



**Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments**

Thursday, February 27, 2020 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room

OVERALL AGENDA

ACTION

A. Call to Order and Introductions

**Steve MacDougall,
Chair**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Determination of a Quorum
3. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
4. Introduction of new Board Members
 - Bob Hall- Councilman, Town of Batesburg-Leesville
 - Will Brennon- Councilman, City of Columbia
 - Jim Manning-Councilman, Richland County
 - Kyle Crager-Citizen Appointee Fairfield County
5. Introduction of Guests
6. Invocation

Guillermo Espinosa

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 12, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes (*Enclosure 1*)
2. FY 2020-2022 DBE Goal (*Enclosure 2*)
3. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds to CMRTA (*Enclosure 3*)
4. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds to CMRTA (*Enclosure 4*)

C. Regular Agenda

1. 2020 & 2021 UPWP Amendment – CMRTA Transit Planning (*Enclosure 5*)
2. 2016 – 2022 TIP Amendment – Access & Mobility Grant (*Enclosure 6*)
3. 2016 – 2022 TIP Amendment – South Main Street (*Enclosure 7*)
4. 2016 – 2022 TIP Amendment – Main Street Mast Arms TAP Project (*Enclosure 8*)
5. 2016 – 2022 TIP Amendment – Human Trafficking Grant (*Enclosure 9*)

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INFORMATION

D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

1. 208 Plan Amendment Request: Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System New Waste Water Treatment Plant, Management Agency Designation, and DMA Map Change (*Enclosure 10*)
(**This item is for Information Only**)

Gregory Sprouse

E. Old/New Business

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2020 in the COG Conference Room

Note: Full Agenda packets can be found on the CMCOG website at www.cmcog.org.



**Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments**

Thursday, December 12, 2019 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Charles Appleby, Richland County
John Baxter, Richland County
Larry Brigham, Lexington County Council
Scott Cain, Newberry County Council
Kathy Condom, Irmo Town Council
Ted Creech, City of Columbia
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
Joyce Dickerson, Richland County Council
Julie Ann Dixon, Richland County
Shawn Epps, City of Columbia
Doug Fabel, Richland County
Mike Fanning, Fairfield County Leg. Del.
Olin Gambrell, Batesburg-Leesville
Malcolm Gordge, Blythewood Town Council
Zebbie Goudelock, City of Newberry
Shaun Greenwood, Forest Acres
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington Mayor
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
Joe Mergo, Lexington County Administrator
Jeffrey Salters, Lexington County
Charles Simpkins, Lexington County
Debbie Summers, Lexington County Council

GUESTS PRESENT:

Darren Ledbetter - SCDOT
Kenny Larimore - SCDOT
Joey McIntyre - SCDOT
Brent Rewis - SCDOT
Steven Allen - SCDOT
Michelle Dickerson - City of West Columbia
Britt Poole - Town of Lexington
Randy Edwards - Town of Lexington
Lauren Barnes - Town of Lexington
Bradley Cain - KCI
Patrick Wright - City of Columbia

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roland Bart, Chief Transportation Planner
Jessica Foster, Operations Coordinator
Chanell Jackson, Finance Director
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive
Director/Transportation Director
Gregory Sprouse, Planning Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve MacDougall called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. on December 12, 2019.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Determination of Quorum

Chairman MacDougall declared the presence of a quorum

3. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

4. Introduction of Guests

Guillermo Espinosa introduced the guests at today's meeting. They are listed on the first page.

5. Invocation

Charles Simpkins gave the Invocation.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the October 24, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes, approved
2. 2016-2022 TIP Amendment- Kitty Hawk Drive, approved
3. Resolution to apply for Federal and State Grants, approved
4. FY 2019 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects, approved

MOTION, approved

Doug Fabel moved, seconded by Julie Ann Dixon, to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Regular Agenda

C1. 2040 LRTP Amendment-Setting the Safety Performance Measures

Reginald Simmons requested approval to adopt SCDOT's Safety Performance Measures. Stephen Allen of SCDOT noted that per federal requirements performance measures must be set in seven categories to meet the national goals. SCDOT was required to evaluate and report on safety targets for the five required measures by August 31, 2019. This action starts the 180-day clock for the COATS MPO to take action to evaluate and set regionally specific targets or to accept and support the state's targets. Through a coordination effort with COGs and MPOs, SCDOT presented for the following 2016 – 2020 Safety Targets for consideration:

Total Number of Fatalities	1011
Fatality Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	1.819
Total Number of Serious Injuries	2781
Serious Injury Rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	4.979
Total Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries	380

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved, seconded by Joe Mergo, to approve the 2040 LRTP Amendment-Setting the Safety Performance Measures. The motion was approved unanimously.

C2. FY 2020-2022 DBE Goal

Reginald Simmons requested approval to adopt the FY 2020 – 2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal. The Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in accordance with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has set its overall DBE goal at five percent (5%) for FTA-assisted contracts. The DBE goal will be reviewed annually and updated every three (3) years in accordance with FTA regulations. The methodology used to establish the overall goal, including determining the relative availability of DBEs in the normal market area for procurement of goods and services for the COATS MPO, consists of a multi-step process that was included for the subcommittee to review. The FTA assisted contracts that the COATS MPO plans to implement includes:

- Human Services Coordination Plan
- Legal Services
- Short Range Transit Plan
- People Mover Practical Analysis
- Origin and Destination and Demographic Study
- Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study

Based on the number of available firms, the number of SCDOT certified DBEs, and historic DBE participation for the COATS MPO, the DBE goal was recommended to be 4% race conscious and 1% race neutral.

MOTION, approved

Malcolm Gordge moved, seconded by Joe Mergo, to approve the FY 2020-2022 DBE Goal. The motion was approved unanimously

C3. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds to CMRTA

Reginald Simmons requested approval to transfer \$5,154,206 in FY 2019 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 that CMCOG has with CMRTA, CMCOG determines how much Section 5307 funds that CMRTA will receive on an annual basis. Historically, CMCOG has reserved \$200K for planning purposes, but due to reserve funds from previous years, CMCOG proposed to transfer the entire FY 2019 apportionment to CMRTA.

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved, seconded by Jeffrey Salters, to approve the CMCOG Authorization of Section 5307 Funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously

C4. CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds to CMRTA

Reginald Simmons requested approval to transfer \$584,990 in FY 2019 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 2019, CMCOG received a total of \$584,990 in Section 5339 funds. Under the FAST Act, CMCOG can make these funds available to the 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.

MOTION, approved

Malcolm Gordge moved, seconded by Shawn Geenwood, to approve the CMCOG Authorization of Section 5339 Funds to CMRTA. The motion was approved unanimously

C5. De-Federalizing Transit Facilities

Reginald Simmons requested approval to remove the federal interest (de-federalize) in the transit facilities located at 1745 Sumter Street and 1220/1240 Assembly Street. The Central Midlands Council of Governments is the designated recipient of Section 5307 funds in accordance with MAP-21 and the FAST Act. This request was formally submitted by the City of Columbia to the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) to dispose of the federal interest in both the Assembly Street and Sumter Street bus facilities, for which an FTA grant was used for the facilities' construction. The Assembly Street facility was built in 1996 and had an initial value of \$66,564. The Sumter Street facility was also built in 1996 and had an initial value of \$161,361, which excludes the land that was already owned by the City of Columbia. The current appraised value of the Assembly Street facility is \$0, and the current appraised value of the Sumter Street facility is \$126,221. The City has noted that the downtown area and transportation services have changed significantly since the facilities were built in 1996. The Assembly Street facility has been inactive since August 2015, and while the City and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority are still utilizing the Sumter Street facility as a transit center, other transit center options are being explored. Patrick Wright noted that CMRTA and the City have a 30-year lease agreement on the Sumter Street facility and expects it to continue to be used as a transit center. If the city chooses to change the agreement, then the impact to the transit rider will be assessed. CMRTA has completed a depreciation schedule for both facilities and has agreed to accept the remaining federal interest. CMRTA has coordinated with FTA and has received approval to add this federal interest to an existing grant.

There was a brief discussion.

MOTION, approved

Smokey Davis moved, seconded by Vina Abrams, to approve the De-Federalizing Transit Facilities motion was approved unanimously.

D. Announcements

D1. Executive Directors Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- Thank you to everyone who came to the annual SCARC Conference. The following participated. Joyce Dickerson, Paul Livingston, Roger Gaddy, Vina Abrams, Charles Simpkins, Zebbie Goudelock
- Two CMCOG communities were awarded CDBG funding. The City of Newberry and Fairfield County.
- Census 2020 is coming up. We have additional materials if needed.
- Happy Holidays from all of us at CMCOG. Thank you to Jessica Foster, Jennifer Brewton, Jason Kent, Joe Perry, Kenley Longshore, Myra Hamilton and Jessica Kelly for our Holiday Party.

D2. Town of Lexington Adaptive Signal System

Britt Poole from the Town of Lexington presented the new Adaptive Signal System the Town of Lexington has installed. This system adapts to local traffic demand by using digital technology. Phase 1 includes 19 of the 35 signal locations. Phase 2 will include the remaining 16. This system will help to eliminate constraints on current signal operations and timing. It will improve travel time, reduce accidents, and reduces fuel consumption and emissions.

E. OLD / NEW BUSINESS

No old/new business was brought forth.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was brought forth.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its December 12, 2019 meeting.

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve MacDougall, Chairperson



Enclosure 2

November 5, 2019

Ms. Dee Foster
Federal Transit Administration
Region IV Civil Rights Officer
230 Peachtree St., N.W., Suite 800
Atlanta, GA 30303

Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on December 12th

Public comment period ended on December 17th. No Public Comments were received

RE: Federal Identification Number: 1069 for the FY 2020 – 2022 DBE Goal - Revised

Dear Ms. Foster:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments has presented an overall FY 2020 – 2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goal of 5% for federal funds that will be expended in DOT-assisted contracts. We plan to achieve our goal through 4% race conscious and 1% race-neutral methods.

I have attached two spreadsheets and a written explanation of the methodology that was used to establish our goal. The base goal was calculated to be 0.53%. The past participation was calculated at 8.95%. Based on the average of these calculations, the DBE Goal was established at 5%. CMCOG is dedicated to providing outreach and to promote the certification of DBEs through the South Carolina Department of Transportation UCP Process. CMCOG will continue to ensure that a good faith effort is made to include DBEs in FTA assisted contract opportunities

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 803-744-5133 or just send an email to rsimmons@centralmidlands.org. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Reginald Simmons
Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments

Attachments: FY 2020 – 2022 Goal (Step 1)
FY 2017 – 2019 Participation (Step 2)
FY 2020 – 2022 DBE Public Notice
FY 2020 – 2022 DBE Goal Flyer
FY 2020 – 2022 DBE Goal Powerpoint

FY 2020 – 2022 FTA Overall DBE Goal Calculation (\$26.45)

DBE Goal Setting Process

The Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) overall DBE goal for FY 2020 thru FY 2022 is five percent (5%) of the federal financial assistance the COATS MPO will expend in FTA-assisted contracts. The DBE goal will be reviewed annually and updated every three (3) years in accordance with FTA regulations. It is estimated that the DBE goal will be five percent (5%) based the calculation of the FY 2020 through FY 2022 DBE goal.

The methodology used to establish the overall goal, including determining the relative availability of DBEs in the normal market area for procurement of goods and services for the COATS MPO, consists of a multi-step process. Those steps include the following:

A. Identifying the Geographic Scope of the Market Area

1. Before the calculation of the base goal can be made, the reasonable market area for procuring goods and services must be identified to establish geographic parameters for statistical analysis. The parameters are the 46 counties in the State of South Carolina.
2. The budget for proposed projects or any other relevant documents are examined by the COATS MPO to ascertain the type and scope of projects involving FTA funds proposed for the upcoming three fiscal years.
3. The list of projects is analyzed to determine the types of firms/services by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes with which the COATS MPO would likely engage to execute FTA-assisted projects.
4. Using Census definitions, a list of relevant NAICS codes are compiled based on the firm types identified in Step A.3.

B. Determining the Relative Availability of DBEs in the Market Area

1. Once the geographic scope of the market area is determined, the availability of DBEs in the market area can be ascertained. The primary source for this determination will be the State of South Carolina UCP Directory.
2. From the UCP Resource Directory, the relative availability of all DBEs within the market area are identified and placed in a excel spreadsheet.
3. This list is further narrowed down through the identification of only firms that performed work relevant to the COATS MPO's FTA-assisted projects (i.e., the same NAICS codes identified in step A.3).
4. The DBE firms identified in Step B.2 are tallied.

C. Determining Relevant Market Conditions

1. Using the NAICS numbers identified in Step A, recent County Business Patterns Census data for the service area are examined to determine the total number of firms that perform the type of work relevant to the COATS MPO's estimated FTA-assisted contracts.

D. Determining the "Base" DBE Goal

1. The number of (all) firms in the relevant NAICS categories from Step C serve as the denominator.
2. The number of DBE firms determined in Step B serve as the numerator.
3. The percent derived from items 1 and 2 provides the base goal.

E. Determining Adjustments for the "Overall" DBE Goal

After the base DBE goal has been developed in Steps A–D, additional information and data relevant to the COATS MPO's contracting experiences will be considered to determine what adjustment, if any, is needed to the base goal to derive a final overall goal.

In setting its overall goal, the COATS MPO considers the level at which DBEs have performed work on FTA-assisted contracts for the previous three years. If, historically, this percentage is higher than the established goal, the COATS MPO will see cause to adjust the base figure DBE goal by averaging the base goal and historical DBE performance percentage resulting in the adjusted overall DBE goal. The COATS MPO will continually assess the availability of research documents and demographic studies that may provide additional data on the extent to which DBE firms are "ready, willing, and able" to engage in contracting opportunities and successfully performing on contracts as determined by subcontract and prime contract awards.

Once the COATS MPO arrives at a DBE goal, it will publish the DBE goal information in *The State* newspaper and the Central Midlands Council of Government (CMCOG) website.

Details concerning the methodology used to obtain this goal will be available for review at the CMCOG/COATS MPO offices and website for thirty (30) days following the publication of the notice. Written comments via the U. S. Postal Service addressed and email comments will be accepted for forty-five (45) days from the publication of the notice. Comments may also be directed to FTA Region IV, 230 Peachtree St NW, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30303.

FY 2020 – 2022 DBE Goal Calculation

The COATS MPO, in compliance with 49 CFR, Part 26.45, Subpart C, has estimated a goal of five percent (5%) for federal FYs 2020 – 2022 for DBE participation. The goal was developed using the methodology previously described in this attachment. The specific calculations supporting the FY 2020 – 2022 goal are provided below.

Calculation of Base Goal

The COATS MPO's future anticipated FTA-assisted contracting opportunities through FY 2022 were identified and included in the following categories:

- Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services
 - This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing advice and assistance to businesses and other organizations on scientific and technical issues (except environmental).

- Office of Lawyers
 - This industry comprises offices of legal practitioners known as lawyers or attorneys (i.e., counselors-at-law) primarily engaged in the practice of law.

Based on the above, 2012 NAICS codes, contracting opportunities were identified. Table 1 identifies the categories of FTA-assisted contracting opportunities and associated NAICS codes.

Table 1: NAICS Codes for Future FTA-Assisted Contracting Opportunities

Contracting Category	NAICS Code(s)
Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	Consulting and Technical Services 54169
Office of Lawyers	Lawyers or Attorneys 54111

Table 2 presents the total amount and percent distribution of FTA-assisted contracting opportunities for each category.

Table 2: Future FTA-Assisted Contracting Opportunities (FY 2020–2022)

Contracting Category	Total Contracting Opportunity (\$ Amount)	Total Contracting Opportunity (% Distribution)
Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	\$635,000	99.37%
Office of Lawyers	\$4,000	0.63%
Total	\$639,000	100%

Note: Contracting opportunities identified by COATS MPO for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022.

Table 3 presents the percent of DBEs ready, willing and able to perform the work identified by the COATS MPO for FTA-assisted contracts between now and FY 2022. The number of DBEs used to calculate the figures in this table are from the SCDOT UCP DBE Directory and the County Business Patterns Census Data for the geographic area under the identified NAICS codes from Table 1.

Table 3: Availability of DBEs to Perform Identified Work

Contracting Category	% of Ready, Willing, and Able DBEs
Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	6.90%
Office of Lawyers	0.08%

The calculation of the base goal is presented in Table 4. The percent is derived from the total number of UCP DBEs divided by the total number of ready, willing, and able DBEs for each contracting category. The calculated sum equals to the base goal of 0.53%.

Table 4: Calculation of Base Goal

Contracting Opportunities	NAICS Code	SCDOT UCP DBE Directory	County Business Patterns	% of Ready, Willing, & Able DBEs
Human Services Coordination Plan	54169	12	174	6.90%
Legal Services	54111	2	2,448	0.08%
Short Range Transit Plan	54169	12	174	6.90%
People Mover Practical Analysis	54169	12	174	6.90%
Origin and Destination and Demographic Study	54169	12	174	6.90%
Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study	54169	12	174	6.90%
Base DBE Goal		14	2,622	0.53%

Adjustment to Base Goal

In accordance with regulations, the COATS MPO utilized the Step 2 Methodology outlined by the Federal Transit Administration, Office of Civil Rights, in the PowerPoint presentation “Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Goal Setting Methodology.” The methodology proposed four criteria to determine the adjusted base figure. They include the current capacity of existing DBEs to do the work, disparity studies, input from interested parties, and past participation. Of the criteria proposed, past participation, was determined to be applicable. The requirement that the upcoming contract opportunities are similar to past contract opportunities was met. Past DBE participation was determined for the preceding four years.

- ✓ FY 2016 = 8.9%
- ✓ FY 2017 = 9 %
- ✓ FY 2018 = 0%
- ✓ FY 2019 = 25%

The total for past participation was determine by calculating the median from the past four year while removing any years that are not consistent with previous participation and may be considered outliers. Thus the years for FY 2016 and FY 2017 were used to determine the median for past participation. The years of FY 2018 and FY 2019 were considered to be outliers due to the lack of consistency in DBE participation. The calculated amount for past participation equals to 8.95%.

In determining the actual DBE participation for each year the following calculations were used:

- In FY 2016, a Certified DBE firm was part of a consulting team to perform a planning analysis. The Certified DBE firm provided technical assistance and engineering support to the overall project. The total overall FTA contract amount was \$237,500. The Certified DBE participation amount was \$21,098.
- In FY 2017, three Certified DBE firms were part of a consulting team to perform a planning analysis. The Certified DBE firms provided technical assistance and engineering support to the overall project. The total overall FTA contract amount was \$245,000. The Certified DBE participation amount was \$23,000.

- In FY 2019, two Certified DBE firms were part of a consulting team to perform Video Production Services. The Certified DBE firms provided casting services and administrative support to the overall project. The total overall FTA contract amount was \$105,000. The Certified DBE participation amount was \$25,777.13.

In total, each of these contracts provided an actual DBE participation which was higher than the base figure and weighted goal for the FY 2020 – 2022 DBE goal.

The calculation of the weighted goal is presented in Table 5. The percent is derived from the total contracting opportunities multiplied by the number of ready, willing, and able DBEs for each contracting category. The calculated sum equals to the weighted goal of 6.85%.

Table 5: Weighted Distribution in FTA-Assisted Contracts

Contracting Opportunity	NAICS Code	Total Contracting Opportunity	% of Ready, Willing, & Able DBEs	Results = % of Weighted Distribution
Human Services Coordination Plan	54169	38.34%	6.90%	2.64%
Legal Services	54111	0.63%	0.08%	0.00%
Short Range Transit Plan	54169	18.78%	6.90%	1.30%
People Mover Practical Analysis	54169	15.65%	6.90%	1.08%
Origin and Destination and Demographic Study	54169	7.82%	6.90%	0.54%
Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study	54169	18.78%	6.90%	1.30%
Weighted DBE Goal				6.85%

Table 6 presents the COATS MPO's FTA overall DBE goal for FYs 2020 – 2022. The base goal of 0.53% is averaged with the historical participation median of 8.95% to provide an overall goal of 4.74% (rounded to 5%).

Table 6: Calculation of Overall DBE Goal

Base DBE Goal	Historical Participation	Adjusted Overall DBE Goal
0.53%	8.95%	4.74%

The COATS MPO's overall FTA DBE goal for FYs 2020-2022 is five percent (5%). The next update of the COATS MPO's DBE goal will be due to FTA by August 1, 2022.

Public Outreach Activities for Goal Setting

To be provided following the 30-day public comment period from November 7th – December 11, 2019

- Website advertisement: www.centralmidlands.org
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/cmcog/>
- DBE Program informational flyers
- DBE Goal Powerpoint
- DBE direct consultation activity by request.

Breakout of Estimated Race-Neutral & Race-Conscious Participation

The COATS MPO will meet the maximum feasible portion of the overall goal by using race-conscious means of facilitating DBE participation. The COATS MPO uses the following race-conscious means to increase DBE participation.

- Providing a contract goal on each FTA assisted contract to ensure that a good faith effort is made to include a UCP Certified DBE for consideration.

The COATS MPO historically has not met its DBE goal through race-neutral measures and estimates that, in meeting the overall goal of 5%, 4% will be obtained from race-conscious participation and 1% through race-neutral measures. The following is a summary of the basis of the COATS MPO's estimated breakout of race-neutral and race-conscious DBE participation:

1. Arranging solicitations, times for the presentation of bids, quantities, specifications and delivery schedules in ways that facilitate DBE participation.
2. Direct all inquiries regarding becoming a certified DBE to the UCP Program at SCDOT.
3. Direct all inquiries regarding training on federal bonding and loans to SCDOT.
4. Continue to solicit in general circulation newspapers advertisements concerning contracting opportunities, and also solicit quotes that are issued to DBEs or small businesses and also send to businesses that are on bidders list.
5. Notify and disseminate information concerning contracting opportunities to the UCP Office of SCDOT and the local minority business programs by e-mail.
6. Use any other reasonable means thought of during the coming year to energize the program by getting better DBE participation or at least making a good faith effort.
7. Attending and/or sponsoring conferences and workshops to increase interaction with potential DBEs, certified DBEs, and DBE program officials at SCDOT.

To ensure that the COATS MPO's DBE program will be narrowly tailored to overcome the effects of discrimination, if it doesn't use contract goals, it will adjust the estimated breakout of race-neutral and race-conscious participation as needed to reflect actual DBE participation (see §26.51(f)) and it will track and report race-neutral and race-conscious participation separately. For reporting purposes, race-neutral DBE participation includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- DBE participation through a prime contract it obtains through customary competitive procurement procedures;
- DBE participation through a subcontract on a prime contract that does not carry a DBE goal;
- DBE participation on a prime contract exceeding a contract goal; and
- DBE participation through a subcontract from a prime contractor that did not consider a firm's DBE status in making the award.

FY 2020, 2021, & 2022 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL							
(Step 1)							
CMCOG Project	Type of Firm/NAICS Code (from the 2016 County Business Patterns)		Anticipated Project Cost	Percentage of the Total (Anticipated Project Cost divided by the Total Cost of DOT assisted contracts)			
Human Services Coordination Plan	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	\$ 245,000.00	38.34%			
Legal Services	54111	Office of Lawyers	\$ 4,000.00	0.63%			
Short Range Transit Plan	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	\$ 120,000.00	18.78%			
People Mover Practical Analysis	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	\$ 100,000.00	15.65%			
Origin and Destination and Demographic Study	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	\$ 50,000.00	7.82%			
Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	\$ 120,000.00	18.78%			
Total DOT Assisted Contracts			\$ 639,000.00	100%			
CMCOG Project	Type of Firm/NAICS Code (from the 2016 County Business Patterns)		Number of DBE's (from SCDOT Directory of DBE's updated October 2019)	Number of Firms (from the 2016 County Business Patterns)	Relative Availability (# of DBE's divided by # of all firms)	Weight (from % of the Total in above chart)	Relative Availability (multiplied times) Weight
Human Services Coordination Plan	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	12	174	6.90%	38.34%	2.64%
Legal Services	54111	Office of Lawyers	2	2,448	0.08%	0.63%	0.00%
Short Range Transit Plan	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	12	174	6.90%	18.78%	1.30%
People Mover Practical Analysis	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	12	174	6.90%	15.65%	1.08%
Origin and Destination and Demographic Study	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	12	174	6.90%	7.82%	0.54%
Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study	54169	Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	12	174	6.90%	18.78%	1.30%
Totals			14	2622	0.53%	1.0000	6.85%

2020, 2021, & 2022 Goal Using Ratio (from Combined Total of Relative Availability)	0.53%
2020, 2021, & 2022 Goal Using Weighting (from Relative Availability multiplied times Weight)	6.85%
2020, 2021, & 2022 Goal Using the Average (Ratio plus Weight divided by 2)	3.69%
Staff Recommended Goal for Fical Years 2020, 2021, & 2022	5%

2017 - 2019 CMCOG Actual DBE Participation
(Step 2)

CMCOG Project	Prime Contractor	Overall FTA Contract Amount	Prime Contractor SCDOT UCP Certified DBE	Subcontractor(s)	Subcontractor Amount Paid	Subcontractor SCDOT UCP Certified DBE?	Percentage of SCDOT UCP Certified DBE Participation	Amount of SCDOT UCP Certified DBE Participation
Site Selection Study - Regional Intermodal Transportation Center	Wendel	\$245,000	No	Kimley-Horn & Associates	\$25,000.00	No		
				Wildan Financial Services	\$30,000.00	No		
				Flock & Rally	\$18,000.00	Yes	7%	\$18,000.00
				Jones Worley Design, Inc.	\$3,000.00	Yes	1%	\$3,000.00
				Costing Services Group, Inc.	\$2,000.00	Yes	1%	\$2,000.00
Video Production Services	Lost Art Communications	\$105,000	No	Hilton Head Video	\$45,070.57	No		
				Greater Works	\$17,527.13	Yes	17%	\$17,527.13
				BayRich Virtual Business Solutions	\$8,250.00	Yes	8%	\$8,250.00
Totals		\$350,000			\$148,847.70			\$48,777.13

CMCOG 2017 - 2019 Goal:

7%

Actual Overall DBE Participation (Actual Participation Amount divided by Total Contracts Amount) (%):

13.94%

Actual Overall DBE Participation (Actual Overall DBE Participation %age multiplied by Total Contracts Amount (\$):

\$48,777.13

(1) (ii)= no disparity studies conducted by MPO in last five years

(1)(iii)= base figure of another recipient not utilized

(2)= not available

(3)=no adjustment attempted for past discrimination

PUBLIC NOTICE

FY 2020 to FY 2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal (REVISED)

Comment Period November 7, 2019 to December 11, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) has established their proposed (FY) 2020 (2019/2020) to (FY) 2022 (2021/2022) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goal for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) assisted contracting opportunities to be set at five percent (5%). In conformance with implementing regulation 49 CFR Parts 23 and 26, as amended, the Central Midlands Council of Governments has developed their proposed DBE goal based on federal regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) and intends to submit to FTA a program goal of 5% for DBE participation in CMCOG contract activities.

The purpose of this notice is to afford certified DBEs, the public, general contractor groups, minorities, and woman's organizations an opportunity to participate and comment on the FY 2020 to FY 2022 DBE Goal. CMCOG DBE Program proposed goal and methodology may be reviewed for 30 days starting with the first day of publication of this notice during normal business hours from 8:45 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Monday-Friday. Those interested can view or receive a copy of the FY 2020 – FY 2022 DBE Goal at 236 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210 or on our website at www.centralmidlands.org. Written comments can be submitted to the CMCOG at the address above or emailed to rsimmons@centralmidlands.org. Written comments will be accepted until December 11, 2019.

For more information about the proposed FY 2020 to FY 2022 DBE goal setting process and the proposed DBE Goal, please contact Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director, CMCOG, at 803-376-5390 or by email at rsimmons@centralmidlands.org.

All written comments received shall, as applicable, be made a part of the CMCOG records of public input. Please be advised that if no comments are received and/or if no additional changes have been made, then as amended, this document will be published as the final document.

FACT SHEET



FTA Overall DBE Goal (FY 2020 – 2022)

What is the COATS MPO Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program?

The Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is dedicated to serving our community, including ensuring nondiscrimination of disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) in the award and administration of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-assisted contracts. The goals of the program are:

- To ensure a “level playing field in which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA-assisted contracts
- To ensure the DBE Program is narrowly tailored
- To help remove barriers to DBE participation in USDOT assisted contracts.
- To ensure that only firms that meet federal standards are permitted to participate as DBEs

DBE Goal Setting Process

The COATS MPO's DBE goal is developed based on the agency's specific circumstances. The methodology used to develop the goal is reviewed for agreement and accepted or rejected by FTA.

FY 2020 – 2022 FTA Overall DBE Goal

The COATS MPO has calculated an overall **DBE Goal of 5%** for fiscal years (FY) 2020 – 2022, which was submitted to FTA on November 5, 2019. The goal setting process must include a 30-day public comment period, which extends from November 7th – December 11, 2019. The next update of the COATS MPO's DBE goal is due to FTA no later than August 1, 2022.

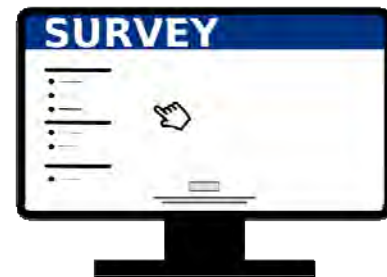
What is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise?

A disadvantaged business enterprise or DBE means a for profit small business concern -

- 1) That is at least 51% owned by one or more individuals who are both socially and economically disadvantaged or, in the case of a corporation, in which 51% of the stock is owned by one or more such individuals; and
- 2) Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.

Source: Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26

https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title49/49cfr26_main_02.tpl



Please turn over for opportunities to participate in the COATS MPO DBE goal setting process and provide input via the DBE Program Assessment Survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BB9LRT>

Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS)

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Regional Transportation Planning Program

FACT SHEET



FTA Overall DBE Goal (FY 2020 – 2022)

DBE Program Powerpoint

Please review the COATS MPO Powerpoint on the FY 2020 – 2022 FTA DBE goal on the CMCOG website at <http://centralmidlands.org/cmcoo-coats-mpo-fy-2020-2022-disadvantaged-business-enterprise-dbe-goal.html>. The powerpoint will include a detail description on the goal setting process and contact information for questions and comments.

Presentations on the DBE Goal Setting Process will be held on November 14th @ 12 p.m. and December 3rd @ 9:30 a.m. at the Transportation Subcommittee and Technical Committee respectively. These meetings will be held at the offices of the Central Midland Council of Governments

Please contact Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director /Director of Transportation at rsimmons@centralmidlands.org to schedule a meeting to discuss the DBE goal in more detail.

DBE Program Assessment Survey

The COATS MPO is committed to its DBE Program. To help us determine what services would increase the participation of DBE firms in federal-aid contracts we have developed the DBE Program Assessment Survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey, which can be found on the CMCOG website noted above and at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BB9LRT>

For complaints, questions or concerns about the DBE and/or Title VI Programs; or for accessible formats for individuals with disabilities, please contact Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Transportation, at (803) 376-5390 or rsimmons@centralmidlands.org.

For more information, please contact:

Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Transportation
Central Midlands Council of Governments
236 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210
Phone: (803) 376-5390 – Email: rsimmons@centralmidlands.org.

Useful Links:

COATS MPO DBE Program:

<http://centralmidlands.org/wp-content/uploads/CMCOG-COATS-MPO-DBE-PROGRAM-2017-Approved-August-24-2017.pdf>

State of South Carolina DBE Program:

<https://www.scdot.org/business/bus-development-overview.aspx>

State of South Carolina Unified Certification Program Directory:

<https://www.scdot.org/business/bus-development-dbe-sbe-cert.aspx>

South Carolina Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification:

<http://osmba.sc.gov/index.html>

South Carolina Division of Small and Minority Business Contracting and Certification DBE Directory:

<http://osmba.sc.gov/directory.html>

Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS)

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FY 2020 – FY 2022 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NOVEMBER 7, 2019 – DECEMBER 11, 2019



FY 2020– FY 2022 DBE GOAL

FY 2020 – FY 2022 DBE GOAL

HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO BE SET AT FIVE PERCENT (5%)



FY 2020 – FY 2022 DBE GOAL



The COATS MPO sets an overall goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation in Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-assisted contracts.



The MPO does set contract-specific DBE goals, but reserves the right not to if the overall goal will be otherwise met.

FY 2020 – FY 2022 DBE GOAL



Required by 49 CFR Part 26



Must be updated every three years



Goal calculation methodology due to FTA no later than August 1 (of year due)



Methodology reviewed and approved or rejected by FTA

To ensure a "level playing field in which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA-assisted contracts

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COATS MPO DBE PROGRAM GOALS

The overall DBE goal must:

Be based on the availability of DBEs relative to all businesses in the market area



Not be simply based on:

The national goal

The MPO's previous overall goal, or

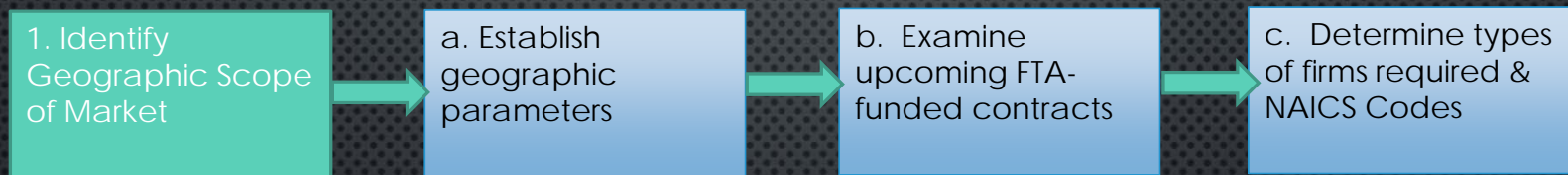
The MPO's historical DBE participation (without reference to the relative availability of DBEs in the market area)



Include required consultation and publication

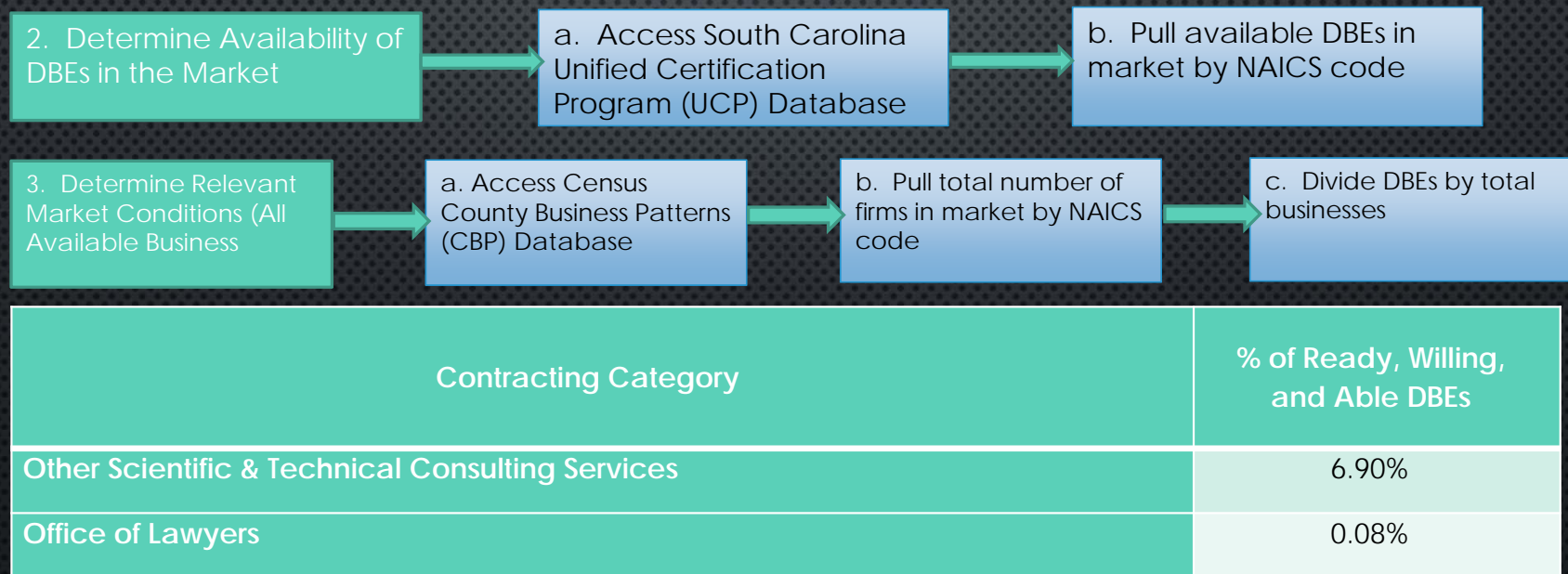
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GOAL CALCULATION PROCESS (STEP 1)



Contracting Category	NAICS Code(s)
Other Scientific & Technical Consulting Services	Consulting and Technical Services 54169
Office of Lawyers	Lawyers or Attorneys 54111

GOAL CALCULATION PROCESS (STEPS 2 & 3)



GOAL CALCULATION PROCESS (STEP 4)

4. Determine "Base" DBE Goal



a. Total of
UCP DBEs/CBP
=
Sum is Base Goal

Contracting Opportunities	NAICS Code	SCDOT UCP DBE Directory	County Business Patterns	% of Ready, Willing, & Able DBEs
Human Services Coordination Plan	54169	12	174	6.90%
Legal Services	54111	2	2,448	0.08%
Short Range Transit Plan	54169	12	174	6.90%
People Mover Practical Analysis	54169	12	174	6.90%
Origin and Destination and Demographic Study	54169	12	174	6.90%
Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study	54169	12	174	6.90%
Base DBE Goal		14	2,622	0.53%

GOAL CALCULATION PROCESS (STEP 5)

5. Determine "Weighted" DBE Goal

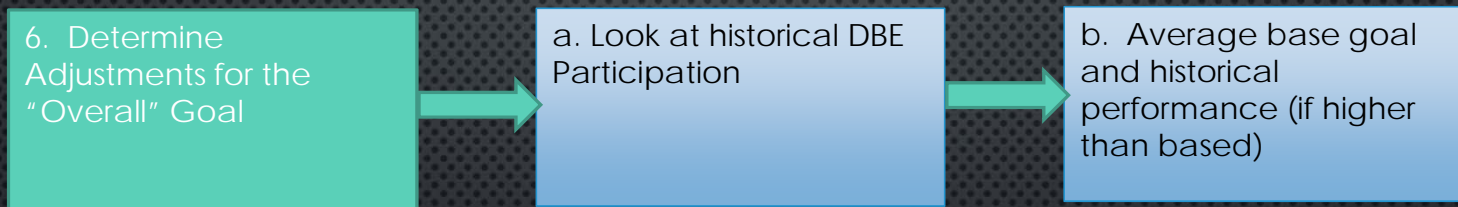
a. Percent of Contracting Opportunity Multiplied by Number of Ready, Willing and Able DBEs
= Sum is Weighted Goal

Contracting Opportunity	NAICS Code	Total Contracting Opportunity	% of Ready, Willing, & Able DBEs	Results = % of Weighted Distribution
Human Services Coordination Plan	54169	38.34%	6.90%	2.64%
Legal Services	54111	0.63%	0.08%	0.00%
Short Range Transit Plan	54169	18.78%	6.90%	1.30%
People Mover Practical Analysis	54169	15.65%	6.90%	1.08%
Origin and Destination and Demographic Study	54169	7.82%	6.90%	0.54%
Regional Express Bus and Park & Ride Lot Study	54169	18.78%	6.90%	1.30%
Weighted DBE Goal				6.85%

GOAL CALCULATION PROCESS (HISTORICAL PARTICIPATION)

CMCOG Project	Prime Contractor	Overall FTA Contract Amount	Prime Contractor SCDOT UCP Certified DBE	Subcontractor(s)	Subcontractor Amount Paid	Subcontractor SCDOT UCP Certified DBE?	Percentage of SCDOT UCP Certified DBE Participation	Amount of SCDOT UCP Certified DBE Participation
Site Selection Study - Regional Intermodal Transportation Center	Wendel	\$245,000	No	Kimley-Horn & Associates	\$ 25,000.00	No		
				Wildan Financial Services	\$ 30,000.00	No		
				Flock & Rally	\$ 18,000.00	Yes	7%	\$ 18,000.00
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CMCOG 2017 - 2019 Goal:				7%				
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Actual Overall DBE Participation (Actual Overall DBE Participation %age multiplied by Total Contracts Amount (\$):				\$48,777.13				

GOAL CALCULATION PROCESS (STEP 6)



Base DBE Goal	Historical Participation	Adjusted Overall DBE Goal
0.53%	8.95%	4.74%



30-Day public
comment period

November 7, 2019 to
December 11, 2019
Advertisements: *Website*



Website advertisement:
www.centralmidlands.org



DBE Program Informational Flyers



DBE direct consultation activity
(this powerpoint presentation)

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DBE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT SURVEY

- DBE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT SURVEY
 - FOLLOWING LINK:
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/5BB9LRT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5BB9LRT)

QUESTIONS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION
CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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December 12, 2019

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 to CMRTA

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) and Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that describes the cooperative working relationship of the two organizations. This MOU recognizes that each year most of the FTA grant dollars that are received by CMCOG as the designated recipient, will be required by CMRTA, a direct recipient, for the provision of public transit services. CMCOG will require some continuing FTA funding in order to meet our responsibilities under MAP-21 and the FAST Act as a Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The CMRTA is 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 the CMRTA may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5307 funding amount for the purpose of CMRTA's grant applications:

FY 2019 - \$5,154,206 of \$5,154,206

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 the Direct Recipient. 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 CMRTA'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,

Benjamin J. Mauldin
Executive Director

cc: John Andoh
Reginald Simmons



December 12, 2019

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 to CMRTA

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

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The CMRTA is preparing grant applications for Section 5339 funds for their capital needs. We are providing this letter to authorize the amount of formula funding that the CMRTA may apply for prior to formally submitting their grant applications. We authorize the following Section 5339 funding amount for the purpose of CMRTA's grant applications:

FY 2019 - \$584,990

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 the Direct Recipient. 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.

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cc: John Andoh
Reginald Simmons



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: UPWP Amendment – CMRTA Transit Planning

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 & 2021 Unified Planning Work Program to add \$180,000 in transit planning for technical and personnel support.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Section 5307 funds are available for the planning, engineering, design, and evaluation of public transportation projects and for other technical transportation related studies. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: studies relating to management, operations, capital requirements, and economic feasibility; work elements and related activities preliminary to and in preparation for constructing, acquiring, or improving the operation of facilities and equipment; plans and specifications; evaluation of previously funded projects; job access and reverse commute projects; and other similar or related activities before and in preparation for the construction, acquisition, or improved operation of public transportation systems, facilities, and equipment.

FTA encourages recipients to use Section 5307 funds for technical studies of special interest to the transit agency, such as maintenance plan development, operational service planning, transit asset management plans, public transportation safety plans, and management and operation planning studies. FTA also encourages recipients to use program funds to supplement regular formula planning funds when the planning resources authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5305(d) are insufficient to meet such needs. Similarly, where the federal government proposes a high-cost study, such as one for major capital investments, recipients may use Section 5307 funds to supplement available formula planning funds and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning funds.

All planning projects carried out within the metropolitan transportation planning process that use FTA or FHWA funds must be included in the unified planning work program (UPWP), as approved by the MPO. The UPWP must include a list of the proposed planning projects, project scopes, and related costs.

ATTACHMENT

UPWP Page

PROJECT NO:	3Q	
PROJECT TITLE:	CMRTA Transit Planning	
OBJECTIVE:		
Providing personnel and technical support for CMRTA Transit Planning Activities		
METHODOLOGY:		
<p>Section 5307 funds are available for the planning, engineering, design, and evaluation of public transportation projects and for other technical transportation related studies. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: studies relating to management, operations, capital requirements, and economic feasibility; work elements and related activities preliminary to and in preparation for constructing, acquiring, or improving the operation of facilities and equipment; plans and specifications; evaluation of previously funded projects; job access and reverse commute projects; and other similar or related activities before and in preparation for the construction, acquisition, or improved operation of public transportation systems, facilities, and equipment.</p> <p>FTA encourages recipients to use Section 5307 funds for technical studies of special interest to the transit agency, such as maintenance plan development, operational service planning, transit asset management plans, public transportation safety plans, and management and operation planning studies. FTA also encourages recipients to use program funds to supplement regular formula planning funds when the planning resources authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5305(d) are insufficient to meet such needs. Similarly, where the federal government proposes a high-cost study, such as one for major capital investments, recipients may use Section 5307 funds to supplement available formula planning funds and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) planning funds.</p> <p>All planning projects carried out within the metropolitan transportation planning process that use FTA or FHWA funds must be included in the unified planning work program (UPWP), as approved by the MPO. The UPWP must include a list of the proposed planning projects, project scopes, and related costs.</p> <p>Funds from this project will be used to provide personnel and technical support for CMRTA.</p>		
END PRODUCT:		
Personnel and technical support for the Central Midlands Transit Authority.		
Project Sponsor/Participating Agencies:	Funding Sources:	
Sponsor: COATS	FY 2020	FY 2021
Participating Agencies: COATS, CMCOG Member Governments, Other agencies as appropriate	FHWA/FTA Consolidated	\$ 0.00
	FTA (Section 5307)	\$ 144,000.00
	LOCAL	\$ 36,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 180,000.00
	FHWA/FTA Consolidated	\$ 0.00
	FTA (Section 5307)	\$ 0.00
	LOCAL	\$ 0.00
	TOTAL	\$ 0.00



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – Access & Mobility Partnership Grants

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2016 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$249,912 for the Access & Mobility Partnership Grants awarded to CMRTA.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Federal Transit Administration announced the selection of projects with FY 2018 & 2019 Access & Mobility Partnership Grants Initiative, including the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM) and the Human Services Coordinated Research (HSCR) Grant Program; and provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority will receive funding to provide Mobility as a Service to increase access to coordinated healthcare services in Columbia, South Carolina. This project allows staff at medical facilities as well as patients to request and book transportation options that are affordable for veterans, seniors, and single parent head of household populations.

ATTACHMENT

Notice Project Selection and Implementation Guidance

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Transit Administration**

**Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Competitive Funding Awards:
Access & Mobility Partnership Grants [Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot
Program (ICAM) and Human Services Coordination Research (HSCR) Grant Program]**

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION: Access & Mobility Partnership Grants (ICAM and HSCR Programs)
Announcement of Project Selections and Implementation Guidance**

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the selection of projects with Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 and 2019 Access & Mobility Partnership Grants Initiative, including the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM) and the Human Services Coordination Research (HSCR) Grant Program; and provides administrative guidance on project implementation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Successful applicants should contact the appropriate FTA Regional office for information regarding applying for the funds or program-specific information. A list of Regional offices can be found at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/> and go to the “Find Your Regional Office” tab on the webpage. In the event the contact information provided by your organization in the application has changed, please contact your FTA Regional office with the current information to expedite the grant award process. Unsuccessful applicants may contact Kelly Tyler, Office of Program Management at (202) 366-3102, email:

Kelly.Tyler@dot.gov to arrange a proposal debriefing within **30 days** of this announcement. A TDD is available at 1-800-877-8339 (TDD/FIRS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Access and Mobility Partnership Grants is comprised of two separate and distinct grant programs. The Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM) is authorized under Section 3006(b) of the Fixing America’s

Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (Pub. L. 114-94, Dec. 4, 2015). The Human Services Coordinated Research Program (HSCR) is funded through the Public Transportation Innovation Program, 49 U.S.C. 5312(b).

On September 12, 2018, FTA published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) through a *Federal Register* notice announcing the availability of Federal funding for the program. Section 3006(b) of the FAST Act authorizes \$3,250,000 in FY 2018 and \$3,500,00 in FY 2019 for grants under the ICAM Pilot Program. The funds that FTA is making available also includes \$187,822 in FY 2016 funds and \$465,893 in FY 2017 funds that remain available. Additionally, the NOFO announced the HSCR Program, under which FTA makes available \$2,434,767 under the Public Transportation Innovation Program, 49 U.S.C. 5312(b), to finance capital and/or operating projects that develop and deploy an enhancement or improvement to the coordination of human services transportation. The total amount of funds also includes \$2,148,053 in remaining balances from FY 2015 and \$286,714 from FY 2016.

The ICAM Pilot Program grants will support capital projects that address the challenges the transportation disadvantaged face when accessing healthcare, such as: getting to the doctor or returning home from a hospital procedure, or going to rehabilitation, behavioral health services, the pharmacy, or free health screening services. These projects seek to improve the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation services for targeted populations. The goals of the ICAM Pilot Program are to: (1) increase access to care, (2) improve health outcomes, and (3) reduce healthcare costs.

The HSCR program supports operating and capital projects that will build upon identified gaps in services for the improvement of services, as outlined in a locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. The goal of the HSCR Program is to implement a coordinated public transportation project that offers innovative solutions to improve

local coordination or access to coordinated transportation services. Additionally, this program seeks to support transit agencies, human service agencies, and local communities as they:

- integrate new mobility tools like smart phone apps, demand-responsive bus and van services;
- aim to improve multi-modal connectivity for seniors, people with disabilities, and low-income individuals;
- address accessibility issues through innovative technologies and practices;
- improve the quality of the traveler experience and the transit product; and
- identify new mobility-enhancing practices and technologies.

Funds under the ICAM Pilot Program may be used for capital expenditures only. Funds under the HSCR Program may be used for operating or capital expenditures that are tied to the locally developed Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. Project expenditures for both the ICAM and HSCR Programs must be consistent with the specific eligibility and priorities established in the September 2018 NOFO. Pre-award authority is as of May 22, 2019 when the projects were announced by press release.

For the ICAM and HSCR Programs, a total of \$9.6 million dollars is available under this Access and Mobility Partnership Grants Initiative. A total of 126 proposals were received from 39 States, District of Columbia, and Virgin Islands requesting \$37 million. Project proposals were evaluated based on each applicant's responsiveness to the program evaluation criteria outlined in FTA's September 2018 NOFO. On May 22, 2019, FTA announced on the [Access and Mobility Partnership Grants](#) landing page the selection of 37 projects in 37 states, totaling \$9,601,981. The projects selected in Table 1 provide funding for twenty-three ICAM projects and 14 HSCR projects. Funds must be used only for the specific purposes identified in Table 1. Allocations may be less than what the applicant requested. Applicants selected for competitive

funding should work with their FTA regional office to finalize the grant application in FTA's Transit Award Management System (TrAMs) for the projects identified in the attached table to expeditiously obligate funds. In cases where the allocation amount is less than the proposer's requested amount, applicants should work with the regional office to ensure the funds are obligated for eligible aspects of the projects, and for specific purpose intended as reflected in Table 1. A competitive project identification number has been assigned to each project for tracking purposes, and must be used in the TrAMs application. For more information about TrAMs, please visit <https://www.transit.dot.gov/>. The post award reporting requirements include submission of the Federal Financial Report (FFR), Milestone Progress Report in TrAMs, and FTA's National Transit Database (NTD) reporting as appropriate. (see the current version of FTA Circular 9040.1G).

An independent evaluation of the pilot program or research grants may occur at various points in the deployment process and at the end of the pilot project. In addition, FTA is responsible for producing an annual report to Congress that compiles evaluations of selected projects, including an evaluation of the performance measures identified by the applicants. All applicants must develop an evaluation plan to measure the success or failure of their projects and describe any plans for broad-based implementation of successful projects. The FTA may request data and reports to support the independent evaluation and annual report.

FTA has designated the National Aging and Disabilities Transportation Center (NADTC) to support grantees with project performance evaluations and provide technical assistance. NADTC will also develop and host a Learning Collaborative available to all Access and Mobility Partnership Grantees. Grantees will be contacted by NADTC regarding participation in the Learning Collaborative.

All [Access and Mobility Partnership](#) grantees must comply with all applicable Federal statutes, regulations, executive orders, FTA circulars, and other Federal requirements in carrying out the project supported by the FTA grant.

Funds allocated in this announcement must be obligated in a grant by September 30, 2021 or the funds will no longer be available. As previously mentioned, applicants selected for competitive funding should work with their FTA regional offices to finalize the grant application in FTA's TrAMs.

Table 1
FY 2018 and 2019 Access and Mobility Partnership Grants Project Selections

State	Recipient	Project Description	Project ID	Allocation
AL	United Way of Central Alabama, Inc.	The United Way of Central Alabama will receive funding to address identified gaps and barriers in service through modernization of technology. The funds will be used to purchase software and app development that will help to increase system efficiency throughout Central Alabama.	D2019-HSCR-008	\$ 148,000
AZ	Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization	Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) will receive funding to create a mobile service hub in which medical, food, and transportation services will be offered simultaneously at strategic locations throughout the County.	D2019-HSCR-005	\$ 235,852
CA	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System	San Diego Metropolitan Transit System will receive funding to enhance the automated and web reservation system for arranging Non-Emergency Medical Transportation trips for NEMT purposes. This will give paratransit riders an easier way to make reservations through an automated phone and web reservation system.	D2019-ICAM-023	\$ 536,000
CO	Disability Services Inc., dba Envida	Disability Services, Inc. will receive funding to purchase vehicles and scheduling and routing software to increase access to healthcare. Additionally, a Mobility Manager will increase coordination and foster partnerships with the healthcare services in the community.	D2019-ICAM-013	\$ 249,526
DC	Capitol Hill Village	Capitol Hill Village will receive funding to improve health outcomes of low-income seniors and persons with disabilities by developing transportation skills through a travel training program designed to increase clients' transportation awareness, knowledge, and confidence. Peer Support Health Educators will work one-on-one with clients to assess transportation needs, enroll in appropriate transportation, and assist in planning medical visits.	D2019-ICAM-015	\$ 290,500

FL	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority will receive funding to purchase software technology that integrates accessible vehicles into the existing on-demand dispatch platform. This project is a partnership with the Transit Authority and several health and human services agencies in the region.	D2019-ICAM-002, D2019-ICAM-003	\$ 100,000
GA	County of Fulton	The County of Fulton will receive funding to address identified unmet needs and gaps in service delivery by providing alternative transportation services for Seniors using Transportation Network Companies.	D2019-HSCR-002	\$ 243,778
IL	Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois	Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois will receive funding to address gaps in services through the launching of Partners for Enhanced Access to Treatment Program (PEAT). This project provides services to residents of Logan and Mason Counties for medical appointments and pharmaceutical pick-up.	D2019-HSCR-014	\$ 40,000
IN	Indiana University Health, Inc.	Indiana University Health Inc. will receive funding to purchase an innovative software platform that will reduce transportation barriers to healthcare for patients in numerous locations in Indiana through the deployment of patient transportation assistance coordination technology at Indiana University Health.	D2019-ICAM-011	\$ 208,352
LA	City of Shreveport	The City of Shreveport, LA will receive funding to develop a new mobile application and web portal to increase system efficiency and scheduling to reduce gaps in services.	D2019-HSCR-012, D2019-HSCR-013	\$ 54,472
MA	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority	Pioneer Valley Transit Authority will receive funding for a pilot program to purchase transportation services through brokerage system in partnership with RideCare of Pioneer Valley. This service will connect vulnerable patients to the best transportation option available, and thereby reduce waste in the Medicaid system.	D2019-ICAM-017	\$ 333,000
MD	Maryland Transit Administration	The Maryland Transit Administration will receive funding to address identified gaps in services by enhancing technology resources for increased mobility options for seniors and individuals with disabilities.	D2019-HSCR-003	\$ 240,000

ME	Greater Portland Council of Governments	The Greater Portland Council of Governments will receive funding to address identified gaps in service using Mobility Management strategies as a tool to increase coordination and access, serving the Greater Portland Planning Metropolitan Planning area. The Mobility Solutions for Maine project will help targeted populations and improve the overall coordination of transportation services.	D2019-HSCR-004	\$ 240,000
MI	Flint Mass Transportation Authority	Flint Mass Transportation Authority will receive funding to increase access to a highly responsive, on-demand non-emergency medical transportation services for seniors and person with disabilities.	D2019-ICAM-026	\$ 734,752
MN	SouthWest Transit	SouthWest Prime MD will receive funding to implement an innovative approach to providing NEMT through public microtransit services to hospitals, medical centers, and clinics in and around the designated service area.	D2019-ICAM-016	\$ 290,500
MO	Missouri Rural Health Association	Missouri Rural Health Association will receive funding to enhancing health care access in rural Missouri through the employment of mobility management strategies.	D2019-ICAM-024	\$ 592,328
MS	Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc.	Aaron E. Henry Community Health Services Center, Inc. will receive funding to launch Rides to Recovery (R2R) Program to address Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services by increasing focus on preventive care, mental health and substance abuse treatment in response to the Opioid epidemic.	D2019-ICAM-018	\$ 360,540
NC	The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc.	The C. W. Williams Community Health Center, Inc. will receive funding to expand access to quality healthcare for transportation disadvantaged populations in Mecklenburg County and surrounding communities.	D2019-ICAM-005	\$ 112,000
NH	New Hampshire Department of Transportation	New Hampshire Department of Transportation will receive funding to integrate transportation service requests into the already established 211 Regional Call Center, transforming the center into a one click-one call model. This project will utilize modernization of technology and the expertise on coordination of mobility management.	D2019-HSCR-015	\$ 17,295

NJ	NJ Transit	NJ Transit will receive funding to produce travel training videos, entitled "Transportation for Everyone". The project will target older adults, individuals with disabilities and low-income populations who are transit dependent.	D2019-HSCR-011	\$ 60,600
NM	Capacity Builders, Inc.	Capacity Builders, Inc. will receive funding for transportation to non-emergency medical services, for the aging and people with disabilities populations in Northwest New Mexico and Montezuma County, Colorado. The project will increase affordable access to care, improve health outcomes, and reduce healthcare costs in a predominantly rural region for people who do not have access to transportation to receive non-emergency medical services.	D2019-ICAM-006	\$ 130,000
NY	Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc.	Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc. will receive funding to coordinate a volunteer transportation network in western New York State.	D2019-HSCR-009	\$ 145,968
OH	Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio	The Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio will receive funding to implement an on-demand Transportation service and coordination of non-emergency transportation for older adults in the Cincinnati Region.	D2019-ICAM-019	\$ 470,000
OK	Osage Nation	The Osage Nation will receive funding to purchase a 15-passenger van to increase access to transportation to medical appointments in various locations for Native American elders, Native Americans with disabilities, and low-income Native American families.	D2019-HSCR-010	\$ 73,892
OR	Ride Connection, Inc.	Ride Connection, Inc. will receive funding to increase access to healthcare services by providing mobility management services, in partnership with Providence Health Services, a major regional healthcare system. A Ride Connection Mobility Specialist will collaborate with staff from two hospital locations and local social services provider to provide individual travel options, counseling, and clinic level support to integrate transportation referrals.	D2019-ICAM-001	\$ 96,921

PA	Geisinger Clinic	Geisinger Clinic will receive funding to employ an innovative approach to increase access to healthcare by combining mobility management and technology Solutions.	D2019-ICAM-020, D2019-ICAM-021	\$ 499,484
RI	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority will receive funding to address an unmet need for transportation for employment through the Rides to Work program.	D2019-HSCR-007	\$ 150,000
SC	Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority	Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority will receive funding to provide Mobility as a Service to increase access to coordinated healthcare services in Columbia South Carolina. This project allows staff at medical facilities as well as patients to request and book transportation options that are affordable for veterans, seniors, and single parent head of household populations.	D2019-ICAM-014	\$ 249,912
SD	West River Transit Authority, Inc.	West River Transit Authority, Inc. will receive funding to expand services for medical and other rides by increasing customer access via smartphone apps for ride booking, cancellation and confirmation, with ease of use enabling more people access.	D2019-ICAM-012	\$ 220,000
TN	Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency	Southeast Tennessee Human Resource Agency will receive funding to purchase additional buses and for additional operating assistance to address identified gaps and barriers in service.	D2019-HSCR-001	\$ 388,000
TX	North Central Texas Council of Governments	The North Central Texas Council of Governments will receive funding to implement My Ride North Texas 2.0, a regional mobility management program to improve the coordination of transportation services and medical services. The Project will leverage healthcare and transportation-focused partnerships in the North Central Texas 16-county region, to identify and address specific populations that lack transportation to wellness resources.	D2019-ICAM-022	\$ 511,106

UT	Utah Transit Authority	Utah Transit Authority will receive funding to purchase Electronic Voucher (E-Voucher) software development in partnership Jacksonville Transit Authority (JTA), Community Health IT (CommHIT), and Cambridge Systematics (CS).	D2019-ICAM-025	\$ 700,125
VA	Boat People S.O.S., Inc.	Boat People S.O.S., Inc. will receive funding for the Health Awareness and Promotion Program (HAPP). This transportation project will increase access to public transportation for 200 Vietnamese American older adults with limited English and individuals with disabilities residing in Northern Virginia by improving the coordination of transportation services and non-emergency medical transportation services and expanding public transportation options. Counties served includes Fairfax County, Falls Church City, Arlington County, Alexandria City, Loudon County, Prince William County, and Manassas City.	D2019-ICAM-004	\$ 101,928
VT	Vermont Agency of Transportation	The Vermont Agency of Transportation will receive funding to address identified gaps in service and barriers to transportation by providing alternative transportation services to increase access to substance abuse treatment and employment as a new program called Recovery Rides.	D2019-HSCR-006	\$ 170,000
WA	People for People	People for People will receive funding to improve coordination of patient access to healthcare using the software platform Goin. Goin provides real-time coordination for transportation and healthcare partners to monitor a client service, vehicle capacity, expected time of arrival, weather, and travel conditions. Transportation and healthcare costs are reduced by filling vacant seats and accurately scheduling medical teams.	D2019-ICAM-010	\$ 206,846
WI	Southwestern WI Community Action Program, Inc.	Southwestern WI Community Action Program, Inc. will receive funding to implement a travel management coordination center. The center will improve coordination of NEMT transportation in nine counties of WI through the implementation of a technology solution with a NEMT-focused mobility manager, who will work with counties and healthcare facilities to develop agreements to increase access/coordination of non-emergency medical transportation.	D2019-ICAM-009	\$ 205,360

WV	Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	The Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, Inc. will receive funding to increase access to healthcare with the purchase of accessible vans and the employment of a mobility manager. The Transportation for Rural Appalachian Communities (TRAC) program seeks to safely transport a vulnerable, underserved population in rural southern West Virginia by coordinating & providing non-emergency medical home-to-service transport for clients via a 7-vehicle fleet.	D2019-ICAM-007, D2019-ICAM-008	\$ 194,944
			TOTAL	\$ 9,601,981



Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment – South Main Street**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2016 - 2022 TIP to add \$3.6 million in guideshare funds for the South Main Street Streetscape Project.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

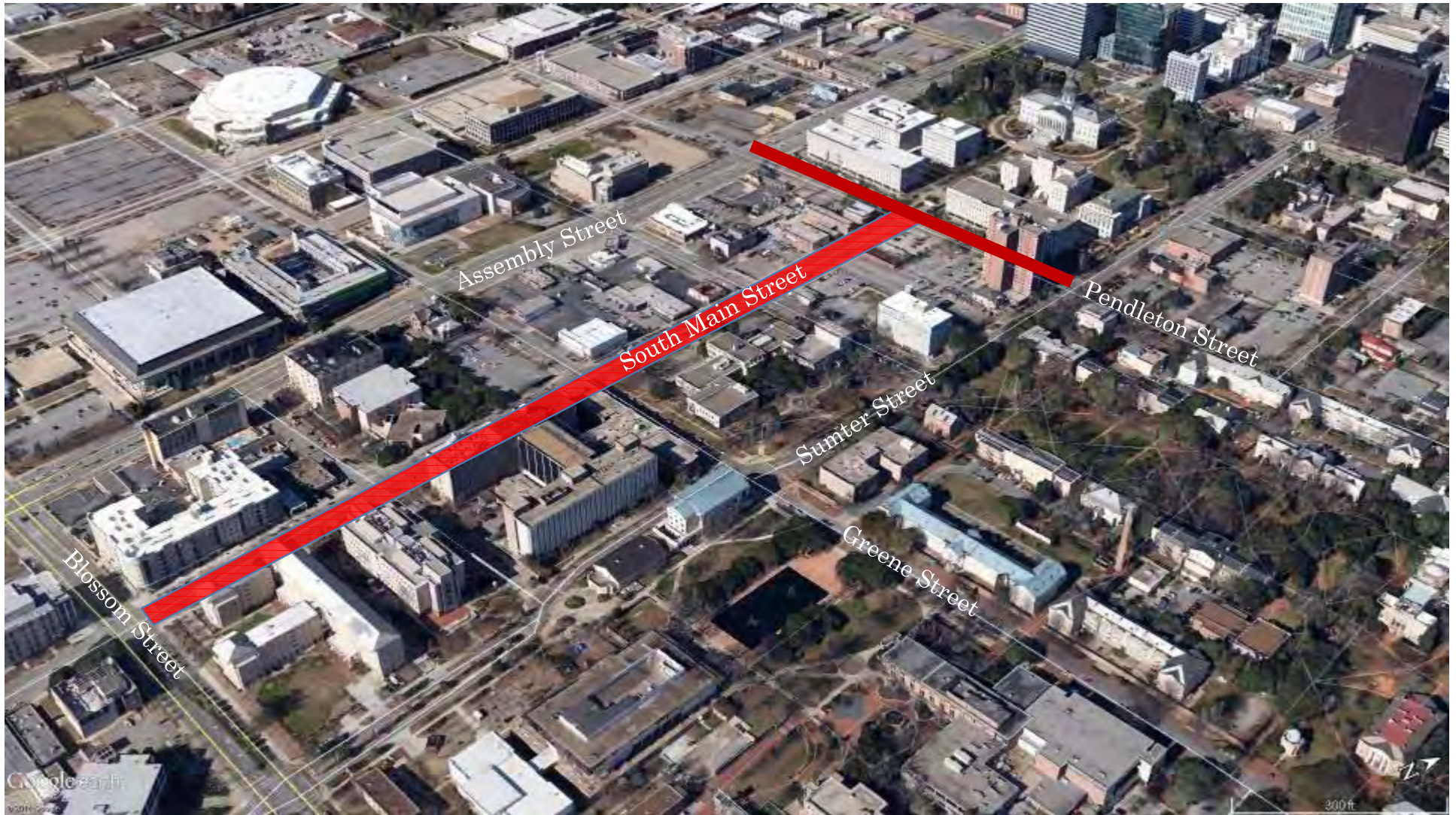
CMCOG in partnership with the University of South Carolina, City of Columbia, South Carolina Department of Transportation and the Comet will develop and implement the South Main Street Streetscape Project. The S. Main Street project consists of streetscape improvements along 4 blocks of S. Main Street from the intersection of Blossom Street to the intersection of Pendleton Street. South Main Street's current configuration consist of 2 lanes in each direction with dedicated turn lanes at each intersection and parallel parking on both sides of the street. The scope of this project would consist of reducing the number of lanes to one (1) in each direction, as well as the addition of bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks, and landscaping. In addition, safety upgrades will be added to the Pendleton Street corridor as well as enhanced connectivity to existing bus stops on Pendleton, College, and Sumter Streets.

This additional funding will be used to address the undergrounding of utilities along the corridor.

ATTACHMENT

South Main Street Rendering

A Vision for the South Main Street District



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Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment –Main Street Mast Arms**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2016 - 2022 TIP to transfer \$149,974 in TAP funds from the Greenview-Esplanade Connector to the Main Street Mast Arms Project. This request will also remove the Greenview-Esplanade Connector project as an active project in the 2016 – 2022 TIP.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

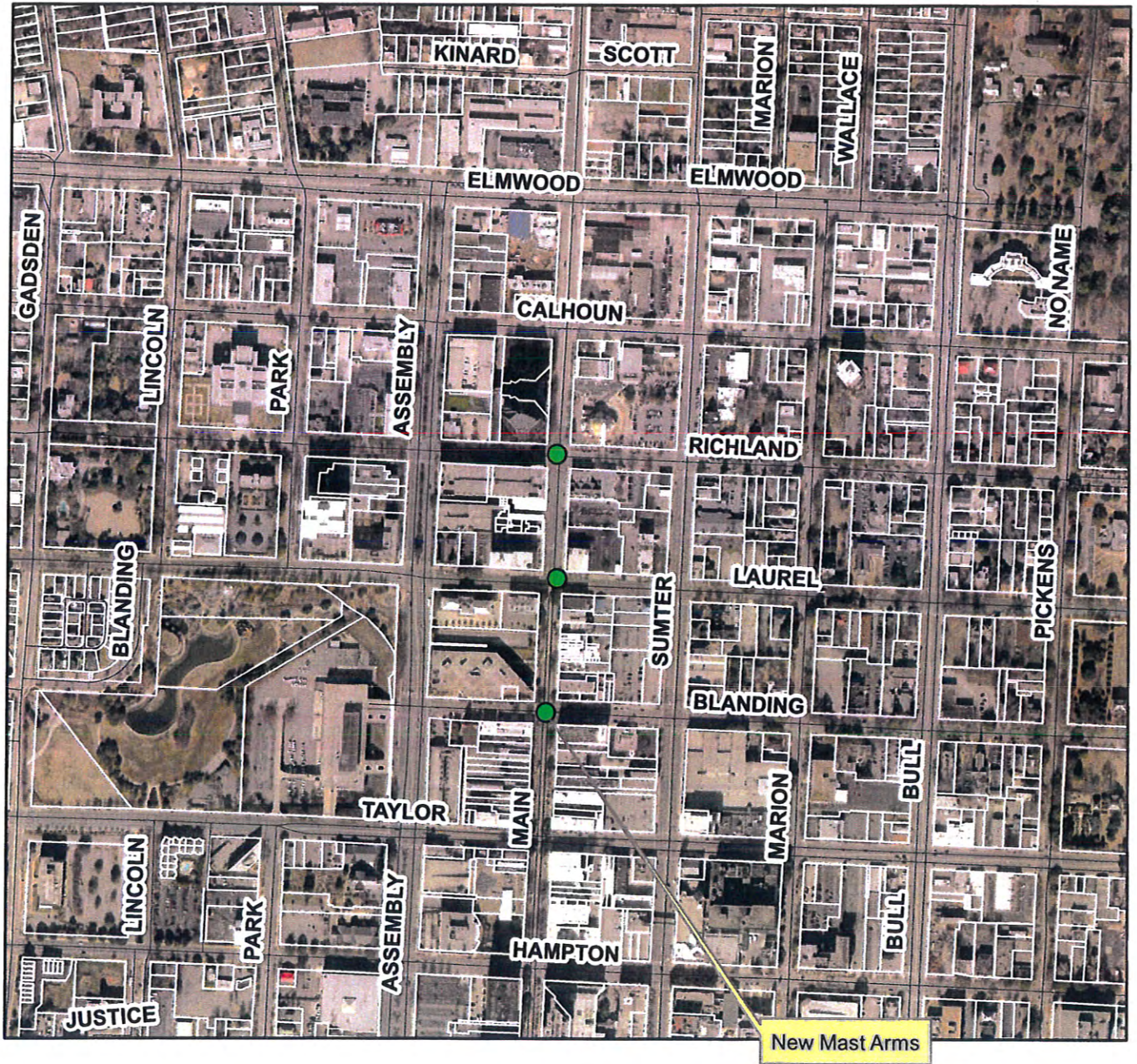
The City of Columbia has recently advertised the Main Street Mast Arms Transportation Alternatives Project. This project will install mast arms along Main Street from Blanding Street to Richland Street. This project was let for construction and the most recent bids received created a funding shortfall of approximately \$250K.

In order to address this funding shortfall, the City has requested to remove their Greenview Esplanade Connector TAP project which was approved by the MPO Policy Committee in FY 2016 and transfer those awarded funds to the Main Street Mast Arms project. This request will transfer \$149,974 in federal funds and a total of \$249,957 overall with the City of Columbia providing the 40% local match.

ATTACHMENT

Main Street Mast Arms Project Map

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Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG **Board of Directors**

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: February 27, 2020

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment** – Human Trafficking and Improve Safety on Public Transit Grant

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2016 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program to add \$151,776 for the Human Trafficking and Improve Safety on Public Transit Grant awarded to CMRTA.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao announced \$5.4 million in grant selections as part of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative at an event at U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters. Twenty-four organizations across the country received funding for projects to help prevent human trafficking and other crimes on public transportation.

Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery, with nearly 25 million victims worldwide, including in the United States. Traffickers use all modes of transportation to conduct their activities and often use public transit because it is low cost, offers greater anonymity in buying fare cards, and provides less direct interaction with government or transit officials.

FTA's Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative is a public safety initiative that supports the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative through transit-focused industry engagement, education, public awareness and outreach, and research and technical assistance to combat human trafficking in transit. In addition, the program supports FTA's operator assault and crime prevention efforts. The initiative aims to maximize the transit industry's collective impact to address human trafficking and other public safety concerns.

ATTACHMENT

Announcement of \$5.4 Million to Combat Human Trafficking and Improve Safety on Public Transit

U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces \$5.4 Million to Combat Human Trafficking and Improve Safety on Public Transit

1/28/2020

WASHINGTON – U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao today announced \$5.4 million in grant selections as part of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Human Trafficking Awareness and Public Safety Initiative at an event at U.S. Department of Transportation headquarters. Twenty-four organizations across the country will each receive funding for projects to help prevent human trafficking and other crimes on public transportation.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to working with our public and private partners to fight human trafficking on America's transportation system," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery, affecting millions of adults and children in the United States and worldwide. Traffickers move their victims on all modes of transportation, and sometimes use public transit due to its low cost, greater anonymity in buying fare cards, and less direct interaction with government or transit officials.

"The funding announced today will empower transit agencies and other organizations to develop local solutions to address human trafficking on buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation," said FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams. "Our goal is to build awareness among all transit operators and the traveling public to enable them to recognize and report potential instances of human trafficking."

Below are examples of selected projects. The total funding for the projects includes \$4 million in funding announced earlier this year as well as an additional \$1.4 million.

- The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority will receive \$350,000 to launch an awareness campaign that will include rider education on how to report suspected human trafficking activity as well as increased employee training on human trafficking. Home to Silicon Valley, Santa Clara is vulnerable to an increase in human trafficking and other crimes given its location near international travel hubs including air, sea and rail and a rapidly growing population.
- The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in Georgia will receive \$352,000 to install communications equipment on buses linked to dispatchers at the transit maintenance center, allowing for live monitoring of the bus driver and their surroundings. Gwinnett County Transit operates seven local bus routes and five express routes in the northeast metro Atlanta region, carrying approximately 1.5 million riders annually.
- The Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA) will receive \$242,677 to improve existing educational materials for transit agencies on human trafficking, operator assault, and public safety, and develop new learning tools. CTAA is a national association of public, nonprofit, and private transportation and mobility management providers.

Human Trafficking Awareness & Public Safety Initiative Grant and Cooperative Agreement Selections

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
AZ	Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA)	The Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority (NAIPTA) will receive funding to provide human trafficking awareness training for public transportation staff in Northern Arizona, conduct a human trafficking awareness and public safety campaign, develop an app that allows bus drivers and riders to report suspicious behavior, and provide transit passes for human trafficking survivors involved in workforce training programs. NAIPTA operates the Mountain Line fixed route bus service as well as paratransit service in Flagstaff, Arizona.	\$87,612
AZ	City of Tucson	The City of Tucson will receive funding for staff training and public awareness campaigns designed to prevent transit operator assaults and human trafficking on transit. The funds will also allow Sun Transit, the city's public transit system, to develop strategies for reducing crime at transit centers.	\$221,100
CA	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)	The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) will receive funding to conduct training and a public	\$350,000

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
		awareness campaign that will educate employees, passengers and the public about recognizing and reporting human trafficking activities on transit. VTA provides bus, light rail, and paratransit services in the San Jose, California, area.	
CA	SunLine Transit Agency	Sunline Transit Agency will receive funding to develop educational training materials and conduct a public outreach campaign addressing human trafficking on public transportation. SunLine is the public transit provider for the Coachella Valley of Southern California, located 60 miles east of Riverside California, and operates fixed route, commuter and paratransit bus service.	\$37,320
DC	Community Transportation Association of America	The Community Transportation Association (CTAA) of America will receive funding to improve existing educational materials for transit agencies on human trafficking prevention, operator assault and public safety, and develop new learning tools. CTAA is a national association of public, nonprofit and private transportation and mobility management providers.	\$242,677
DC	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)	WMATA will receive funding to implement a pilot study to evaluate ways to reduce crime and improve safety in Metrorail stations. WMATA operates one of the nation's largest rail transit systems, which consists of 118 route miles and 91 passenger stations. This effort would focus on six Metrorail	\$176,000

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
		stations experiencing the highest crime rates in the transit system.	
FL	Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART)	Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) will receive funding to conduct a public awareness campaign about human trafficking in the months leading up to the Super Bowl in 2021 in Tampa. The campaign will include educational materials for the public and HART employees as well as training in recognizing and reporting human trafficking.	\$100,240
FL	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)	The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) will receive funding to develop human trafficking awareness training for employees and outreach materials for the public. PSTA provides bus, trolley and paratransit service in Pinellas County, Florida.	\$43,630
GA	Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners	The Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners will receive funding to install on buses communications equipment linked to dispatchers at the transit maintenance center, allowing for live monitoring of the bus driver and their surroundings. Gwinnett County Transit operates seven local bus routes and five express routes in the northeast metro Atlanta region.	\$352,000
KY	The Council of State Governments	The Council of State Governments will receive funding to conduct a seminar bringing together leaders from 10 states to learn about best practices and policy solutions	\$117,825

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
		to reduce crime and address human trafficking on public transit. The council is a national organization based in Lexington, Kentucky, whose mission is to foster the exchange of ideas to help state officials shape public policy.	
MI	Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA)	The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) in Lansing, Michigan, will receive funding to implement an app that allows users to submit public safety concerns with photos, videos and text messages to transit dispatchers. CATA also will conduct a public education campaign to raise awareness of human trafficking on transit.	\$75,000
MO	Bi-State Development Agency	The Bi-State Development Agency in St. Louis, Missouri, will receive funding to enhance employee training to recognize human trafficking and address other public safety incidents on buses. The agency provides bus and light rail service in the St. Louis area.	\$187,500
NC	City of Greensboro	The City of Greensboro will receive funding to implement an application that allows transit users to anonymously report safety and security issues occurring in the transit system directly to dispatchers for instant response. In order to encourage widespread use of the application, the city also will conduct marketing and outreach activities to educate riders and the public on using the application.	\$34,400
NC			\$120,000

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
	North Carolina Department of Transportation	The North Carolina Department of Transportation will receive funding to implement a training program for transit employees across the state on how to recognize and respond to the signs of human trafficking. The department also will develop human trafficking awareness educational materials to be posted on transit vehicles and stations.	
NV	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada (RTC)	The Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) of Southern Nevada will receive funding to address public safety in transit systems, including crime prevention, human trafficking, and operator assault. The project includes training provided by local law enforcement partners for transit operators and a public safety awareness campaign that encourages active involvement by transit employees, passengers, and community members.	\$160,000
NY	ECPAT-USA	End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purpose-USA (ECPAT-USA) will receive funding to develop educational and public awareness campaign materials for transit systems to address public safety and human trafficking on transit. ECPAT-USA is an anti-trafficking policy organization that focuses on education and advocacy.	\$1,639,498
OH	Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority	The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority will receive funding to develop and	\$474,232

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
		disseminate human trafficking awareness materials to passengers, update an existing phone app that provides trafficking victims with information and resources to obtain help, and work with law enforcement agencies to identify best practices for reducing crime on transit. The human trafficking awareness materials will be disseminated via video and audio messages on public address systems on buses.	
OK	Grand Gateway EDA Pelivan Transit	Grand Gateway EDA Pelivan Transit will receive funding to provide statewide training for the public and transit employees with the goal of reducing crime, increasing human trafficking awareness and prevention, and expanding knowledge of proper safety measures to practice while using public transportation. Grand Gateway EDA Pelivan Transit, which provides transit services in northeastern Oklahoma, applied for the grant on behalf of the Oklahoma Transit Association (OTA), which represents 35 local transit agencies that provide public transit across in state.	\$350,475
OR	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met)	The Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met) will receive funding to develop and disseminate educational material for riders on how to identify and report potential risks to riders and operators and install digital displays at key transit centers to share	\$151,052

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
		information on safety-related topics. The goal is to reduce operator assaults and increase public participation in reporting threats to the safety of operators and passengers.	
SC	Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The Comet)	The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The Comet) will receive funding to develop pamphlets, posters and other materials about rider safety and human trafficking awareness to be displayed in the transit system and to conduct public safety awareness events to educate the community about human trafficking and crime on buses. The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority provides The Comet bus service in Richland and Lexington counties, South Carolina.	\$151,776
SC	Greenville Transit Authority (Greenlink)	The Greenville Transit Authority (Greenlink) will receive funding to create training and educational materials for employees and riders, and conduct a public awareness campaign and exposition to increase human trafficking awareness on transit. The Greenville Transit Authority operates Greenlink fixed-route bus service in the Greenville and Mauldin/Simpsonville areas of South Carolina.	\$20,936
SD	West River Transit Authority (Prairie Hills Transit)	The West River Transit Authority (Prairie Hills Transit) will receive funding to conduct training for employees and the public about human trafficking awareness as well as develop public education materials and	\$60,000

State	Project Sponsor	Project Description	Grant Amount
		host public awareness events that will provide human trafficking survivors with opportunities to share their knowledge and experiences. The West River Transit Authority provides Praire Hills Transit bus service in a rural area of western South Dakota.	
TX	Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)	Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) will receive funding to conduct employee training and public education to prevent human trafficking on transit; and, host a one-day summit with local, state and federal partners to share information about human trafficking. DART provides bus, light rail and commuter rail service in the Dallas area.	\$49,600
TX	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, which operates bus and light rail service in the Houston area, will receive funding to install equipment on buses designed to deter assaults on bus drivers and other crimes. The equipment will record images of passengers boarding the bus, allowing them to see themselves in real time on a monitor above the operator's seat. A second monitor will show a live video feed of the passenger area of the bus.	\$160,000

Total Amount:
\$5,362,873

Updated: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Gregory Sprouse, Director of Research, Planning, and Development

DATE: February 20, 2020

SUBJECT: 208 Plan Amendment Request (Information Only): Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System New WWTP, Management Agency Designation, and Designated Management Area (DMA) Map Change

The Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System is currently planning for the construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment facility to be located in southeastern Fairfield County to provide wastewater service to industrial customers along the I-77 corridor in Fairfield County and to other customers in certain portions of Fairfield County where wastewater service is not currently available. In order to allow for the construction of the New Wastewater Treatment Plant and for the Fairfield Joint System to provide wastewater service, it is necessary to amend the Central Midlands 208 Plan to (i) provide for the New Wastewater Treatment Plant; (ii) designate the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System as a 208 Management Agency; and (iii) amend the 208 map to assign a Management Agency Area for the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System. The proposed Management Agency Area of the Fairfield Joint System will be created from portions of the Management Agency Areas that are currently designated to the Town of Ridgeway, the Town of Winnsboro and Fairfield County, thereby reducing the Management Agency Areas of each.

BACKGROUND

Fairfield County is proposing to construct a new industrial park megasite to accommodate for approximately 9.2 million square feet of industrial and manufacturing buildings/businesses. The proposed Fairfield County Industrial Park, I-77 International Megasite is located in Fairfield County, South Carolina utilizing approximately 1,500 acres of property. The proposed site is bordered along Interstate-77, approximately 2.5 miles north of Ridgeway, SC. Fairfield County proposes to construct a new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), Big Cedar Creek WWTF. The facility location and layout will

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be provided once finalized. In the initial phase, the new facility will have an average daily flow (ADF) capacity of 1.0 MGD treatment and provide effluent that meets the SC DHEC standards for urban reuse water. The new facility is proposed to have a footprint for an Average Daily flow (ADF) capacity of 2.0 MGD and have equipment installed to process 1.0 MGD of wastewater. A peaking factor of 2.5 has been selected for the design of the proposed WWTF. The plant will be able to expand readily to 2.0 MGD of treatment capacity with the addition of membrane cassettes and other ancillary equipment. The Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) details the expansion of the facility from Phase I (2.0 MGD) to Phase II (4.0 MGD) through the mirror image footprint. The new facility will include preliminary screening and grit removal, magnetic flow meter for influent flow measurements, flow equalization, biological treatment and solids separation through membrane bioreactor technology (MBR), ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, dissolved oxygen (DO) improvement, effluent pump station (if Needed), effluent flow measurement, effluent sampling, solids digestion, thickening, dewatering, and disposal.

REQUESTED ACTION

CMCOG staff and representatives from the Fairfield Joint Water and Sewer System will provide the Board with an overview of the forthcoming 208 plan amendment request.

This agenda item is for information only and no action is requested at this time.