



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Transportation Subcommittee

FROM: Paul Livingston, Chairperson

DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT: **Next Meeting: June 8, 2023**

Please be advised that the business of the CMCOG Transportation Subcommittee will be conducted on **Thursday, June 8th, at 12:00 p.m.** in the CMCOG Virtual Conference Room. Enclosed, please find an agenda and support materials for your review.

Please note that this meeting will be held virtually using a Zoom platform. The zoom link can be found on the attached agenda.

Please be advised that in order for the Subcommittee to conduct business, a quorum of three (3) out of the six (6) local governments or appointed members must be present. Delays in conducting business may result in delays to the flow of funding to CMCOG for carrying out transportation planning activities, so please don't forget to mark your calendars.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Reginald Simmons of the CMCOG staff. Reginald can be reached at 803-744-5133 or by email at rsimmons@centralmidlands.org. Thank you for your time, dedication, and service as I look forward to seeing each of you on **June 8th**.

Enclosures

AGENDA

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023

12:00 PM TO 1:00 PM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86352022225?pwd=ZU9nenprTktJajlJUG50cnVZMzhNUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 5202 2225 ♦ Passcode: 696865 ♦ Dial-In Number (646) 558 8656

OVERALL AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order..... Paul Livingston**

2. **Invocation.....Open**

3. **Determination of a Quorum Entire Group**

ACTION —→ 4. **Approval of the May 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes.....Entire Group**
(Enclosure 1)

ACTION —→ 5. **2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – SC 6 Corridor Study..... R. Simmons**
The Central Midlands Council of Governments’ staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$100K to conduct a feasibility analysis for the SC 6 corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. (Enclosure 2)

ACTION —→ 6. **2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment – Section 5310 Projects R. Simmons**
The Central Midlands Council of Governments’ staff will request a recommendation of approval to amend the 2020 - 2027 TIP to add ADA compliant passenger vehicles and capital projects to the FY 2023 Section 5310 Program. This request will also amend the CMCOG Human Services Coordination Plan. (Enclosure 3)

ACTION —→ 7. **Census 2020 – New MPO Boundary..... R. Simmons**
On Thursday, December 29, 2022, the US Census Bureau released their new 2020 Urbanized Areas. The release of these new urbanized areas denoted that per federal requirements, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) will have to adjust their metropolitan planning area boundary to encompass the contiguous census designated urbanized area and the area projected to be urbanized over the next 20 years. Federal requirements also denoted that the COATS MPO may consider adjusting its Policy Committee composition to ensure that adequate representation for all necessary jurisdictions has been addressed. (Enclosure 4)

8. **Old/New Business Paul Livingston**
a. Eastern Federal Lands Access Program Call for Projects (Enclosure 5)

9. **Public Comments..... Open**

10. **Adjourn Paul Livingston**

MEETING SUMMARY

Transportation Subcommittee

May 11, 2023

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Others Attending</u>
Lexington County	Todd Cullum (VICE CHAIR) Charli Wessinger	
City of Cayce:		Tracy Hegler
ABLESC:	Brittany Terry	
CMRTA:	Jackie Bowers	Michelle Ransom
SCDOT:		Diane Lackey Jim Walden Joey McIntyre Darren Ledbetter
CMCOG Staff:		Reginald Simmons
Toole Design Group:		Lakesha Dunbar
Guest:		Roland Bart

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order

Todd Cullum welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

2. Invocation

Reginald Simmons gave the invocation.

3. Determination of a Quorum

It was determined that a quorum was present.

4. Approval of the April 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Charli Wessinger to approve the minutes of April 13, 2023. The motion was seconded Brittany Terry. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

5. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds to CMRTA

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to transfer \$7,143,850 in FY 2022 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. CMCOG is the designated recipient of the Section 5307 Program Funds. These funds can be used for capital, planning, administration, and limited operating assistance. Due to a Memorandum of Understanding, CMCOG determines how much Section 5307 that the public transit providers will receive on an annual basis. Historically, CMCOG has reserved funding for planning purposes, but due to reserve funds from previous years, CMCOG proposed to transfer the entire FY 2022 apportionment to CMRTA. Santee Wateree RTA has not requested any funding.

MOTION, approved

At this time, a motion was made by Charli Wessinger to authorize the transfer of \$7,143,850 in Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. The motion was seconded by Brittany Terry. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

6. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds to CMRTA

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to transfer \$568,918 in FY 2022 FTA Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. CMCOG is the designated recipient for the Columbia Urbanized Area. As the designated recipient, CMCOG is responsible for coordinating federal grant programs to assist in improving the urban transit system. These programs include Sections 5310, 5307, 5339. The Section 5339 Grant Program provides funding to replace, rehab, and purchase bus and bus related facilities.

In FY 2022, CMCOG received a total of \$568,918 in Section 5339 funds. Under the IIJA, CMCOG can make these funds available to a public transit provider. As a direct recipient of federal funds, CMRTA can apply directly to FTA. The required match for this federal program is twenty percent (20%).

Once CMRTA determines how they will use these funds, those projects will need to be provided to CMCOG to be included in the TIP. Staff included a split letter in the agenda packet for the subcommittee to review. Santee Wateree RTA has not requested any funding.

MOTION, approved

At this time, a motion was made by Charli Wessinger to authorize the transfer of \$568,918 in Section 5339 funds to CMRTA. The motion was seconded by Brittany Terry. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

7. Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study

Reginald Simmons requested a recommendation of approval to adopt the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study. Sponsored by the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG), the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study presents a financial analysis for the expansion of the Blue Bike SC program within the City of Columbia and new expansion for service in the combined area of the City of Cayce, the City of West Columbia, and the Town of Springdale (West Metro). It considers the cost of expanding service into the West Metro and making Blue Bike SC a regional system, but also considers ways that the program can enhance ridership, increase its presence in these communities, be more cost-effective, increase revenues, and leverage the skills of its various partners.

The existing program is overseen by the City of Columbia with Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina (BCBS) sponsoring the system with initial capital for the purchase of stations and bikes and ongoing funding for program operations. The COMET provided additional capital through an FTA grant to add docks to stations that were virtual at launch. Operation, maintenance, and promotion of the program is conducted by Bewegen, who is also the equipment provider, under a 5-year contract that ends June 2023.

Brittany Terry requested for accessible bikes be included as part of the Bike Share Expansion Program for each jurisdiction.

At this time, a motion was made by Charli Wessinger to adopt the Three Rivers Bike Share Expansion Feasibility Study. The motion was seconded by Brittany Terry. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

8. Old/New Business

- On May 5th, there was a groundbreaking ceremony held for the Exit 119 Interchange Improvement Project. The COATS MPO will invest a minimum of \$62 million into this project.

- On February 23rd there was a groundbreaking ceremony held for the South Main Street Streetscape Project. The COATS MPO will invest a minimum of \$8 million into this project.
- In February 2022, there was a kickoff of the Leesburg Road Widening Project.

9. Public Comments

There were none.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT: Feasibility Study: SC 6

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$100K to conduct a feasibility analysis for the SC 6 Corridor.

BACKGROUND

The Central Midlands Council of Governments and Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) serves as the comprehensive plan for transportation investment to support the safe and efficient movement of people and goods within the CMCOG region and the Columbia urbanized area through the plan horizon year of 2045. It establishes the purpose and need for major projects included in the federal transportation funding program, identifies activities to address major transportation issues, and prioritizes investments in the transportation system.

Based on this plan, a feasibility study has been requested for the SC 6 corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. CMCOG will devise a project development team that will define the project scope, goals and objectives, purpose and need, potential environmental, cultural, and social impacts, estimated cost, schedule, benefit/cost analysis, and risk analysis.

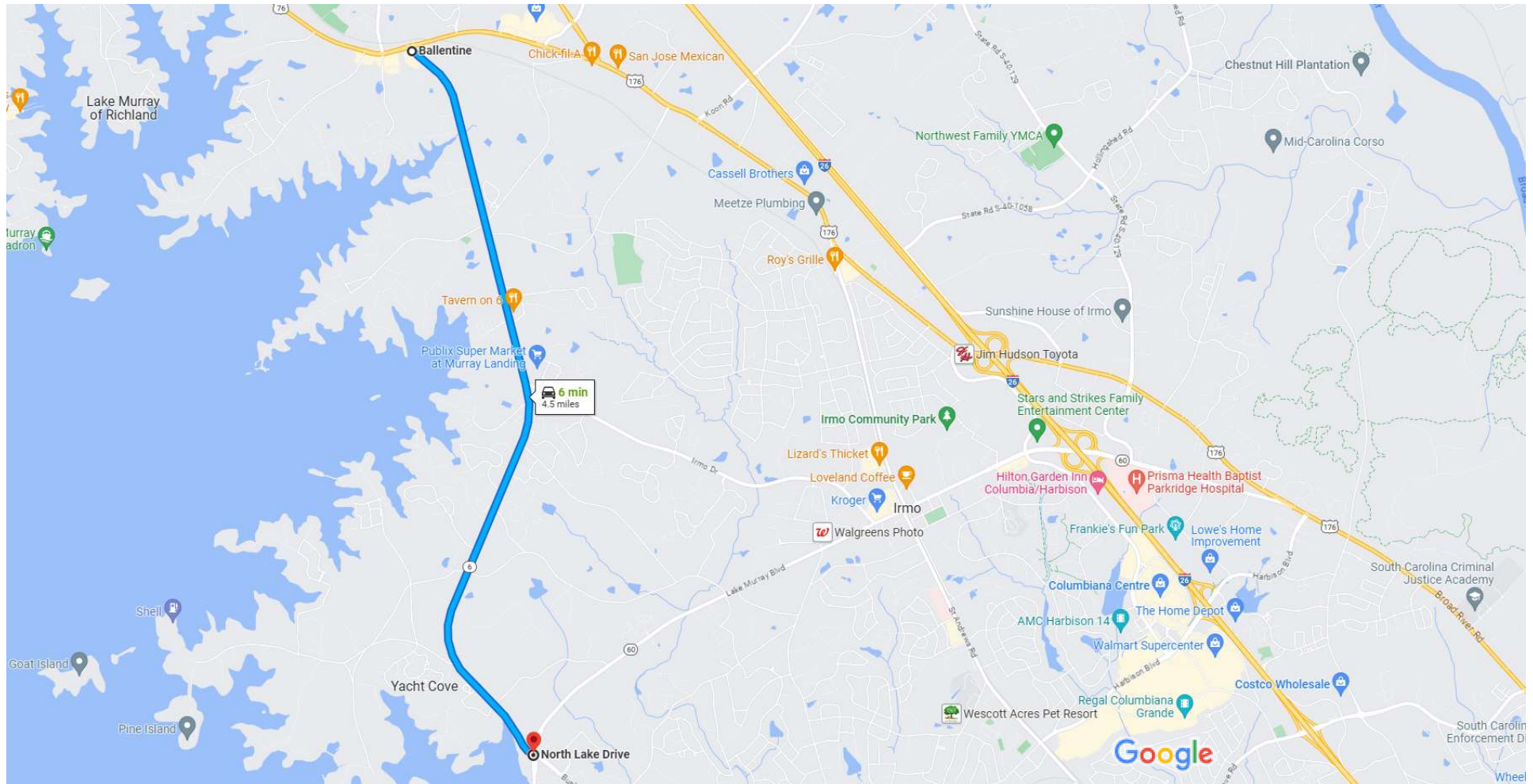
The following segment have been identified for the feasibility analysis:

- SC 6 from Bush River Road to US 76



Ballentine, Lake Murray of Richland, SC 29063 to N Lake Dr, Columbia, SC 29212

Drive 4.5 miles, 6 min



Map data ©2023 Google 2000 ft



via SC-6 E

6 min

Fastest route now due to traffic conditions

4.5 miles



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SUBJECT: **Section 5310 Projects**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2020 - 2027 TIP and the Human Services Coordination Plan to add the FY 2024 Section 5310 Projects for the Large Urban Area.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

On June 6, 2014, the [Final FTA Circular FTA C 9070.1G](#) was published, incorporating project types, from the repealed New Freedom program into the new Section 5310 Program. The vehicle projects and related equipment under the previous 5310 Program are now called Traditional 5310 Projects and comprise at least 55% of the available funding; the former New Freedom projects are called Expanded 5310 Projects and comprise up to 45% of available funding.

The goal of the new 5310 Program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The FTA 5310 Program provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

This program provides grant funds for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities and with transportation.

On May 11th staff released a call for projects for the FFY 2021 funding cycle. Staff will present those requests for inclusion in the Human Services Coordination Plan and the 2020 - 2027 TIP.



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May 22, 2023

Reginald Simmons
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
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RE: FY2024 CMCOG Large Urban- Section 5310

Mr. Simmons,

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS: 10034618) respectfully request \$138,529 in funding from the Central Midlands Council of Governments to assist homeless persons with disabilities and senior citizens in accessing government resources in the downtown area to include the DMV, Harvest Hope, medical facilities, and banking facilities. The funding will be used to purchase a replacement 14 passenger cut-away that is no longer in service. We are replacing a 2012 Ford Goshen GCII (VIN: IFDEE3FL3CDA29138 mileage 297,000). The vehicle was sold at auction at the motor died. We anticipate serving 450 individuals who are elderly, disabled, or homeless. Our matching funds are from private donations.

Our organization was founded in 2011 and has been serving the homeless of Midlands of South Carolina through our residential program, day services, after care program, and Adult Day Care. We have served over 20,000 unique individuals since our inception. We currently serve the 13 counties of the Midlands region including Richland, Lexington, Newberry, and Fairfield Counties. We are located in downtown Columbia. This bus will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients who are unable to afford COMET services which are the only form of public transportation in Richland and Lexington County.

We believe this project is aligned with the council goals of enhancing access to food and medical services for unserved or underserved individuals in Richland and Lexington Counties. The contact person for this project is Monica Haddock. My email address is mhaddock@transitionscc.org and my direct line is (803)724-1081.

Please find our completed application attached.

Sincerely,

Monica Haddock
Vice-President of Operations

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS:10034618) is requesting funding to support our efforts to end homelessness in the Greater Midlands Area. Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. operates Transitions, whose primary goal is to move people from homelessness to permanent housing. Funds will be used to replace our cut-a-way, the Route to Success, that operates in Richland and Lexington County to serve the elderly and disabled homeless population residing at Transitions. We are replacing a 2012 Ford Goshen GCII (VIN: IFDEE3FL3CDA29138 mileage 297,000). The vehicle was sold at auction after the motor died. This project will serve low-income individuals, the aging population and the disabled. In the fiscal year ending June 2022, we served over 3000 individuals through all of our programs including 180 elderly individuals and 620 individuals with disabilities. In addition, Transitions operates an Adult Day Care which served an additional 34 people. We anticipate serving 450 individuals who are elderly, disabled, or homeless through this project each fiscal year.

The Route to Success (RtS) operates on a primarily fixed schedule each day, connecting the elderly and disabled clients to local and regional service providers (for example, The Department of Social Services, Columbia Area Mental Health, The Department of Motor Vehicles, Richland Primary Care, and Dorn Veterans Hospital). Case Managers will also be able to schedule additional stops as necessary. Clients are offered multiple opportunities to board the bus at our facility to be transported to various community service providers in the urban and rural areas in and around Columbia, SC. Regularly scheduled services/destinations include the bank, pharmacy, grocery stores, post office, medical appointments, and other service providers. Operating hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM.

The RtS helps to end homelessness in the Midlands by allowing clients to access government resources. Gaining access to the social security office, the DMV, medical care, and other agencies are the foundation to both employment and housing. Additionally, 75% of our clients come to Transitions with no income and are unable to pay for COMET Bus Tickets. Transitions Transport is offered at no cost to the clients and operates daily. Without transportation, clients are unable to access resources in the community to get their lives back.

After we house individuals in permanent housing, food insecurity continues to be an issue for our clients. The average amount of assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is \$121 per month or \$4.00 per day. On Tuesday and Thursday by request, the bus will take after care clients from Lexington and Richland Counties to Harvest Hope food Bank, the grocery store, or other local food banks or feeding sites.

The Route to Success helps the CMCOC achieve the goal of enhancing access to food and medical services in unserved or underserved communities. Transitions serves over 3000 people experiencing homelessness every year. Our minibus will be dedicated to serving this community with daily drop-offs to the Cooperative Health campus on Monticello Rd, Dorn Medical Center, and other medical and mental health providers in Richland and Lexington Counties. The RtS will also serve recently housed individuals with trips to local food banks and grocery shopping.

Transitions coordinates services for the homeless with over 30 partner agencies. We will be coordinating client trips with Cooperative Health, Lexington Richland Drug and Abuse Council, Columbia Area Mental Health, the Richland County Public Library, The Department of Motor Vehicles, and other medical providers. The continued operation of Route to Success is supported through funding from private donations, community foundations and other government grants.

The Route to Success line would be operational immediately after purchase. Our personnel are already in place as the vehicle is a replacement for a vehicle that is no longer operational. This project is crucial to achieving our mission of engaging and equipping the homeless of the Midlands into stability and permanent housing. One of the first steps in that process is getting IDs and social security cards for our clients which has to be applied for in person. Most of our clients lack the monetary resources to ride the existing COMET buses. The Route to Success operates free of charge daily from our facility in downtown Columbia. Even though we are a few blocks away from the Strom Thurmond building, about 30% of our clients identify as elderly or disabled and have difficulty walking to the Social Security office. The bus routes will be posted outside Transitions and on our website. Appointments for the bus can also be made with our receptionist. The route map and times of operation are below.

TRANSITIONS BUS ROUTE

8:00 Transitions Campus 2025 Main St

8:30 DHEC Bull St

8:45 Columbia Area Mental Health/LRADAC Campus

8:50 Department of Social Services/ Wateree Community Action

9:00 AM SC Works

9:15 Cooperative Health Monticello Campus/ Dedicated Senior Care

10:00 Strom Thurmond Building

10:15 Richland County Public Library

10:15 Optus Bank Main St

10:30 Department of Motor Vehicles – Shop Rd

11:00 CAMH/LRADAC

11:15 SC Works

12:00 Transitions Campus

1:30 – 4:30 Pickups by Appointment

We currently employ two full-time drivers, a transportation manager, facilities supervisor, VP of Operations and an Executive Director who are all available to support the project. Our drivers undergo a defensive driving course biannually through 911 driving school. Every driving day, each vehicle undergoes a pre and post trip visual inspection. Our cars received routine maintenance from Firestone and are covered under our fleet maintenance contract. When a particular vehicle is out for maintenance, we attempt to cover the route with a different vehicle. In addition, Midlands Housing Alliance has allocated \$48,000 from our operational budget for fuel, maintenance, and insurance expenditures for the minibus that will be used to transport clients to activities. These funds are

acquired from various funding sources, but not from SCDOT. Midlands Housing Alliance is funded by a diverse base of funding providers. Operational and support services are funded through grants from Housing and Urban Development, an Emergency Shelter Grant, Community Development Block Grant funds, city and county funding, and private donations from individuals and private businesses. Our matching funds for the initial purchase are from private donations.

In 2008, Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (MHA) was formed by a community coalition to help end homelessness in the greater Midlands area. After acquiring land at Main and Elmwood in downtown Columbia, MHA began to build the facilities now known as Transitions. On June 15, 2011, Transitions was opened to provide basic shelter and comprehensive services to individuals, 18 and older, in the Greater Midlands area who were homeless. Clients entered the following week, and supportive services began immediately. When it opened, Transitions had 201 beds (137 emergency shelter beds and 64 transitional housing beds). By June 2012, 59 additional emergency beds had been added, bringing the total number of beds to 260. Transitions' residential programs have maintained that number of bed units today, with 64 emergency beds, 14 convalescent beds, 114 program beds, and 64 extended program beds. Our residential programs maintain a 90% bed utilization rate. Transitions also operates a Day Center which is open 7 days a week 8:30am-5:00pm to provide an alternative to the street during the day and to allow homeless individuals an opportunity to get services, treatment, and lunch. On average, 68 individuals use the Day Center and its services daily. Combining all programs, Transitions serves approximately 325 homeless individuals each day.

Transitions' goal is to assist all of our clients into stable, permanent housing as quickly as possible. To accomplish this goal, we provide levels of services individually tailored to the needs, ability, and commitment level of the client. The benefits include a safe place to sleep, handicap accessible facility, refuge from the weather, meals, showers, laundry, linens and towels, emergency clothing, a quiet library with books, computer lab with Wi-Fi, job training and life skills classes, financial planning and budgeting, legal aid and homeless court, an onsite health clinic, mail delivery, access to a case manager and community resources, and transportation to various agencies. Our case management staff takes a "client-centered" approach, working with clients to help them identify barriers to housing and address those barriers positively through a variety of supportive services and programs. Most of these services are offered at our facility, for accessibility. These services are provided by our professional staff in coordination and collaboration with over 45 Partners in Excellence, area agencies that provide a range of services to homeless individuals on-site at Transitions. Major services include mental health and substance abuse counseling, health care, employment training and job skills, life skills, legal assistance, housing assistance, and veterans' services. In addition, Transitions conducts a monthly Client Advisory Council (CAC) to incorporate lived experience into current policy and procedures.

The contact person for this project is Monica Haddock, VP of Operations. She can be reached at mhaddock@transitionssc.org or via phone at (803) 724-1081. Our address is 2025 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201. We can be reached on the web at www.transitionssc.org.



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People experiencing homelessness have lost the protection of a home and their community. They are often marginalized and isolated within the larger society. Also, people with mental and/or substance use disorders frequently face challenges in building and maintaining social connections. Social inclusion offers opportunities to re-engage with the community and form positive relationships. Helping people experiencing homelessness overcome these beliefs and participate in treatment is a key step in recovery. The KIA minivan will help individuals reengage by taking them to positive activities in the community.

The KIA minivan will take homeless clients and Adult Day Care participants to daily activities in Richland and Lexington County. Having clients reengage in the community is vital to recovery. These trips will help improve cognitive ability, mental function, and physical fitness. Example trips will include trips to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, exercise classes through the Richland and Lexington Recreation Commission, National Parks, festival and fairs, and shopping trips.

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Andrew Boozer

Executive Director

May 19, 2023

Reginald Simmons

Central Midlands Council of Governments

236 Stoneridge Drive

Columbia, SC 29212

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Please see the attached Letter of Intent information from Senior Resources, Inc. to apply for Large Urban Section 5310 funding.

I request a meeting for clarifying on the application process. Please contact me at (803) 252-7734, ext. 261.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this funding.

Sincerely,

Andrew Boozer

Executive Director

Letter of Intent to Apply

Large Urban Section 5310

Name of Agency:

Senior Resources, Inc.

Contact Person:

Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Senior Resources, Inc.

2817 Millwood Avenue

Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 252-7734, ext. 261

aboozer@seniorresourcesinc.org

Amount of Request:

\$110,000.00

Local Match:

Senior Resources, Inc. has the ability to provide the required local match. This match will be met through funding provided to Senior Resources from Richland County, South Carolina, and privately raised funds from the community.

Project Category:

Capital

Project Type:

Purchase of Vehicle (Replacement) 14 Passenger cut-a-way

Replaces: 1FDEE3FLXCDA29198, 2013 FORD E350, 121,443, SCDOT Owned?: No

Project Scope:

Senior Resources, Inc. has been providing services to the frail and elderly in the Midlands for over 46 years, and has provided transportation services since 1976. We are a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide coordinated services, resources and personal choices to promote healthy, independent living through the support of staff and volunteers. Our goal is to allow seniors to remain in their own homes as long as possible. The programs we provide are in-home and community-based and can be delivered at a fraction of the cost of institutional care. National surveys indicate that seniors want to remain in their own homes and in their own communities as they age. Without the support of in-home and community-based services, this goal would be impossible for many of our seniors.

The Transportation Program of Senior Resources has traditionally provided door-to-door transportation for congregate meal clients throughout Richland County, South Carolina to one of our four Wellness Centers, located throughout the County. In the year ended June 30, 2022, Senior Resources provided 93,148 passenger miles to 99 clients through our Transportation program.

We expect this replacement vehicle to regularly serve our Wellness Center clients to provide roundtrip door to door transportation to 12 seniors, 5 days a week for 50 weeks each year, or the equivalent of 6,000 one way trips per year. Seniors attending this center primarily reside in the city of Columbia and areas within the Columbia Urbanized Area. Our Wellness Centers include an active partnership with Columbia Housing Authority to transport senior public housing residents to the center.

All of the clients served in our Transportation Program are classified as elderly and/or disabled. Almost 88% of the clients served are considered low income, being below 200% of poverty level, with almost half were at or below poverty level, as described in the Federal Poverty Level guidelines. The most common types of disabilities among the clients are ambulatory and mental capacity challenges, loss of hearing and loss of sight.

These conditions create difficulty with access to public transportation. Without transportation services, these seniors will not be able to access daily nutrition, exercise, and socialization activities that enable them to remain healthy and independent. The vehicle purchase will meet goal #1 as stated in the Regional Coordination Plan.

Project Budget:

Total Vehicle Purchase:	5310 Request:	Local Match (20%):
\$110,000.00	\$88,000.00	\$22,000.00

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Signature:



Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Date: 5/19/23

**Large Urban Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities Program
(Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2021)**

Application Form

Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Name of Applicant: SENIOR RESOURCES

Amount Requested: \$ 88,000.00

Type of Request: CAPITAL

**Capital
(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)**

County Where Service to be Provided RICHLAND

Agency DUNS Number: 070372099

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
803-744-5133
www.centralmidlands.org

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Primary Service Area: Large Urban (Please review the Columbia Urbanized Area Map in Appendix C)

1. Agency Name: SENIOR RESOURCES

Agency DUNS: 070372099

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: ANDREW BOOZER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Address: 2817 MILLWOOD AVE

City: COLUMBIA

9-digit Zip Code: 29205

Phone: 803-256-7734

FAX: 803-929-0349

E-mail: ABOOZER@SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG

Web Site Address (if any): SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG

2. Agency Type:

- ☒ Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
☐ Public
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TO STAY HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT.

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Reginald Simmons
Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

May 23, 2023

Dear Mr. Simmons,

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) is submitting this letter of intent to the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) for the pursuit of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding. Specifics on The COMET's request is below:

Name of Agency: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority

Contact Person: Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager, 803-255-7134,
MRansom@theCometSC.gov.

Amount of FTA Request: \$363,728

Local Match: Up to \$90,932 in matching funds would be provided Feonix Mobility Rising who will provide the service. Any remaining matching funds will be provided by private partners and/or The COMET from Richland County Transportation Penny. This Transportation Penny is committed to The COMET for 22 years or \$300,991,000, whichever comes first. This is a local option sales tax.

Project Scope: This funding request is to continue the ongoing Access to Care project that resulted from a federal Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (iCAM) grant that was awarded to The COMET and implemented during FY 2022/FY 2023. The project has established best practices in transportation for coordinated care in serving disabled individuals, veterans and seniors with Mobility as a Service. A first and last mile shuttle system was created in hopes of increasing use of the fixed route transit services for accessing medical care as well as a door-to-door shuttle for those needing critical care. The popularity of this project continues to increase which is why The COMET requests funding to continue providing these services to existing and new clientele.

The project will operate within Lexington and Richland Counties.

Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority
3613 Lucius Road
Columbia, SC 29201

803.255.7133 - p
803.255.7113 - f
info@TheCOMETSC.gov

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Overall Project Budget: \$454,660

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (803) 255-7081 or email me at LDesChamps@thecometsc.gov.

Sincerely,



LeRoy DesChamps
Interim Executive Director

cc: Rosalyn Andrews, Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Ransom, Grants and Regional Coordination Manager

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MPO: Columbia Area Transportation Study

Primary Service Area: Large Urban (Please review the Columbia Urbanized Area Map in Appendix C)

1. Agency Name: Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority - The COMET

Agency DUNS: 148132322

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: Michelle Ransom

Title: Grants & Regional Coordination Manager

Address: 3613 Lucius Road

City: Columbia

9-digit Zip Code: 29201-1108

Phone: 803-255-7134

FAX: 803-255-7113

E-mail: mransom@thecometssc.gov

Web Site Address (if any): catchthecomet.org

2. Agency Type:

- ☐ Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
- ☒ Public
- ☐ Tribal Government or Community
- ☐ Other Agency (Specify): _____

3. Applicant Status:

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- Purpose Built \$ _____

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Eligibility: (Briefly describe the individuals the agency serves and whether they are elderly and or have disabilities).

The COMET provides fixed route transit as well as complementary paratransit services within the Midlands of South Carolina. Eligible persons may receive The COMET half-fare ID which are used to purchase Half-Fare passes for the fixed-route transit system. Eligible recipients include veterans, seniors (65+), youth (ages 16-18), Medicare card holders and persons with disabilities. Paratransit riders partake in functional ability testing to determine their eligibility. Once eligibility is established, paratransit customers may ride free on the fixed route transit system.

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Letter of Intent

Name of Agency: Babcock Center, Inc.

Contact Person: Phillip Powell, Director of Support Services

2725 Banny Jones Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29170

Phone: 803-608-8085 Fax: 803-799-3418

Amount of Request: \$39,691

Local Match: Total revenue for the Babcock Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was \$36,248,168. Revenue from state agencies (primarily the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs) totaled \$29,618,158. None of these funds were provided by the SCDOT. All revenue (unless otherwise restricted) is pooled together for the operations of the agency, including transportation needs. The total cost for the requested vehicle is \$49,614. Babcock Center will secure the \$9,923 in match through funds obtained from the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Project Category: Capital Equipment

- Ford Transit ADA Passenger Van

Project Scope: Babcock Center currently serves residents with intellectual disabilities, autism, head and spinal cord injuries and related disabilities within Richland and Lexington counties in South Carolina. Our mission is to empower people with lifelong disabilities to enjoy life by promoting abilities and respecting choice.

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Project Budget: See attached.

- Statement of Match: Babcock Center, Inc. has within our organizations' financial capacity the appropriate local match for this project in the amount \$16,383.

President/CEO Signature:



Date: ~~June 7, 2022~~

5-19-23

Thoyd B. Warren

Babcock Center Inc.

Large Urban Section 5310

FY 2023 -2024

Budget

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
ADA Vehicle	<u>\$ 49, 614</u>	<u>\$9,926</u>
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**Large Urban Section 5310
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Federal Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Name of Applicant: **Babcock Center, Inc.**

Amount Requested: **\$ 39,691**

Type of Request: **Purchase of Vehicle**

Capital

(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)

County Where Service to be Provided: **Lexington**

Agency DUNS Number: **07799840**

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons

Central Midlands Council of Governments

236 Stoneridge Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29212

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1. Agency Name: **Babcock Center, Inc.**

Agency DUNS: **007799840**

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: **Phillip**

Title: **Director, Support Services**

Address: **2725 Banny Jones Ave.**

City: **West Columbia**

9-digit Zip Code: **2917**

Phone: **803-608-8085**

FAX: **803-799-3418**

E-mail: **ppowell@babcockcenter.org**

Web Site Address (if any): **www.babcockcenter.or**

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Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Transportation Subcommittee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 1, 2023

SUBJECT: **New MPO Boundary**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to adopt the COATS MPO new metropolitan planning study boundary which is based upon the 2020 US Census.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

On Thursday, December 29, 2022, the US Census Bureau released their new 2020 Urbanized Areas. The release of these new urbanized areas denoted that per federal requirements, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) such as the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) will have to adjust their metropolitan planning area boundary to encompass the contiguous census designated urbanized area and the area projected to be urbanized over the next 20 years. Federal requirements also denoted that the COATS MPO may consider adjusting its Policy Committee composition to ensure that adequate representation for all necessary jurisdictions has been addressed.

The 2020 US Census produced a new census designated urbanized area that receded the existing COATS MPO Boundary in three (3) locations. The nearby municipalities in these reduced areas were the Town of Chapin in Lexington and Newberry Counties, Town of Swansea in Lexington County, and the Lugoff/Elgin Area in Kershaw County. Please be advised that the Lugoff/Elgin area was designated by the Census Bureau as an urban cluster and was not included as part of the census designated urbanized area for Columbia.

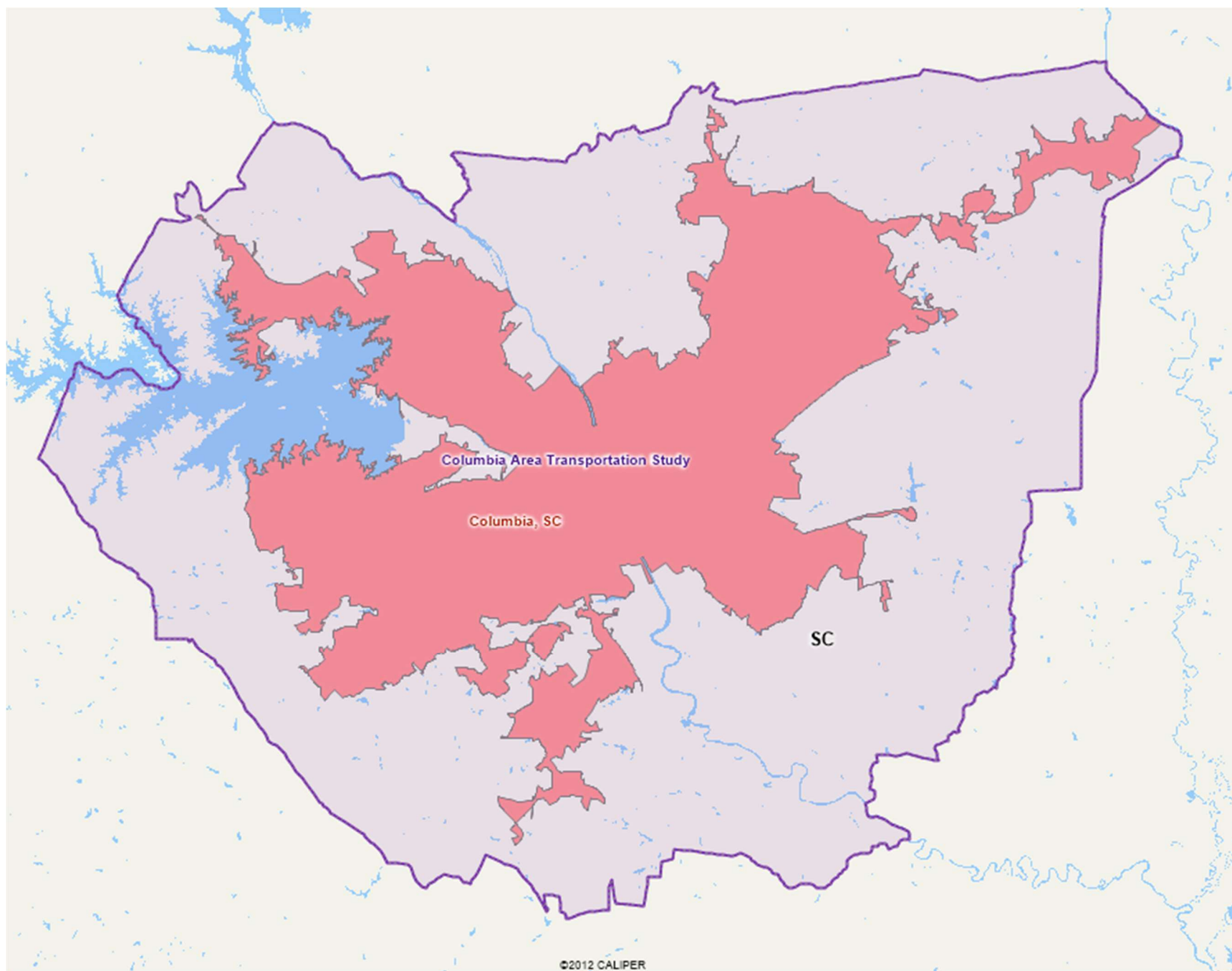
The SCDOT Planning Office has been working with all of the MPOs to discuss changes to the urbanized areas and any resulting changes to the study boundaries. SCDOT has provided a schedule to all COGs and MPOs which outlined SCDOT's accelerated schedule for receiving updates resulting from the 2020 Census. This accelerated schedule will allow the next Regional Mobility Program (RMP) allocation increase to be based on the 2020 Census population rather than the 2010 population numbers. Below is SCDOT's accelerated schedule.

The COATS MPO has created an updated MPO Boundary based on the 2020 Census. The new boundary will be present for review and approval.

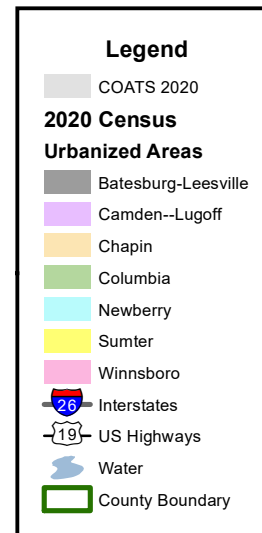
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2010 Urbanized Area and MPO Boundary
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2010 URBANIZED AREA AND MPO BOUNDARY



2020 COATS and Urbanized Areas

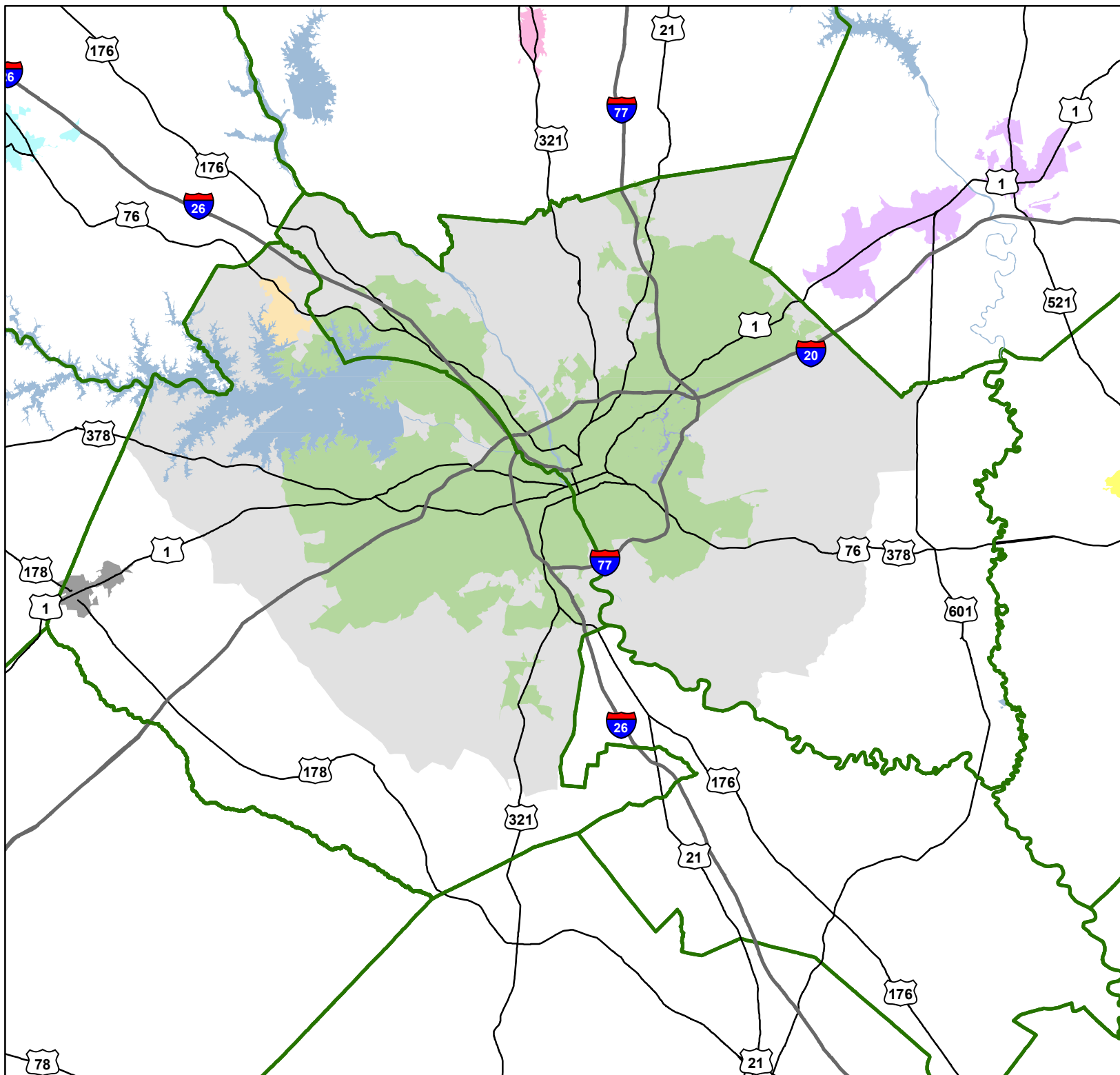


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**Eastern Federal Lands Access Program Call for Projects Alert-
South Carolina**

Greetings:

The Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be accepting Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) applications in order to develop a multi-year program of projects for Federal Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 through FY 2026. All final project approvals will be contingent upon the availability of funds in the year for which they are being requested.

The Call for Projects application period opens June 1, 2023 and runs through September 29, 2023. Please explore our FLAP website located at <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access> and follow the links to the state webpage to download the application, review the state's associated scoring criteria, FAQ's and tips for preparing a good application. Applications should be submitted via email to EFL.planning@dot.gov by the end of the day (11:59 PM) on September 29, 2023 to be considered. If required, applications via mail, Fedex, UPS etc. or fax will also be accepted.

An *estimated* total of \$8.2M will be available for programming in your State.

What is the purpose of the Federal Lands Access Program?

The purpose of the FLAP is to provide safe and adequate transportation access to and through Federal Lands for visitors, recreationists, and resource users. The FLAP supplements State and local resources for public roads, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on high-use recreation sites and economic generators.

Are matching funds required?

The federal share for the Access Program in this call-for-projects has been changed to 100 percent based on amended program requirements established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The application template will not be changed. If a match is submitted in the application, the Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) may program this amount with available Access Program funds. If there is a shortage of Access Program funds in the state, the PDC may discuss options with the applicant to leverage the match funds towards the project to advance the applied-for scope.

Please note that this is a Title 23 Federal Aid Highway Reimbursable Program and **not** a lump-sum grant program.

Where can projects be located?

Proposed projects or studies must be associated with a public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which the transportation facility's title or maintenance responsibility is vested with a State, county, city, township, tribal, municipal, or other local government entity.

What types of applications will be considered?

Applications will be accepted for the following:

Capital Improvements- These proposals include rehabilitation, restoration, construction, and reconstruction of roads, bridges, multiuse trails, and other long-term transportation system asset improvements. This includes improvements such as safety improvements, widening, realignments, surfacing, culverts, signing, guardrail, walls and associated roadway appurtenances.

Enhancements- These proposals are road and trail related improvements such as interpretative signing, kiosks, viewpoints, adjacent vehicular parking areas, roadside rest areas (including sanitary and water facilities), provisions for pedestrians and bicycles, acquisition of scenic easement and scenic or historic sites, trailheads, trails, and improvements that improve public safety and reduce vehicle-wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity.

Surface Preservation- These proposals include surface preservation of roads, trails, and adjacent vehicular parking areas. They include chip sealing, crack sealing, and aggregate courses. FLAP funds are not intended for routine maintenance projects (e.g., potholes, mowing, snow removal, same type guardrail replacement, etc.).

Transit- These proposals include construction of transit facilities (e.g. ferry docks, helipads, boat ramps) and limited duration operation/maintenance of transit services and facilities (including vehicles) and the purchase of transit vehicles.

Planning- These proposals include engineering feasibility studies, corridor management planning, bicycle/pedestrian planning and alternative transportation system planning that will provide valuable information for future FLAP proposals.

Research- These proposals include evaluating solutions that enhance access, safety or sustainability. They address issues such as wildlife-vehicle collision avoidance measures, context sensitive roadside safety features, and congestion management strategies.

Safety – These proposals include the following: maintaining minimum levels of retro reflectivity of highway signs or pavement markings, shoulder and centerline rumble strips and stripes, traffic control signalization, traffic circles/roundabouts, safety rest areas, commuter carpooling and vanpooling, rail-highway crossing closure, or installation of traffic signs, traffic lights, guardrails, impact attenuators, concrete barrier end treatments, breakaway utility poles, or priority control systems for emergency vehicles or transit vehicles at signalized intersections.

Who may apply?

Eligible applicants include State, county, tribal or city government agencies that own or have maintenance responsibility of the transportation facility or must supply a letter from the facility owner/maintainer indicating the application is being submitted on their behalf. Project applications must be sponsored and/or supported by the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) unit whose access would be enhanced by the proposed action. This acknowledgement of sponsorship and support must be demonstrated by an application signature and/or letter of support attached to the application from an appropriate representative of the benefitting FLMA unit. Early coordination between the appropriate FLMA and state/county/local/tribal government is encouraged to ensure adequate time for thorough review and input before the submittal due date. All projects must be submitted using the EFLHD Access Program Application form (located on the website).

How would the projects be delivered?

On the application form you will select from EFLHD, State DOT or Local Public Agency as the preferred delivery organization. EFLHD also welcomes the opportunity to provide “cradle to grave” project delivery

services as the lead agency on behalf of the applicant. This approach allows State or local resources to be utilized on their other priorities. State DOTs are eligible to deliver their own projects and projects on behalf of local agencies by request. Local agencies requesting to deliver their own project must be certified by the State DOT or demonstrate prior experience with the use of federal transportation funds (Title 23) to deliver projects in compliance with Federal Highway Administration regulations. Additional information regarding local agency project delivery roles and responsibilities may be found at the following website:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/stateresources.cfm>

The range of potential EFLHD delivered services includes: Planning/Feasibility Studies, Preliminary and Final Engineering Design, Federal Environmental Compliance, Construction Contract Advertisement, Construction Contract Administration, Construction Engineering & Inspection, and Federal Stewardship and Oversight. However, the lead agency designation and participating agencies' roles and responsibilities will be considered during both the initial application evaluation and the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) development Phases. Decisions regarding lead and participating agency roles will be based on the type of project, project complexity, and how the work is proposed to be delivered. EFLHD will be responsible for Stewardship and Oversight of all programmed projects to assure compliance with federal requirements.

If the applicant would like to request the option of EFLHD delivery, please contact Lewis Grimm, EFLHD Planning Team Leader at: Lewis.Grimm@dot.gov or at 703-404-6289.

NOTE: Requests for EFLHD delivery must be submitted no less than 30 days prior to the closing date of the Call for Projects period to allow time for the EFLHD independent government cost estimate for the provision of these requested services to be developed. Applications (minus the estimated project budget values) will still need to be submitted to EFLHD by the applicant prior to the closing date of the Call for Projects.

What if I have questions?

You are welcome to contact any of the FLAP Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) members for your state with your questions using the contact information contained on the website. Additionally, questions about project eligibility or the EFLHD application process can be directed to Lewis Grimm or Richelle Ellis, FHWA/EFLHD (contact information shown below). Also please find on the website an EFLHD FAQ document, Scoring Criteria and EFLHD FLAP Tip Sheet with suggested factors to be considered for submitting a good application. We also invite you to view a brief presentation titled "*EFL FLAP Informational Presentation*" located on the FLAP website that may be helpful.

Thank you for your interest in the FLAP program. We look forward to working with you in developing a multiyear program of projects for the period of FY2023 - FY2026.

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the purpose of the program?

The goal of the Federal Lands Access Program is to improve transportation facilities that provide access to, are adjacent to, or are located within Federal lands. The program is managed through the Federal Highway Administration - Federal Lands Highway Divisions. Please note that this is a Title 23 Federal Aid Highway Reimbursable Program and **not** a lump-sum grant program. <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access>

Who is eligible to apply for FLAP project funding?

Eligible applicants include only state, county, tribal, or city government agencies that own or maintain the transportation facility. The term “Transportation Facility” means a public highway, road, bridge, trail or transit system that is located on, is adjacent to, or provides access to Federal lands for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in a state, county, town, township, tribal, municipal, or local government. “Maintenance” means the preservation of the entire roadway surface, shoulders, roadside ditches, drainage structures, bridges, and traffic control devices necessary for safe and efficient operations. “Vested maintenance responsibility” means that the majority of the cost for these activities is borne by the state, county, town, township, tribal, municipal, or local government.

The FLAP program applicant must be the facility owner, have maintenance responsibility or must supply a letter from the facility owner/maintainer indicating that the application is being submitted on their behalf. Early coordination between the appropriate Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA) whose access would be improved by the proposed action and the applicant state/county/local/tribal government is strongly encouraged to ensure adequate time for input and signature of agreement / concurrence of the proposed action by all involved parties before the submittal due date.

What types of projects will be considered?

The Federal Lands Access Program supplements State and local resources for public roads, multiuse trails, transit systems, and other transportation facilities, with an emphasis on the improvement of access to federally owned high-use recreation sites and Federal economic generators. Federal Lands Access Program funds are intended for:

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Are matching funds required?

As a result of recent legislative action, the program does **not** require any matching funds. Project award values represent 100% federal funding. Applicants may also provide additional funds beyond the requested amount of FLAP funds to contribute to the project. Because of the limited amount of FLAP funding available in each state in any given federal fiscal year, proposals will receive additional consideration when funding is leveraged from other sources.

Typically, most states prefer cash funding for any such supplemental project funding. However, the project's preliminary engineering phase (planning, engineering design, NEPA and permitting, etc.), and the right-of-way acquisition and construction phases of the project may use a cash and/or "in-kind services" such as toll credits, the assessed value of donated property, labor, materials, and CEI services. The use of any such "in-kind services" are subject to Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division (EFLHD) and State DOT review and approval. Funds authorized under the Tribal Transportation Program and the Federal Lands Transportation Program as well as other Federal funds not authorized under Title 23 or 49 may also be used for supplemental project funding. The use of such funds must be mutually acceptable to both EFLHD and the proposal applicants.

How would the project be delivered?

On the application form you will select from EFLHD, State DOT or Local Public Agency or "other" as the preferred delivery organization. EFLHD welcomes the opportunity to provide "cradle to grave" project delivery services under this program. This approach allows State or local resources to be utilized on their other priorities. If you would like to request EFLHD to deliver your project, please coordinate with EFLHD at a minimum of 30 days prior to the closing of the Call for Projects to request development of an independent project cost estimate by EFLHD staff. Contact Lewis Grimm, EFLHD Planning Team Leader, 703-404-6289 or at Lewis.Grimm@dot.gov.

State DOTs are eligible to deliver their own projects or a project on behalf of a Local Agency. Local agencies requesting to deliver their own project must be certified by the State DOT or demonstrate prior experience with the use of federal transportation funds (Title 23) to deliver projects in compliance with Federal Highway Administration regulations. Additional information regarding local agency project delivery roles and responsibilities may be found at the following website: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/stateresources.cfm>

What happens if my project is selected?

After the Programming Decisions Committee (PDC) has reviewed, rated, and ranked the applications received in response to the Call for Projects, successful applicants will receive a selection notification letter from EFLHD stating that their project has been "Recommended for Programming". The applicant will be provided a Project Worksheet to complete and submit. The EFLHD Programs Office will send a detailed letter stipulating the scope of the project, the specific roles and responsibilities of all signatory parties, the anticipated project schedule and the funding arrangements. Please note that the outreach and execution of the programming process will be prioritized by the Federal Fiscal Year for which the project is programmed for the receipt of FLAP funds.

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Tips for Preparing a Good FLAP Application:

- Review Programming Decision Committee (PDC) documentation materials provided on the website for your state (i.e. Call for Projects scoring allocation categories). Still have questions? Contact one of the PDC members.
<https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/programs-access>
- Coordinate with the benefitting Federal Land Management Agencies (FLMA) unit(s) for concurrence and to obtain a staff application signature or letter of support for the proposed project; Use these partners to assist with obtaining FLMA information (i.e. visitation, Land Management goals, safety data, local economic benefit, etc.).
- The facility owner **must** be the applicant (have ownership or a long-term maintenance agreement); include your agency name and title; the benefitting FLMA unit **cannot** be the applicant.
- Answer the application questions to the best of your ability; be succinct and concise; Use the best data available, include any assumptions and other appropriate reference citations to additional supporting information.
- Be practical, “right size” the scope, schedule and budget – include options for scaling/phasing the project if applicable (i.e., a 3-mile resurfacing project broken into 3 separate 1-mile long segments with associated costs). You could receive partial funding!
- **Include photos and quality maps** that show project location, termini and linkage to the Federal Land accessed.
- Be clear about the amount and timing of any proposed supplemental funding to be devoted to the project beyond the amount of FLAP funding being requested. No Title 23 or Title 49 funds, other than Federal Lands Transportation Program funds or Tribal Transportation Program funds, can be used as supplemental funding. Include resolution for approval of funds (as needed by a local Governing Body such as a city council or county commissioners).
- Be sure your state allows for in-kind contributions toward any planned supplemental funding. In-kind supplemental funding requires justification and approval by both the State DOT and EFLHD/FHWA. In-kind supplemental funding must be utilized or occur only **after** a FLAP project agreement is executed. (i.e., Right of Way transfer, applicant agency provided Engineering/Environmental services, etc.).
- Delivery agency: When selecting the delivery agency (EFLHD/FHWA, State DOT, Local Agency or Other), be sure that the agency has agreed with the scope of work and provided their budget for project delivery *prior to submission of the application*. Local Agencies requesting to deliver their own project must be certified by the State DOT to deliver projects in compliance with Federal Highway Administration regulations or demonstrate prior experience with Title 23 Transportation funds. <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials/stateresources.cfm>

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