



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Technical Committee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: **Next Meeting – June 25, 2024**

Please be advised that the business of the CMCOG Technical Committee will be conducted on **June 25th at 9:30 a.m.** 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 phone number can be found on the attached agenda.

The CMCOG would like to thank you for your continued service and participation. The Technical Committee serves as an integral part of our transportation planning process and is often the first step for reviewing and approval of transportation projects which affect our region. Your continued dedication has been admirable and appreciated.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-744-5133 or by email at rsimmons@centralmidlands.org. I look forward to meeting with you on **June 25th**, please don't forget to mark your calendars!

Enclosures

AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

9:30 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.

Meeting ID: 896 9488 5529 ♦ Passcode: 854168 ♦ Dial-In Number (646) 558 8656

OVERALL AGENDA

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Call to Order..... R. Simmons**

ACTION

- 2. **TIP Amendment – FY 2021 Section 5307 ARP Funds for CMRTAR. Simmons**
In accordance with federal guidance, CMCOG is the designated recipient of Section 5307 funds. CMCOG has transferred federal funds under the FY 2021 Section 5307 ARP Program to CMRTA for future programming. CMRTA has completed their programming and submitted their projects for inclusion in the 2023-2033 TIP. (Enclosure 1)

ACTION

- 3. **TIP Amendment – Lexington Corridors Feasibility Study.....R. Simmons**
The 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan has several proposed road improvement projects that are located within the greater Lexington area. In a meeting with Lexington County and the Town of Lexington it was noted that a comprehensive review of all of these corridors would be a better option than an individual review of one corridor. Staff will recommend to amend the 2023 – 2033 TIP to add \$300K to support this project. (Enclosure 2)

ACTION

- 4. **TIP Amendment – Section 5310 ProjectsR. Simmons**
The Central Midlands Council of Governments’ staff will request a recommendation of approval to amend the 2023 - 2033 TIP to add ADA compliant passenger vehicles and capital projects to the FY 2025 Section 5310 Program. This request will also amend the CMCOG Human Services Coordination Plan. (Enclosure 3)

ACTION

- 5. **FY 2024 – 2025 UPWP Project UpdateR. Simmons**
The 2024 & 2025 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS’s 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on December 9, 2021. Emphasis has been placed on developing a program which can be reasonably accomplished with available staff and consultant resources, and which is consistent with the priorities of the COATS area. This 2024 & 2025 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. (Enclosure 4)

ACTION

- 6. **TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road @ Patterson Road IntersectionR. Simmons**
This is a new project that is being considered for the 2023 – 2033 TIP. The project is currently ranked 17th in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. A total of \$8 million is expected to be the proposed obligation. (Enclosure 5)

ACTION

- 7. **TIP Amendment – Old Two Notch Rd @ Shirway Rd IntersectionR. Simmons**
This is a new project that is being considered for the 2023 – 2033 TIP. The project is currently ranked 43rd in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. A total of \$6 million is expected to be the proposed obligation. (Enclosure 6)

- ACTION** → 8. **CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds.....R. Simmons**
 In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between CMCOG and CMRTA, CMCOG determines how much Section 5307 funds CMRTA will receive annually. CMCOG will use funding from previous years to conduct transit planning initiatives and elect to transfer the entire apportionment of the FY 2023 Section 5307 funds to CMRTA. (Enclosure 7)

- ACTION** → 9. **CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 FundsR. Simmons**
 In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between CMCOG and CMRTA, CMCOG determines how much Section 5339 funds CMRTA will receive annually. In accordance with federal guidance, CMCOG as the designated recipient of Section 5339 funds will transfer the entire FY 2023 apportionment to CMRTA. (Enclosure 8)

- ACTION** → 10. **TIP Amendment – Signal System Improvement ProjectsR. Simmons**
 The purpose of the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program is to guide the Central Midlands Council of Governments’ efforts to deploy technology, tools and coordinated system procedures to manage the multimodal transportation system. CMCOG has identified to top 5 retiming projects on our signal system improvement list and will request approval for implementation. (Enclosure 9)

- ACTION** → 11. **FY 2024 CMCOG Transit Asset Management Plan.....R. Simmons**
 Every agency must develop a transit asset management (TAM) plan if it owns, operates, or manages capital assets used to provide public transportation and receives federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as a recipient or subrecipient. Each transit provider must designate an Accountable Executive (49 CFR 625.5) to ensure appropriate resources for implementing the agency's TAM plan and the Transit Agency Safety Plan. CMCOG is a Tier II agency which means that we are a direct or designated recipient of Section 5310 and/or 5307 Funds. Staff will request to adopt the FY 2024 Transit Asset Management Plan. (Enclosure 10)

- 12. **Old/New Business..... R. Simmons**

- 13. **Public Comments Open**

- 14. **Adjourn..... R. Simmons**



June 28, 2024

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
 Region IV Regional Administrator
 Federal Transit Administration
 230 Peachtree, NW
 Suite 800
 Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 American Rescue Plan Funds to CMRTA & SWRTA

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) and the public transit providers, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) & the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA), have Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) that describes the cooperative working relationship between these organizations. These MOUs recognizes that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by the public transit providers, direct recipients, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding to meet our responsibilities under MAP-21 and the FAST Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The public transit providers are preparing grant applications for the Section 5307 American Rescue Plan funds for their maintenance, operations, administration and/or capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of funding that the CMRTA and SWRTA may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5307 American Rescue Plan funding amounts for the purpose of grant applications:

Agencies	Allocated Amount	Year
Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA)	\$500,000	FY 2021

CMRTA is authorized to apply for the allocated amount. Please be advised that as identified in this Split Letter, the CMCOG, as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5307 American Rescue Plan funding to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority and Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority, herein known as the Direct Recipients. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5307 American Rescue Plan funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

We fully support the public transit providers' applications for the amount stated above. Please feel free to contact me at 803-744-5133 if you need any additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Britt Poole
 Executive Director

cc: Lottie Jones
 Missi Labbe
 Reginald Simmons
 Maurice Pearl



Memorandum

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FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – Sections 5307 ARP Projects for CMRTA

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2023 – 2033 TIP to add the following Section 5307 ARP project requests from the CMRTA.

BACKGROUND

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) allocated \$30.45 billion to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support state, local, territory, and tribal government transportation systems. The funds helped cover the operating expenses of transit agencies to respond to the coronavirus public health emergency. The funds also supported existing programs such as the urbanized and rural transit formula programs to offset lost revenue.

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Under this MOU, CMCOG has made the following allocation to CMRTA:

- Section 5307 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds FY 2021 \$500,000

The CMRTA is preparing grant applications for the Sections 5307 ARP funds for their capital and software needs. Attached, please find a list of the projects they are requesting with this funding.

ATTACHMENT

Section 5307 ARP Project Requests

CMRTA FY 2021 SECTION 5307 ARP PROJECTS

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Line Item #</u>	<u>Line Item Description</u>	<u>Percentage Federal/Local</u>	<u>Fed Amt Available</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Project Description</u>
New Grant (FY 2021 Apportionment)	11.42.11	Support Vehicles	100	\$ 400,000.00		\$ 400,000.00	8 replacement support vehicles (5 for driver relief & supervisors and 3 for COMET staff)
ARP (5307)	11.42.08	ADP Software	100	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 100,000.00	Misc. software, licenses and maintenance.
American Rescue Plan Funds							
For Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs							
ADDITIONAL ADDED FROM CMCOG							
\$500,000		Grand Total:		\$ 500,000.00		\$ 500,000.00	



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SUBJECT: 2023 – 2033 TIP Amendment – Lexington Corridors Feasibility Study

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2023 – 2033 TIP to add \$300,000 in guideshare funds to conduct feasibility study for the Lexington County/Town of Lexington Corridors Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND

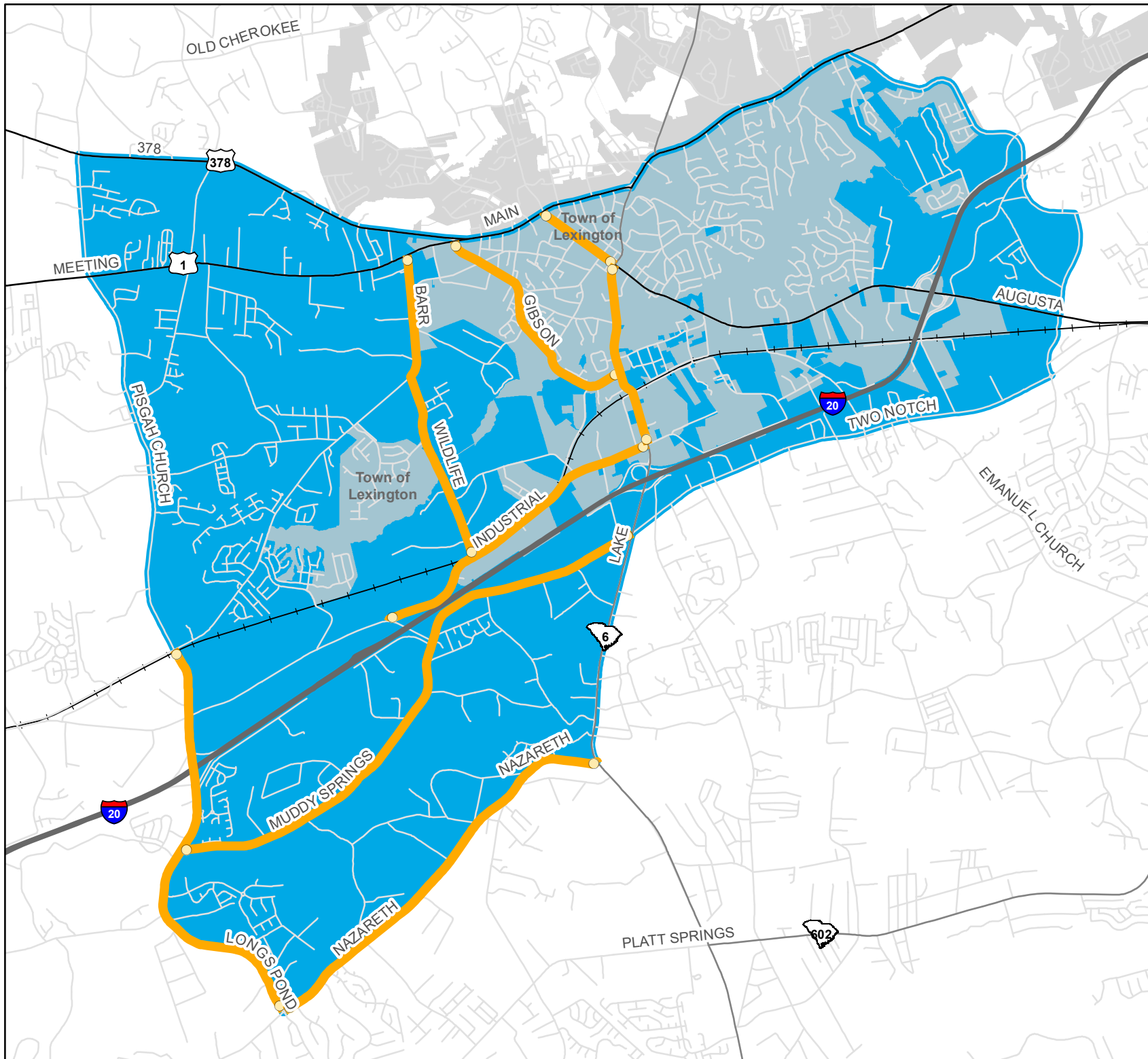
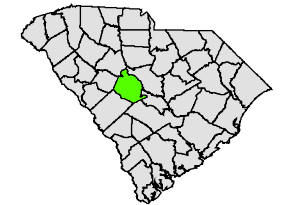
The COATS MPO initially made a request to begin preliminary engineering on the West Main Street corridor which is located in the heart of the Town of Lexington. In review of this request, the CMCOG Board asked for a feasibility study to be conducted to review all available mitigating options for this corridor. As part of that consideration, a meeting was held with both the Town of Lexington and Lexington County to discuss the best plan of action to address traffic concerns in the greater Lexington area.

Currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, there are several proposed road improvement projects that are located within the greater Lexington area. The meeting with Lexington County and the Town of Lexington noted that a comprehensive review of all of these corridors would be a better option than an individual review of one corridor. Based on our road improvement list, the attached boundary was shared and agreed upon for this analysis. Our 2023 – 2033 Transportation Improvement Program includes \$500K for this project. This request will increase this amount to \$800K. This project will established a proposed purpose and need as well as develop mitigation measures that will relieve congestion and enhance safety, accessibility, and mobility in the greater Lexington area.

ATTACHMENT

Lexington Corridors Feasibility Study Map

Lexington County Road Widening Projects



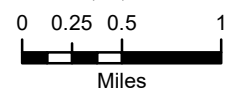
Legend

- Projects
- Lexington Project Area
- Municipal Boundaries
- Interstates
- US Highways
- SC Highways
- Local Roads
- Railroad
- Water
- County Boundary

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 Phone: (803) 376-5390



Date Map Created: 9 January 2024

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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 2023 - 2033 TIP and the Human Services Coordination Plan to add the FY 2025 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 1st staff released a call for projects for the FFY 2022 funding cycle. Staff will present those requests for inclusion in the Human Services Coordination Plan and the 2023 - 2033 TIP.



Letter of Intent

Name of Agency: Babcock Center, Inc.

Contact Person: Laura Mitchell, Senior Director of Finance

2725 Banny Jones Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29170

Phone: 803-799-1970 Fax: 803-799-8829

Amount of Request: \$72,069

Local Match: Total revenue for the Babcock Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 was \$39,235,564. Revenue from state agencies (primarily the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs) totaled \$35,376,420. 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 \$90,086. Babcock Center will secure the \$18,017 in match through funds obtained from the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Project Category: Capital Equipment

- ADA Vehicle

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.

Babcock Center currently provides transportation services to approximately 545 individuals with disabilities in the urban and rural areas of Richland and Lexington counties. Of these individuals, 295 reside within Babcock Center residential programs and receive care 24 hours per day, 7 days a week and 250 are individuals we provide transportation to and from our Work Activity Centers five days per week during working hours.

Our fleet is composed of (135) vehicles leased through the State of South Carolina and (36) vehicles which are owned by Babcock Center. Our request is to purchase an ADA "Purpose Built" Vehicle. This vehicle will be used to provide transportation for (7) individuals, including (2) that utilize wheelchairs, (2) trips per day, 5 days per week to and from our Mary L. Duffie Seniors Program. This route originates at 1108 Lykes Lane in Irmo, SC and travels through Irmo and Columbia.

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 \$18,017.

President/CEO Signature:



Date:

5-16-2024

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Babcock Center Inc.

Large Urban Section 5310

FY 2024 -2025

Budget

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
ADA Vehicle	<u>\$ 90,086</u>	<u>\$18,017</u>

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Total Funding Request

Total Local Match

**Large Urban Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities Program
(Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2022)**

Application Form

Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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Amount Requested: \$ 72,069

Type of Request: Capital

Capital

(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)

County Where Service to be Provided Lexington

Agency DUNS Number: 0077998409

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons

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COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

APPLICATION

"Part Two"

(Original due to CMCOG by May 16, 2024)

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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: Babcock Center, Inc.Agency DUNS: 0077998409

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: Laura MtichellTitle: Senior Director of FinanceAddress: 2725 Banny Jones Ave.City: West Columbia9-digit Zip Code: 29170Phone: 803-799-1970FAX: 803-799-8829E-mail: lmtichell@babcockcenter.orgWeb Site Address (if any): www.babcockcenter.org

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2. Agency Type:

- Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
- Public
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COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

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1. Number of Individuals served per invoice period (month);
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May 13, 2024

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: \$402,084

Local Match: \$100,521

Matching funds will be provided by local partners such as Lexington Medical Center, Prisma, Michelin, Aflac, Truist, South State Bank, etc. Any local funds not provided by these partners (up to the total local match of \$100,521) will be provided by Feonix Mobility Rising as in-kind match.

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 inserving 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.

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Columbia, SC 29201

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Overall Project Budget: \$502,605

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (803) 255-7087 or email me at mpearl@thecometsc.gov.

Sincerely,



Maurice Pearl
Executive Director/CEO

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

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COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

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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 RansomTitle: Grants & Regional Coordination ManagerAddress: 3613 Lucius RoadCity: Columbia9-digit Zip Code: 292201-1108Phone: 803-255-7134FAX: 803-255-7113E-mail: mransom@thecometsc.govWeb Site Address (if any): CatchtheComet.org

COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

2. Agency Type:

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

3. Applicant Status:

- New Applicant
- Continuing Applicant (List Contract Number _____)

4. This application contains funding requests for:

Purchase of Service (POS) \$ 402,084 (federal)

Expansion Capital Equipment

- ADA Accessible Cut-A-Way \$ _____
- ADA Mini Van \$ _____
- Purpose Built \$ _____

Replacement Capital Equipment (Must Complete this information)

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COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

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3. Summary of Project to include success of project

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 may be 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.

Letter of Intent Deadline: May 16, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

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May 15, 2024

Reginald Simmons
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: FY2025 CMCOG Large Urban- Section 5310

Mr. Simmons,

Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. (DUNS: 10034618) respectfully request \$75,000 in funding from the Central Midlands Council of Government to assist elderly participants in attending community activities. Midlands Housing Alliance, Inc. operates Transitions, whose primary goal is to move people from homelessness to permanent housing. Funds will be used to purchase an ADA minivan, that will operate in Richland County to serve the veteran homeless population residing at Transitions. In the fiscal year ending June 2023, we served over 3000 individuals each year through all of our including 313 veterans. We anticipate serving 200 individuals through this project making a minimum of 100 trips into the community. 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 25,000 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 van will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients by allowing them to reengage in community activities and primary and mental health services through Dorn VA Medical Center.

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@transitionssc.org and my direct line is (803)724-1081.

Please find our completed application attached.

Sincerely,

Monica Haddock
Vice-President of Operations

COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

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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: The Midlands Housing Alliance, IncAgency DUNS: 10034618

Required for All Applicants

Point of Contact: Monica Hagler HaddockTitle: VP of OperationsAddress: 2025 Main StCity: Columbia9-digit Zip Code: 29201Phone: 803-708-4861FAX: 803-708-4803E-mail: mhaddock@transitionssc.orgWeb Site Address (if any): www.transitionssc.org

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2. Agency Type:

- Private Non-Profit (501(c)(3))
- Public
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- Other Agency (Specify):

3. Applicant Status:

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4. This application contains funding requests for:

Purchase of Service (POS) \$ _____

Expansion Capital Equipment

- ADA Accessible Cut-A-Way \$ _____
- ADA Mini Van \$ 75,000
- Purpose Built \$ _____

Replacement Capital Equipment (Must Complete this information)

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- Purpose Built \$ _____

Please provide information regarding the vehicle that's being replaced

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COATS MPO LARGE URBAN SECTION 5310 FY 2025 PROGRAM

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3. Summary of Project to include success of project

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

The Midlands Housing Alliance is a campus providing a safe, handicap accessible emergency shelter

for individuals experiencing homelessness including 260 residential beds, meals on site, and transportation

to medical appointments. Forty eight of our residential beds are dedicated to homeless veterans

through a partnership with Dorn VA Medical Center.

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Executive Director

May 16, 2024

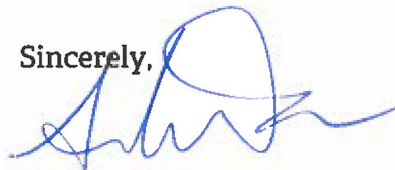
Central Midlands Council of Governments
Reginald Simmons
236 Stoneridge Drive
Columbia, SC 29212

Dear Mr. Simmons:

Please see the attached Letter of Intent information from Senior Resources, Inc. to apply for Large Urban Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, as announced in the May 1, 2024 Call for Projects for FY 2022 funds.

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) 2523-7734, ext. 261

aboozer@seniorresourcesinc.org

Amount of Request:

\$100,000.00 (80% of total \$125,000 purchase price of vehicle)

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 locally raised funds from the community.

Project Category:

Capital

Project Type:

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

Replaces: 1FDEE3FL1FDA23889, 2015 FORD E350, 129,301, SCDOT Owned?: No

Project Scope:

Senior Resources, Inc. has been providing services to the frail and elderly in the Midlands for over 50 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, 2023, Senior Resources provided 98,889 passenger miles to 86 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%):
\$125,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00

Senior Resources, Inc. has the ability to provide the required local match. This match will be met through funding provided to Senior Resources from locally raised funds from the community.

Signature:



Andrew Boozer, Executive Director

Date: 5/16/24

**Large Urban Section 5310
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities Program
(Federal Funding Fiscal Year 2022)**

Application Form

Federal Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Name of Applicant: SENIOR RESOURCES

Amount Requested: \$ 100,000

Type of Request: CAPITAL

Capital

(Purchase of Service or Vehicle)

County Where Service to be Provided: RICHLAND

Agency DUNS Number: 070 32099

Return To: Attention: Reginald Simmons

Central Midlands Council of Governments

236 Stoneridge Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29212

803-744-5133

www.centralmidlands.org

Letter of Intent Deadline: May 16, 2024 @ 2 p.m.

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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: **803-252-7734 EXT 261**FAX: **803-929-0349**E-mail: **ABOOZER@SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG**Web Site Address (if any): **SENIORRESOURCESINC.ORG**

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Replacement Capital Equipment (Must Complete this information)

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- Purpose Built \$ _____

Please provide information regarding the vehicle that's being replaced

- Make of Vehicle: 2015 FORD
- Model of Vehicle: E350 CUTAWAY
- VIN: 1FDEE3FL1FDA23889
- Current Mileage: 129,301
- Who holds title to vehicle? SENIOR RESOURCES

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SENIOR RESOURCES SERVES FRAIL AND ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS IN RICHLAND COUNTY

THE CLIENTELE IS PRIMARILY OVER THE AGE OF 60. THOSE FEW CLIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 60 HAVE PHYSICAL

AND/OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS THAT CAUSE THEM TO BE UNABLE TO DRIVE. THE MOST COMMON DISABILITIES FOUND IN RIDERS

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ARE AT OR BELOW 150% POVERTY RIDERS NEED TRANSPORT TO SENIOR CENTERS, APPOINTMETNS, AND SHOPPING

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Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Technical Committee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: **FY 2024 & 2025 UPWP Update**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request a recommendation of approval to update the FY 2024 & 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2024 & 2025 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on December 9, 2021. Emphasis has been placed on developing a program which can be reasonably accomplished with available staff and consultant resources and which is consistent with the priorities of the COATS area. This 2024 & 2025 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

Community Master Plans

Based on 2045 LRTP, CMCOG will offer to partner with our member governments to complete a community master plan. The purpose of this initiative is to coordinate with our member governments to develop land use and transportation growth plans that will assist in identifying transportation issues that will be included as part of the LRTP update.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: September 2025

Regional Mobility Program

In partnership with the COATS MPO, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) intends to pilot a data driven and performance-based analysis of congested corridors in the COATS MPO Planning area to identify the transportation needs and mitigation strategies to address those needs. Through this pilot, the RMP will serve as a model process for all TMAs in South Carolina.

Consultant: SCDOT/COATS MPO Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

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Complete Streets Economic Impact Analysis

The COATS MPO in partnership with SCDOT will implement the Complete Streets Initiative to further community goals, including economic development. This project will explore indicators of economic development activity before SCDOT implements Complete Streets projects. The findings of this project will inform future data collection and management, policy development, selection of corridors, and implementation of future Complete Streets projects.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Regional Freight Plan

The purpose of this initiative is to assist CMCOG/COATS MPO, SCDOT and local governments in understanding freight trends and needs in the region. The study will identify potential projects for more detailed analysis and policies for consideration by the MPO Policy Committee and local governments.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: October 2025

Regional ITS Architecture

This project consists of creating a tool that will develop the basic framework for integrating different Intelligent Transportation System Projects throughout the CMCOG/COATS region.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Disadvantage Business Enterprise Plan Update

The purpose for the DBE Program Plan is to provide guidance for CMCOG personnel in implementing 49 CFR Part 26 and provide DBEs and other contractor's information on their responsibilities on USDOT assisted contracts and CMCOG's implementing procedures. It assures to USDOT that CMCOG will never exclude any person from participation in, deny any person the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against anyone in connection with the award or performance of any contract covered by 49 CFR Part 26 on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2024

Human Services Coordination Plan Update

The primary purpose of the Coordinated Public Transit–Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan) is to improve coordination among transportation providers to better meet the transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: September 2025

Blythewood Road/US 21 Corridor Feasibility Study

Based on 2045 LRTP, a feasibility study will be conducted for the Blythewood Road/US 21 Corridor. This analysis will be conducted as part of the SCDOT Feasibility Report. SCDOT 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.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2025

COATS MPO Transportation Planning Initiatives

This project consists of updating the COATS MPO Transportation Planning Initiatives based on the 2020 Census data. Changes to the planning initiatives may require approval from SCDOT, FHWA and/or FTA.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: June 2025

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

The annual listing of obligated projects is a record of the projects receiving federal transportation funds in the previous fiscal year. This listing is updated annually and is intended to increase awareness of federal spending on transportation projects in the CMCOG and COATS MPO’s planning areas.

Consultant: TBA Estimated Completion Date: December 2025



June 6, 2024

Christina Lewis
Statewide Planning
South Carolina Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 191
955 Park Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Per ACT 114, Justification for the Leesburg Road at Patterson Road Intersection

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors' (MPO Policy Committee) requests consideration to make the following amendment to their 2023 – 2033 Transportation Improvement Plan:

- **Leesburg Road at Patterson Road Intersection**

This is a new project that is being considered for the 2023 – 2033 TIP. The project is currently ranked 17th in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. A total of \$8 million is expected to be the proposed obligation.

Public Comment Period: June 18, 2024 to July 10, 2024

CMCOG respectfully requests approval of the following justification of the Leesburg Road at Patterson Road Intersection. In preparation to add this project to the 2023 – 2033 TIP, the COATS MPO has developed the following justification:

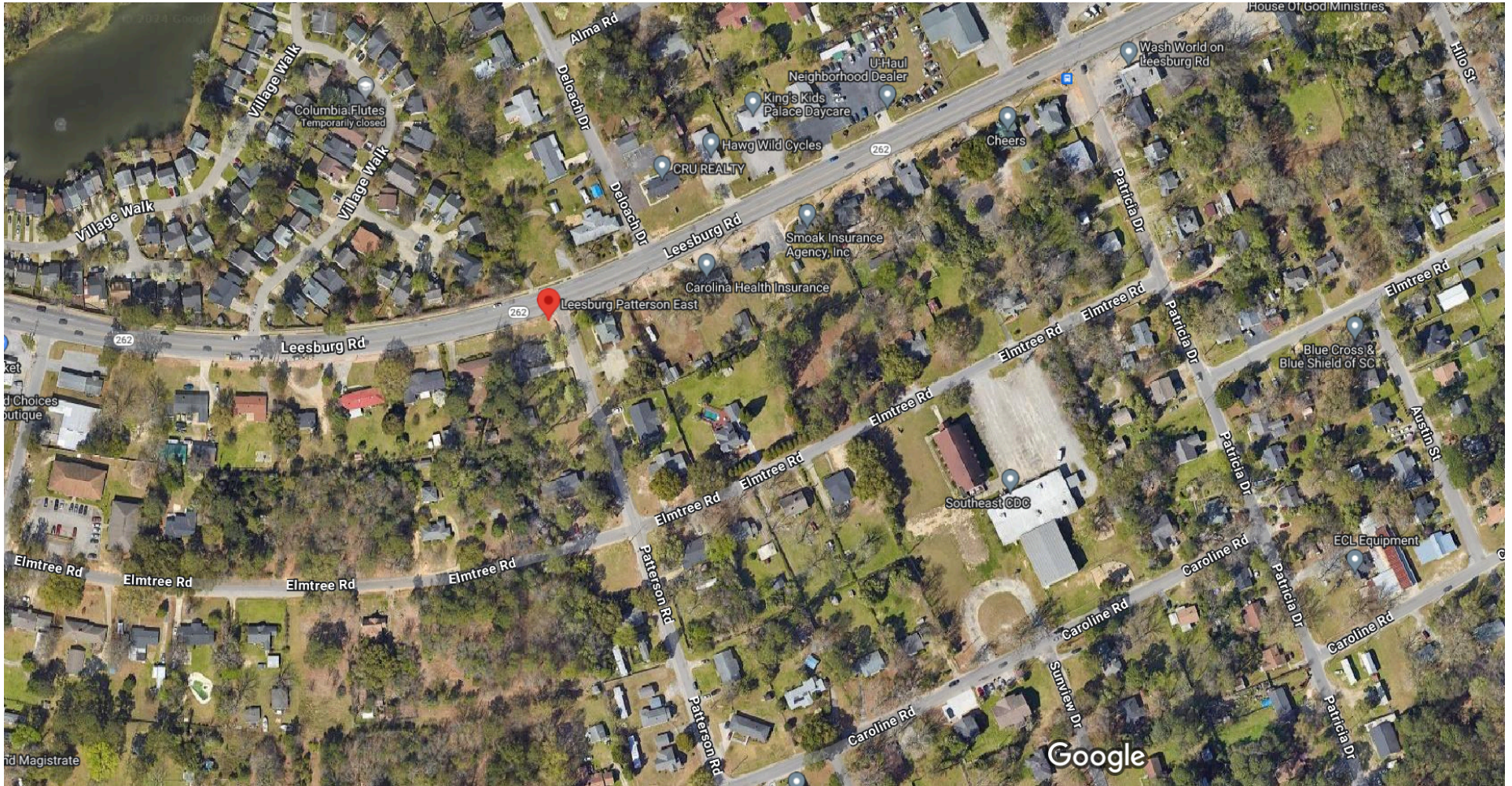
1. This project will enhance regional mobility and mitigate the increased traffic from the continuing growth and development that is occurring in this part of Richland County.
2. This project will enhance accessibility and mobility to nearby residential, educational, and shopping facilities.
3. The proposed improvement will increase pedestrian and vehicular safety.
4. This project will enhance regional connectivity and accessibility to I-77. More than 26,000 vehicles per day pass through this intersection to access the interstate system.
5. This project was reviewed by SCDOT District One Engineering and was identified as a crucial need for improvement with the widening of Leesburg Road to 5 lanes and improvements to the Patricia Drive intersection.

Please be so kind to accept this request for consideration. CMCOG will be happy to discuss this matter in greater detail. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 803-744-5133 or send an email to rsimmons@centralmidlands.org.

Sincerely,

Reginald Simmons
Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

cc: D. Britt Poole





June 6, 2024

Christina Lewis
Statewide Planning
South Carolina Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 191
955 Park Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Per ACT 114, Justification for the Old Two Notch Road at Shirway Road Intersection

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors' (MPO Policy Committee) requests consideration to make the following amendment to their 2023 – 2033 Transportation Improvement Plan:

- **Old Two Notch Road at Shirway Road Intersection**

This is a new project that is being considered for the 2023 – 2033 TIP. The project is currently ranked 43rd in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. A total of \$6 million is expected to be the proposed obligation.

Public Comment Period: June 18, 2024 to July 10, 2024

CMCOG respectfully requests approval of the following justification of the Old Two Notch Road at Shirway Road Intersection. In preparation to add this project to the 2023 – 2033 TIP, the COATS MPO has developed the following justification:

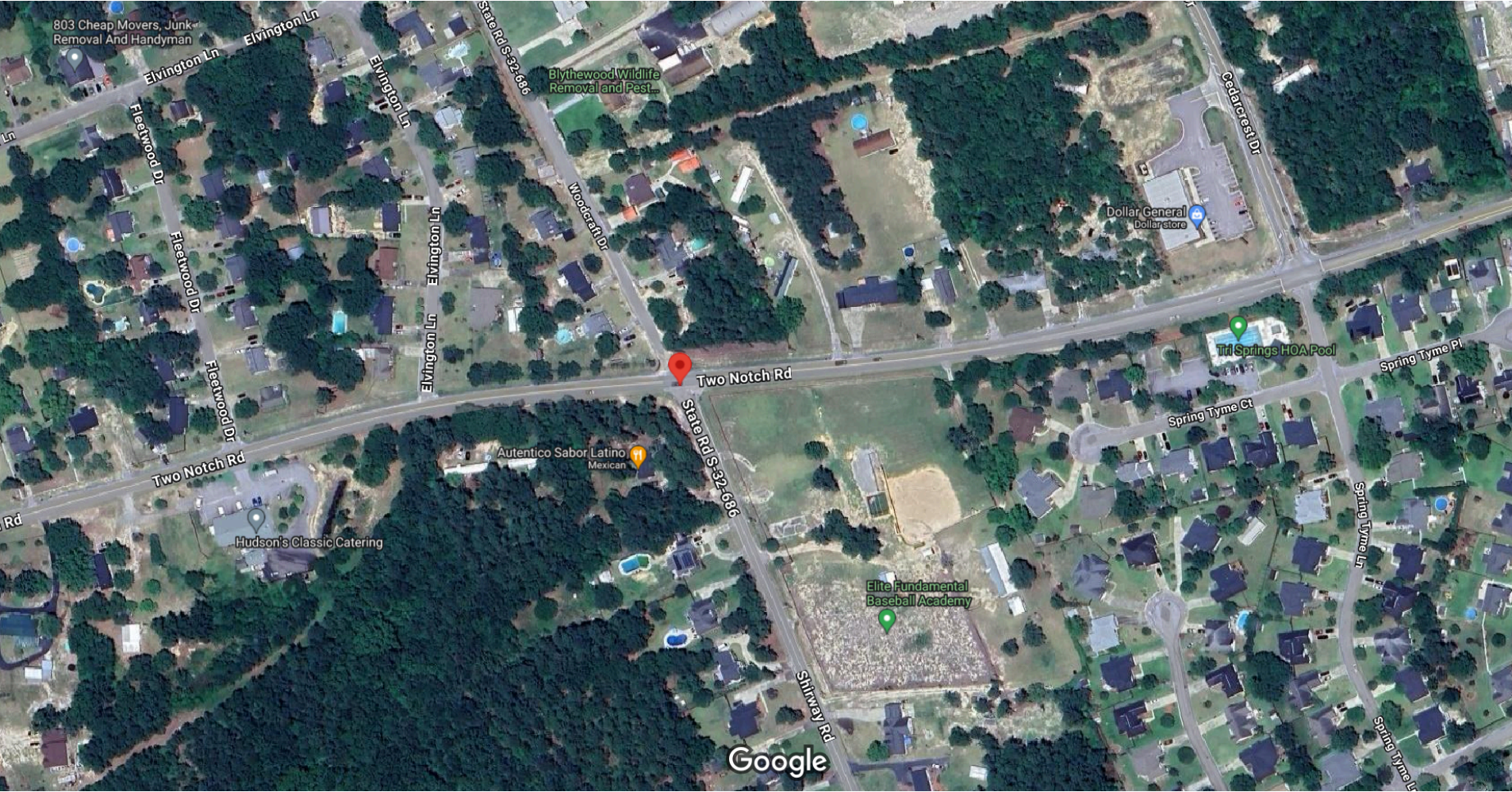
1. This project will enhance regional mobility and mitigate the increased traffic from the continuing growth and development that is occurring in this part of Lexington County.
2. This project will enhance accessibility and mobility to nearby residential, educational, and shopping facilities.
3. The proposed improvement will increase pedestrian and vehicular safety.
4. This project will enhance regional connectivity and accessibility. More than 12,000 vehicles per day pass through this intersection.
5. This project was reviewed by SCDOT District One Engineering and was identified as a crucial need for improvement based on their traffic analysis.

Please be so kind to accept this request for consideration. CMCOG will be happy to discuss this matter in greater detail. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 803-744-5133 or send an email to rsimmons@centralmidlands.org.

Sincerely,

Reginald Simmons
Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

cc: D. Britt Poole





June 28, 2024

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
Region IV Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
230 Peachtree, NW
Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has a Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) that describes the cooperative working relationship with the following two organizations, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) and the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA). These MOUs recognize that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by the direct recipients, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding to meet our responsibilities under MAP-21 and the FAST Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Each direct recipient may be preparing grant applications for Section 5307 funds for their maintenance, administration and capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of formula funding that each direct recipient may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5307 funding amount for the purpose of direct recipients grant applications:

FY 2023 - \$7,207,444 of \$7,207,444

CMRTA is authorized to apply for the full amount of funds. Please be advised that as identified in this Split Letter, the CMCOG, as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5307 to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient. Please be advised that the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient has declined funding for this fiscal year. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5307 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

We fully support the Direct Recipient(s) application(s) for the amount stated above. Please feel free to contact me at 803-376-5390 if you need any additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Britt Poole
Executive Director

cc: Reginald Simmons
Maurice Pearl
Lottie Jones
Missi Labbe



June 28, 2024

Mrs. Yvette G. Taylor
Region IV Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
230 Peachtree, NW
Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has a Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) that describes the cooperative working relationship with the following two organizations, the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) and the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA). These MOUs recognize that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by the direct recipients, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding to meet our responsibilities under MAP-21 and the FAST Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Each direct recipient may be preparing grant applications for Section 5339 funds for their capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of formula funding that each direct recipient may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5339 funding amount for the purpose of direct recipients grant applications:

FY 2023 - \$578,324 of \$578,324

Please be advised that as identified in this Split Letter, the CMCOG, as the Designated Recipient, authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5339 to the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient. Please be advised that the Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority, herein known as a Direct Recipient has declined funding for this fiscal year. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5339 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

We fully support the Direct Recipient(s) application(s) for the amount stated above. Please feel free to contact me at 803-744-5133 if you need any additional information or if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

D. Britt Poole
Executive Director

cc: Missi Labbe
Reginald Simmons
Maurice Pearl
Lottie Jones



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Technical Committee**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: 2023 – 2033 TIP Amendment – Signal System Improvements Package 1

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests a recommendation of approval to amend the 2023 – 2033 Transportation Improvement Program to add the five (5) Signal System Improvement Projects at a cost of \$1.5 million.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Regional Transportation Operations and Technology Strategic Planning Program is to guide the Central Midlands Council of Governments' efforts to deploy technology, tools and coordinated system procedures to manage the multimodal transportation system. Regional Transportation Operations and Technology is a set of tools and processes used by public and private operating agencies' staff to meet the day-to-day demands of the traveling public.

In December 2023, the CMCOG Board of Directors adopted the Regional Signal System Improvement Program. This program will retime and rebuild traffic signals from the approved prioritized list. Traffic signal retiming can create better traffic flow and up to 85% in operational efficiency. Staff has identified the first five (5) projects from the approved 2045 LRTP prioritized list and will submit them for approval.

1. St. Andrews Road @ The Shoppes - Lexington County
2. St. Andrews Road @ Harbison/Emory Lane - Lexington County
3. Two Notch Road @ Polo Road - Richland County
4. SC-35 12th Street @ S-41 Lafayette Ave - Lexington County
5. Old Barnwell Road @ Emanuel Church Road - Lexington County

Maintained By	Custom Identifier	Primary Route	Secondary Route	Comment	Cabinets Average Age in Years	Controllers Average Age in Years	Support Poles by Type	Proximity to Interstate	AADT	Cabinet Points	Controller Points	Pole Points	Interstate Points	AADT Points	Total Points	COATS MPO Ranking
District1	TS1431	S-36 MP: 2.01	The Shoppes Mall	St. Andrews @ The Shoppes	25	26	0		23,300	25	26	0	0	2	53	1
District1	TS1434	S-36 MP: 3.817	S-757 MP: 0.689	St. Andrews Rd. @ Harbison Blvd/Emory Ln.	26	26	0		4,400	26	26	0	0	0	52	2
District1	TS1743	US1 MP: 12.544	Polo Rd	Two Notch Rd. @ Polo Rd	21	27	0		36,900	21	27	0	0	2	50	3
District1	TS1478	SC35 MP: 4.038	S-41 MP: 1.01	SC35 12th St. @ S-41 Lafayette Ave.	24	21	0		13,900	24	21	0	0	2	47	4
District1	TS1275	S-104 MP: 3.224	S-168 MP: 4.325	Old Barnwell Rd @ Emmanuel Church Rd	22	22	0		8,100	22	22	0	0	0	44	5



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Technical Committee

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: June 18, 2024

SUBJECT: CMCOG Transit Asset Management Plan

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests recommendation of approval to adopt the CMCOG Transit Asset Management Plan.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Every agency must develop a transit asset management (TAM) plan if it owns, operates, or manages capital assets used to provide public transportation and receives federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 as a recipient or subrecipient. Each transit provider must designate an Accountable Executive (49 CFR 625.5) to ensure appropriate resources for implementing the agency's TAM plan and the Transit Agency Safety Plan.

The TAM plan should:

- Outline how people, processes, and tools come together to address asset management policy and goals
- Provide accountability and visibility for furthering understanding of leveraging asset management practices
- Support planning, budgeting, and communications to internal and external stakeholders

CMCOG is a Tier II agency which means that we are a direct or designated recipient of Section 5310 and/or 5307 Funds. As a Tier II agency, our TAM Plan will include the following elements:

1. An inventory of asset
2. A condition assessment of inventoried assets
3. Description of a decision support tool
4. A prioritized list of investments

ATTACHMENT

TAM Plan Resolution



RESOLUTION

ENDORSEMENT OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has been designated by the Governor of South Carolina as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Columbia Urbanized Area; and,

WHEREAS, the federal surface transportation programs that are the responsibility of the Central Midlands Council of Governments are authorized by the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 112-141, December 4, 2015) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act executed on November 15, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the metropolitan transportation planning process shall provide for the establishment and use of a performance-based approach to transportation decision making to support the national goals described in 23 U.S.C. 150(b) and the general purposes described in 49 U.S.C. 5301(c); and,

WHEREAS, 49 CFR Part 625, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Transit Asset Management Rule, which became effective on October 1, 2016, requires transit operators to develop and adopt a Transit Asset Management Plan that addresses State of Good Repair for rolling stock, infrastructure, equipment, and facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Central Midlands Council of Governments is the designated recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding (Sections 5307, 5310, 5339 in the Columbia Urbanized Area; and,

WHEREAS, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA a.k.a The Comet) is a direct recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the primary public transit provider in the Columbia Urbanized Area; and,

WHEREAS, Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority (SWRTA) is a direct recipient of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and a public transit provider in the Columbia Urbanized Area; and,

WHEREAS, Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority has developed a Transit Asset Management Plan that includes performance measures; and,

WHEREAS, Santee Wateree Regional Transit Authority has developed a Transit Asset Management Plan that includes performance measures; and,

WHEREAS, Central Midlands Council of Governments administers the Large Urban Section 5310 Program; and,

WHEREAS, Human Service Agencies participate in the Section 5310 Program to purchase vehicles to serve their clientele; and,

WHEREAS, Central Midlands Council of Governments is the lien holder of these vehicles until they reach their useful life and have disposed of their federal interest; and,

WHEREAS, Central Midlands Council of Governments has developed a Group Transit Asset Management Plan for its subrecipients of Section 5310 funds that includes performance measures; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization shall establish performance targets that address the performance measures or standards established under 23 CFR Part 490 (where applicable), 49 U.S.C. 5326(c), and 49 U.S.C. 5329(d) to use in tracking progress towards attainment of critical outcomes for the region; and,

WHEREAS, the selection of performance targets that address performance measures described in 49 U.S.C. 5326(c) and 49 U.S.C. 5329(d) shall be coordinated, to the maximum extent practicable, with the public transportation provider and the South Carolina Department of Transportation to ensure consistency with the performance targets that the public transportation provider establishes under 49 U.S.C. 5326(c) and 49 U.S.C. 5329(d); now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Central Midlands Council of Governments endorses the performance management targets established in their Group Transit Asset Management Plan, as listed in Attachment 1: and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Central Midlands Council of Governments agrees to program investments that support the performance management targets established in their Group Transit Asset Management Plan.

CERTIFICATE, the undersigned, is the duly qualified Executive Director of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, and hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments held on June 25, 2024.

Will Brennan, Chairman
Central Midlands Council of Governments

D. Britt Poole, Executive Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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ATTACHMENT 1
Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG)
Targets for Transit Performance Measures

Asset Class	Performance Target	Quantities	*Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) (Years)	Met ULB	Below ULB	Target: Percent of Vehicles That Have Met or Exceeded ULB
Cutaway	15%	12	10	0	10	0%
Van	15%	3	8	0	3	0%
Mini-Van	20%	3	8	0	3	0%
Total		18				

*What is a "useful life benchmark"?

Useful life benchmark (ULB) is the measure agencies will use to track the performance of revenue vehicles (rolling stock) and service vehicles (equipment) to set their performance measure targets. Each vehicle type’s ULB estimates how many years that vehicle can be in service and still be in a state of good repair. The ULB considers how long it is cost effective to operate an asset before ongoing maintenance costs outweigh replacement costs. ULBs are derived from FTA’s Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM). The TERM model estimates the age at which each of the vehicle types would enter the SGR backlog or have a rating of 2.5 or below on the TERM scale. These default ULBs will automatically populate in the NTD collection field. Alternatively, your agency can develop its own ULBs based on your operating conditions, warranty information, and any other criteria that would affect your assets’ maximum useful life.