensive countywide outreach efforts included:
 - Notifications to 5,700+ public and non-profit stakeholders
 - Distribution through the networks of 11 community-based organizations and all LA County Councils of Governments
 - An applicant webinar with 56 participants representing all five LA County Supervisorial Districts
 - Presentations to five Metro advisory subcommittees



Evaluation and Preliminary Awards

- > 42 applications were received and evaluated, requesting \$19.6 million; projects scoring 70+ points are eligible.
- > 23 projects totaling \$10.75 million are recommended following the evaluation and Metro TAC appeals process.
- > Recommended awards support both public and nonprofit providers, including 10 governmental and 13 nonprofit projects.
- > 48 paratransit vehicles will be replaced or added through capital projects to improve service capacity and reliability.
- > 9 operating projects will support volunteer driver, on-demand, and door-to-door transportation services.
- > 4 mobility management and travel training projects will enhance trip planning, rider education, and independent mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- > Recommended awards provide benefits throughout LA County and ensure geographic equity across all five LA County Supervisorial Districts



Next Steps

- > Approve Staff Recommendations for Section 5310 Awards.
- > Submit a Section 5310 grant application to the FTA on behalf of all approved projects.
- > Execute pass-through funding agreements and oversee project implementation to ensure program consistency and federal compliance.

