



Meeting Notice

DATE: May 20, 2021

TO: CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Steve MacDougall, CMCOG Board Chair

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 12:00 noon via **ZOOM Teleconference**. The meeting materials are enclosed.

Enclosures



Board of Directors Meeting of the
Central Midlands Council of Governments

Thursday, May 27, 2021 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room (Virtual Meeting)

OVERALL AGENDA

ACTION

A. Call to Order and Introductions

Steve MacDougall,
Chair

1. Determination of a Quorum
2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda
3. Invocation

B. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (*Enclosure 1*)
2. Approval of the March 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes (*Enclosure 2*)
3. Quarterly Financial Statement (January – March 31, 2021) (*Enclosure 3*)
4. Nomination of CMCOG Board of Directors Officers (*Enclosure 4*)
5. TIP Amendment – 27 in 7 Bonding Program Debt Service Payment (*Enclosure 5*)
TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road Widening Project – CRRSAA Funds
6. TIP Amendment – CMRTA Intermodal Station (*Enclosure 6*)
7. TIP Amendment – FTA Programs and Apportionments (*Enclosure 7*)
8. TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road Widening Project – TAP Funds (*Enclosure 8*)
9. TIP Amendment – FY 2019 TAP Funds (*Enclosure 9*)

C. Regular Agenda

1. FY 2022 & 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (*Enclosure 10*)
2. FY 2022 & 2023 Rural Planning Work Program (*Enclosure 10*)
3. Resolution: De-Federalizing Transit Facilities (*Enclosure 11*)
4. TIP Amendment – FTA Programs and Apportionments (*Enclosure 12*)

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D. Announcements / Committee or Staff Reports / Correspondences

1. SCDOT Transportation Project Updates
2. Executive Director's Report

Darren Ledbetter
Benjamin Mauldin

E. Old/New Business

F. Other Business

G. Adjourn

REMINDER: The next CMCOG Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2021 in the CMCOG 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, April 22, 2021 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room via Virtual Platform

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Annie McDaniel, Fair County Leg. Del.
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville Town Council
Brian Carter, City of W. Cola Administrator
Cheryl English, Richland County Council
Doug Fabel, Richland County
Foster Senn, Mayor, City of Newberry
Glenn Conwell, Lexington County Council
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Larry Brigham, Lexington County
Moses Bell, Fairfield County Council
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Shaun Greenwood, Forest Acres Administrator
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington Mayor
Susan Brill, Richland County
Todd Beasley, Richland County
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Vina Abrams, Newberry County
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
Will Brennan, City of Columbia Council
William DePass, City of Columbia

GUESTS PRESENT:

Darren Ledbetter – SCDOT
Joey McIntyre – SCDOT
Michelle Dickerson, City of West Columbia
Michelle Ransom - The COMET

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Mauldin, Executive Director
Candice Holloway, Director, AAA on
Aging/ADRC
Chanell Jackson, Finance Director
Fretoria Addison, LTC Ombudsman Volunteer
Coord./ Information Support Specialist
Guillermo Espinosa, Senior Planner
Jason Kent, GIS Manager
Petula Hendley, Financial Management/
Supportive Services Director
Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/
Transportation Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve MacDougall called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. on April 22, 2021.

1. Determination of Quorum

Chairman MacDougall declared that a quorum was not present.

2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

3. Invocation

Robert Liming gave the Invocation.

4. Introduction of New Board Members:

Derrek Pugh, Richland County Council
Brian Carter, City of West Columbia

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, approved

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved, seconded by Vina Abrams to approve the March 25th Board Meeting Minutes with a minor amendment. The motion was approved.

C. Regular Agenda

C1. Quarterly Financial Report

Chanell Jackson requested approval of the Quarterly Financial Statement which reflects January – March 31, 2021. According to Ms. Jackson all finances are being well managed including COVID funding that was received for CMCOG.

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved, seconded by Bob Hall, to approve the Quarterly Financial Statement. The motion was approved.

C2. Nomination of CMCOG Officers

Paul Livingston stated that the CMCOG Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Present were Vina Abrams, Moses Bell, and Paul Livingston. The Nominating Committee members voted in favor to submit the following nominations for officers for terms beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023.

Chair: Foster Senn, Newberry County
Vice-Chair: Will Brennan, City of Columbia

They also voted in favor to submit the following nomination as the current vice chair for the term ending June 30, 2021.

Vice-Chair: Foster Senn, Newberry County

MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved, seconded Walt McLeod, to elect the CMCOG officers. The motion was approved unanimously.

C3. TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road

Reginald Simmons requested first reading approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add \$1,129,089 in Transportation Alternative Program Funds to the Leesburg Road Widening Project.

Since 2016, the COATS MPO has awarded approximately \$2,069,163 to a total of eleven (11) Transportation Alternative Projects. Federal guidance dictates that funding in the Transportation Alternatives Program must be fully obligated within 4 years of its apportionment. If the funding is not fully obligated, then the funding is subject to lapse. Approximately \$1,129,089 has not been obligated amongst these eleven projects and is scheduled to lapse on September 30, 2021.

To keep these funds active, the COATS MPO proposes to add this funding to the Leesburg Road Widening Project. The deadline to obligate these funds is August 1, 2021. Funding for the Leesburg Road Widening Project is scheduled to be obligated in June 2021 and construction is scheduled to be let in July 2021. This addition funding will assist in finalizing the financial plan for the Leesburg Road Widening Project.

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Robert Liming, to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add \$1,129,089 in Transportation Alternatives Program Funds to the Leesburg Road Widening Project. The motion was approved.

C4. TIP Amendment – FY 2019 TAP Projects

Reginald Simmons requested first reading approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add \$1,137,647 in FY 2019 and FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program Funds to eight (8) existing TAP projects.

Since FY 2016, the COATS MPO has awarded over \$2 million to eleven (11) transportation alternative projects. Currently, one (1) has been completed, two (2) have been withdrawn and eight (8) remain active.

Since these projects were awarded in FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018, TAP funds associated with these projects will lapse if the funding is not fully obligated by September 30th.

Per a review of these projects with SCDOT, none of the eight remaining projects are scheduled to be fully obligated by September 30th. Thus, to keep these projects active for completion, staff is proposing to use FY 2019 and FY 2020 funds to continue to fund these projects. The attached table will show the proposed obligations to be made to each project.

STATUS	TMA	LPA ADMINISTERED	APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	FEDERAL OBLIGATION NEEDED
Active	COATS	Yes	Richland County	Alpine Road Shared Use Path	\$180,000.00
Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Julius Felder Sidewalk (all previous phases)	\$123,555.40
Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Frink Street Sidewalk	\$95,284.80
Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Julius Felder Sidewalk Phase III	\$156,941.00
Active	COATS	No	City of West Columbia	Center Street Sidewalk and Crosswalk	\$143,200.00
Active	COATS	No	City of West Columbia	Meeting Street and State Street Area Improvements	\$123,666.00
Active	COATS	No	Kershaw County	Wildwood Lane Sidewalk Improvements PH I	\$156,000.00
Active	COATS	No	Kershaw County	Wildwood Lane Sidewalk Improvements PH II	\$159,000.00
					\$1,137,647.20

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Robert Liming, to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add \$1,137,647 in FY 2019 and FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program Funds to eight (8) existing TAP projects. The motion was approved.

C5. TIP Amendment- FTA Programs and Apportionments

Reginald Simmons requested first reading approval to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add apportionments for the FY 2021 Sections 5307, 5310, & 5339 FTA Funding Programs. CMCOG is the designated recipient for the Sections 5307, 5310, 5339 FTA Funding Programs. Funding from these programs can be used for either capital, planning, administration, and/or limited operating assistance. For FY 2021 the following apportionments were received for the Columbia Urbanized Area:

- Section 5307 - \$9,242,669 – American Rescue Plan
- Section 5310 - \$86,787 – American Rescue Plan

MOTION, approved

Paul Livingston moved, seconded by Vina Abrams, to approve the 2020 – 2027 TIP amendment to add the FY 2021 FTA Programs and Apportionments. The motion was approved.

D. Announcements

D1. Executive Directors Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- CMCOG will be sending out the Rural Survey Link from SCDOT. The Rural Survey is collected every 5 years to review and solicit comments from local officials. This survey will be used to measure the effectiveness and overall satisfaction of rural officials and planning of programs in rural areas. The deadline for the survey is April 26, 2021. All are asked to please fill out and return to SCDOT.
- CMCOG has entered into a partnership agreement with the Congaree National Park and the Southeast Rural Outreach for an Advisory Council for the Congaree Biosphere region. There will be more information regarding this forthcoming.

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 12:40 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its May 27, 2021 meeting.

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve MacDougall, Chairperson



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

Thursday, March 25, 2021 ♦ 12:00 p.m. ♦ CMCOG Conference Room via Virtual Platform

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vina Abrams, Newberry County
John Andoh, The Comet
Charles Appleby, Richland County
Moses Bell, Fairfield County Council
John Baxter, Richland County
Todd Beasley, Richland County
Will Brennan, City of Columbia Council
Susan Brill, Richland County
Julian Burns, Kershaw County Council Chair
Glenn Conwell, Lexington County Council
Todd Cullum, Lexington County Council
Smokey Davis, Lexington County
William DePass, City of Columbia
Cheryl English, Richland County Council
Doug Fabel, Richland County
Sloan Griffin, Blythewood Town Council
Bob Hall, Batesburg-Leesville Town Council
Darrell Hudson, Lexington County Council
Robert Liming, City of Columbia
Steve MacDougall, Town of Lexington Mayor
Yvonne McBride, Richland County Council
Annie McDaniel, Fair County Leg. Del.
Walt McLeod, Newberry County
Joe Mergo, Lexington County
Chakisse Newton, Richland County Council
Elise Partin, Mayor, City of Cayce
Jeffrey Salters, Lexington County
Foster Senn, Mayor, City of Newberry
Chris Wooten, Lexington County Leg. Del.

GUESTS PRESENT:

Michelle Dickerson, City of West Columbia
Brian Carter, City of West Cola. Administrator
Darren Ledbetter – SCDOT
Joey McIntyre – SCDOT
Michelle Ransom - The COMET
Christina Lewis - SCDOT
Eric Harris - The Comet
Brent Rewis - SCDOT
Ernie Baughman - Toole & Design
Mark Smyers - Director ICRC
Michael Peterson - SCDOT
Erin Porter - SCDOT
Betsy McCall - SCDOT
Stephanie O’Cain - MASC

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jessica Foster, Operations Coordinator
Guillermo Espinosa, Senior Planner
Petula Hendley, Financial Management/
Supportive Services Director
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 12:04 p.m. on March 25, 2021.

1. Determination of Quorum

Chairman MacDougall declared the presence of a quorum.

2. Approve Order and Contents of the Overall Agenda

3. Invocation

Vina Abrams gave the Invocation.

4. Introduction of New Board Members:

Darrell Hudson, Lexington County

5. Presentation of Resolution to Hope Brock

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the February 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes, approved

MOTION, approved

Robert Liming moved, seconded by Yvonne McBride to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved.

C. Regular Agenda

C1. Lower Saluda greenway Feasibility Study

Reginald Simmons requested approval of the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study.

The Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) in cooperation with the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission (ICRC) undertook the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study.

As the formal documentation of the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study, the Feasibility Report:

- Defines the greenway's mission, purpose, and need;
- Identifies potential environmental, cultural, and social resources that should have direct access to the greenway;

- Determines natural features or social concerns that will become constraints for greenway construction;
- Informs, educates, and solicits input from the public about the greenway;
- Provides a detailed concept plan and recommended alignment for the greenway; and
- Provides cost estimates for implementing the project.

This Feasibility Report is part of the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Planning (PL) phase and must be approved by CMCOG, acting as the Columbia Area Transportation Study (COATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) before the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase can commence.

The purpose of the Lower Saluda Greenway, a proposed 10.5-mile multi-use paved path along the north side of the Lower Saluda River, is to increase safe access to nearby parks, trails, and destinations, aid in short-trip multimodal travel, and increase regional connectivity and unity between the Lexington and Irmo areas with the communities of Columbia, West Columbia, and Cayce.

Through high use of existing facilities and advocacy for additional facilities, the community has made it abundantly clear that connected, safe, and comfortable non-motorized transportation and recreational facilities are of paramount importance. The current active transportation network lacks connectivity between communities in Irmo and Lexington and those in Cayce, Columbia, and West Columbia, limiting non-motorized access to critical destinations and recreational amenities. Addressing this lack of connectivity will provide multimodal transportation choices, healthier lifestyles, access to the outdoors, a higher quality of life, and a more vibrant regional character.

Cost estimates for long term staffing and maintenance will be developed and provided in the final report.

MOTION, approved

Bob Liming moved, seconded by Smokey Davis, to approve the Lower Saluda Greenway Feasibility Study. The motion was approved.

C2. TIP Amendment – CRRSAA Funds

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add a total of \$4.9 million in CRRSAA funds.

SCDOT recently received COVID relief funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). As part of this new funding the COATS MPO has received approximately \$4.9 million in CRRSAA funds. Staff will request to use these funds to address the 27 in 7 Bonding Program debt service and the widening of Leesburg Road.

- A. \$2.6 million for the 27 in 7 Bonding Program Debt Service
- B. \$2.3 million for the Leesburg Road Widening Project

A brief discussion took place about the overall projects list.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Walt McLeod, to approve the 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment to add the \$4.9 million in CRRSAA Funds. The motion was approved.

C3. TIP Amendment – CMRTA Intermodal Station

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add \$289,900 in Section 5307 Funds for the CMRTA Intermodal Station.

In September of 2016, the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) initiated a study to examine the opportunities for a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) to be in or around downtown Columbia. The study identified 22 potential sites for a new ITC in the City of Columbia. These 22 locations were examined by the Study Steering Committee and using a pre-defined set of site evaluation criteria, the sites were analyzed with the highest-ranking sites being identified. An environmental analysis was performed for the top four ranking potential sites. No “fatal flaws” from an environmental perspective were found at any of these sites.

The COMET continued their review for an ITC on the site of the Amtrak station. The Amtrak station is a steel structure, built in 1991. Amtrak moved the station to the current Pulaski Street location when the City of Columbia removed the rails and the Seaboard Air Line Railway trestle along Lincoln Street. The former Seaboard Air Line and Amtrak station, built of red brick in 1903, still stands at Gervais Street. It was abandoned and then restored and made into a restaurant called the Blue Marlin.

Currently, Greyhound and Southeastern Stages are located at 710 Buckner Road, Columbia and Megabus is located at Lucius Road and Marlboro Street. The nearest Blue Bike is at Lincoln Street and Gervais Street which means that transportation options are scattered throughout the Greater Columbia area.

Examples of bus/rail intermodal facilities in the Southeast are in North Charleston, SC, Durham, NC, and Raleigh, NC. The COMET is looking for a facility that can house the following transportation options:

- Amtrak Silver
- Greyhound
- MegaBus
- Southeastern States
- The COMET
- Taxis
- Lyft and Uber
- Blue Bike Bikeshare Station

The COMET has provided a preliminary engineering and planning budget for review.

A brief discussion took place.

MOTION, approved

Todd Cullum moved, seconded by Yvonne McBride, to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add \$289,900 (total) in Section 5307 funds for the CMRTA Intermodal Station. The motion was approved.

C4. TIP Amendment- FTA Programs and Apportionments

Reginald Simmons requested approval to amend the 2020-2027 TIP to add apportionments for the FY 2021 Sections 5307, 5310, & 5339 FTA Funding Programs. CMCOG is the designated recipient for the Sections 5307, 5310, 5339 FTA Funding Programs. Funding from these programs can be used for either capital, planning, administration, and/or limited operating assistance. For FY 2021 the following apportionments were received for the Columbia Urbanized Area:

- Section 5307 - \$5,496,654
- Section 5310 - \$509,993
- Section 5339 - \$586,728
- Section 5310 CRRSAA Funds- \$84,786

MOTION, approved

John Andoh moved, seconded by Yvonne McBride, to approve the 2020 – 2027 TIP Amendment to add the FY 2021 FTA Programs and Apportionments. The motion was approved.

D. Announcements

D1. Executive Directors Report

Ben Mauldin gave the following report:

- The Nominating Committee will meet to nominate the incoming Chairman from Newberry County and the incoming Vice-Chairman from City of Columbia.
- We will be sending out the Rural Survey Link from SCDOT. Please fill out and return to SCDOT.

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 1:11 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Central Midlands Council of Governments approved these minutes at its March 25, 2021 meeting.

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Secretary-Treasurer

Steve MacDougall, Chairperson

Central Midlands Council of Governments
Unaudited Financial Statement
 July 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021

	<u>Approved Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
Revenue			
Local Revenue			
Member Governments	\$ 594,466	445,621.96	74.96%
State Aid	140,814	70,407.00	50.00%
Interest Income	25	22.64	90.56%
208 Conformance Reviews	10,000	7,455.00	74.55%
Local Revenue -other	27,000	18,000.00	66.67%
Midlands River Coaliton	17,000	0.00	0.00%
Fringe Recovery	1,005,205	551,106.87	54.83%
Indirect Cost Recovery	637,034	384,858.21	60.41%
Total Local Revenue	2,431,544	1,477,471.68	60.76%
Regional Programs			
Aging Planning & Administration	921,579	788,403.78	85.55%
Ombudsman Program	449,400	315,448.79	70.19%
Midlands Workforce Development Board	1,266,318	965,863.77	76.27%
Transportation	1,481,515	1,159,353.91	78.25%
Hazard Mitigation Plan	44,845	5,269.44	11.75%
EPA 208 Planning	13,000	8,857.58	68.14%
Economic Development Administration	70,000	56,100.00	80.14%
Comm Development Block Grant-Planning	50,000	33,306.49	66.61%
Total Regional Programs	4,296,657	3,332,603.76	77.56%
Community Development Block Grant Admin	161,815	121,464.00	75.06%
Local Technical Assistance Contracts	46,000	36,269.56	78.85%
Transfer From Other Program Areas-Matching, Other	427,642	310,589.00	72.63%
Total Operating Revenue	7,363,659	5,278,398.00	71.68%
Contracted Services Revenue			
Aging	3,365,062	2,719,205.93	80.81%
WIOA Contractors	3,480,801	2,394,603.21	68.79%
Total Contracted Services Revenue	6,845,863	5,113,809.14	74.70%
Total Revenue	14,209,522	10,392,207.14	73.14%
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	2,929,606	1,922,897.99	65.64%
Fringe & Indirect Cost Allocation	1,642,239	1,013,965.11	61.74%
Operations and Maintenance	767,584	545,261.47	71.04%
Employee Development & Training	59,750	46,369.00	77.61%
Travel & Transportation	100,300	20,839.99	20.78%
Consultants & Contracts	978,037	753,737.05	77.07%
Capital Outlays	158,501	125,381.84	79.10%
Transportation Contractors	300,000	236,103.00	78.70%
Transfer to other Program Areas-Matching,other	427,642	313,821.00	73.38%
Total Operating Expenses	7,363,660	4,978,376.45	67.61%
Contracted Services Expenses			
Aging	3,365,062	2,432,116.55	72.28%
Midlands Workforce Development Board (WIA)	3,480,801	2,845,038.65	81.74%
Total Contracted Services Expenses	6,845,863	5,277,155.20	77.09%
Total Expenses	14,209,522	10,255,531.65	72.17%
Revenue Over/(Under) Expenses	-	136,675.49	



TO: CMCOG Executive Committee/ CMCOG Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Livingston
DATE: April 22, 2021
RE: **Nominations for CMCOG Officers**

The CMCOG Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. Present were Vina Abrams, Moses Bell and Paul Livingston.

The Nominating Committee members present unanimously and respectfully submit the following nominations for officers of the Central Midlands Council of Governments for the current Vice Chair thru June 30, 2021 and the term beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2023:

Current Vice Chair: Foster Senn, City of Newberry (Newberry County)
Incoming Chairman: Foster Senn, City of Newberry (Newberry County)
Incoming Vice-Chairman: Will Brennan, City of Columbia

We recommend your approval of the above officers.



Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO
Policy Committee on March 25th.

Public comment period ended on May
26, 2021

No Public Comments Received

Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment – CRRSAA Funds**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add a total of \$4.9 million in CRRSAA funds.

BACKGROUND

SCDOT recently received COVID relief funds through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). As part of this new funding the COATS MPO has received approximately \$4.9 million in CRRSAA funds. Staff will request to use these funds to address the 27 in 7 Bonding Program debt service and the widening of Leesburg Road.

- A. \$2.6 million for the 27 in 7 Bonding Program Debt Service
- B. \$2.3 million for the Leesburg Road Widening Project



Memorandum

Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO Policy Committee on March 25th.

Public comment period ended on May 26, 2021

No Public Comments Received

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: March 25, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment – Intermodal Station**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments' staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add \$212,720 in Section 5307 Funds for the CMRTA Intermodal Station.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

In September of 2016, the Central Midlands Council of Governments (CMCOG) initiated a study to examine the opportunities for a Regional Intermodal Transportation Center (ITC) to be in or around downtown Columbia. The study identified 22 potential sites for a new ITC in the City of Columbia. These 22 locations were examined by the Study Steering Committee and using a pre-defined set of site evaluation criteria, the sites were analyzed with the highest-ranking sites being identified. An environmental analysis was performed for the top four ranking potential sites. No "fatal flaws" from an environmental perspective were found at any of these sites.

The COMET continued their review for an ITC on the site of the Amtrak station. The Amtrak station is a steel structure, built in 1991. Amtrak moved the station to the current Pulaski Street location when the City of Columbia removed the rails and the Seaboard Air Line Railway trestle along Lincoln Street. The former Seaboard Air Line and Amtrak station, built of red brick in 1903, still stands at Gervais Street. It was abandoned and then restored and made into a restaurant called the Blue Marlin.

Currently, Greyhound and Southeastern Stages are located at 710 Buckner Road, Columbia and Megabus is located at Lucius Road and Marlboro Street. The nearest Blue Bike is at Lincoln Street and Gervais Street which means that transportation options are scattered throughout the Greater Columbia area.

Examples of bus/rail intermodal facilities in the Southeast are in North Charleston, SC, Durham, NC, and Raleigh, NC. The COMET is looking for a facility that can house the following transportation options:

- Amtrak Silver
- Greyhound
- MegaBus
- Southeastern States
- The COMET
- Taxis
- Lyft and Uber
- Blue Bike Bikeshare Station

The COMET has provided a preliminary engineering and planning budget for review.

ATTACHMENT

Intermodal Station Draft Budget

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CMRTA INTERMODAL STATION

Task	Description Work	Rates	Estimated Budget	FTA Share	Local Match	Activity Line Item
Preliminary Engineering	Site work, preliminary design, site identification, Alternative Analysis, surveying	Civil Engineer: \$153 per hour	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	113-11.31.03
		Junior Engineer: \$113 per hour				
		Architect: \$168 per hour				
		Engineer Technical: \$88 per hour				
		Administrative Support: \$68 per hour				
		Project Manager, Sr. Traffic Engineer \$153 per hour				
Survey	Site work surveying	Flat Fee	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 680.00	113-11.31.03
Environmental	Determine if a CE or a EIR/EIS is needed in accordance with NEPA	Sr. Environmental Planner, Se. Geotech Engineer \$153	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	113-11.31.03
Grant Writing Assistance	Pursue BUILD, 5339, TIFIA, TA, other funding: https://www.greatamericanstations.com/restoration-tools/funding-and-tax-credits/	Principal/Project Manager: \$200 per hour	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	117-11.79.00
		Grant Writer: \$175 per hour				
		Senior Associate: \$125.00 per hour				
Funding Assistance	Meet with FTA, US Senate, US House, Amtrak, Greyhound to support efforts	\$2,000 per month	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00	
Travel	Travel to DC and to North Charleston, Lansing MI, Raleigh NC, Birmingham AL, Charlotte, NC, Normal, IL, Jackson MS, Meridian MS, Fort Worth TX to see their intermodal stations managed by transit authorities	Airplane, hotel, per diem, transportation costs for Executive Director, Intermodal Committee members, Planning and Development Specialist	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	117-11.79.00
Grand Total			\$ 289,900.00	\$212,720.00	\$77,180.00	



Approved by the CMCOG Board/MPO
Policy Committee on April 22nd.

Public comment period ended on May
26, 2021

No Public Comments Received

Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 22, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment - Federal Transit Administration Programs & Apportionments**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to add the fiscal year 2021 federal funding apportionment to the 2020 - 2027 TIP.

BACKGROUND

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ATTACHMENT

FTA Programs and Apportionments

FTA PROGRAMS AND APPORTIONMENTS

Section 5339 Program

Purpose

Provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities.

Eligible Recipients

- Designated recipients and states that operate or allocate funding to fixed-route bus operators.
- Subrecipients: public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation, including those providing services open to a segment of the general public, as defined by age, disability, or low income.

Eligible Activities

- Capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities.

Funding

- FY 2021 \$586,728

Section 5307 Program

Purpose

This program provides grants to Urbanized Areas (UZA) for public transportation capital, planning, job access and reverse commute projects, as well as operating expenses in certain circumstances. These funds constitute a core investment in the enhancement and revitalization of public transportation systems in the nation's urbanized areas, which depend on public transportation to improve mobility and reduce congestion.

Eligible Recipients

- FTA apportions funds to designated recipients, which then suballocate funds to state and local governmental authorities, including public transportation providers.

Eligible Activities

- Capital projects.
- Planning.
- Job access and reverse commute projects that provide transportation to jobs and employment opportunities for welfare recipients and low-income workers.
- Operating costs in areas with fewer than 200,000 in population.
- Operating costs, up to certain limits, for grantees in areas with populations greater than 200,000, and which operate a maximum of 100 buses in fixed-route service during peak hours (rail fixed guideway excluded).

Funding

- FY 2021 \$5,496,654

FTA PROGRAMS AND APPORTIONMENTS

Section 5310 Program

Purpose

This program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

Eligible Recipients

- States (for all areas under 200,000 in population) and designated recipients.
- Subrecipients: states or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, or operators of public transportation that receive a grant indirectly through a recipient.

Eligible Activities

- At least 55% of program funds must be used on capital projects that are:
 - Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- The remaining 45% may be used for:
 - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
 - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
 - Alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Funding

- FY 2021 \$509,993

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021

Purpose

- Allocates supplemental funding for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)
- Emphasizes that funding is made available for payroll and operations of public transportation first and foremost
- Permits private providers of public transportation to be a subrecipient

Eligible Recipients

- Section 5310 funds are apportioned to Designated Recipients in large urbanized areas
- States in small urbanized and rural areas
- Designated Recipients and States determine the allocation to subrecipients

FTA PROGRAMS AND APPORTIONMENTS

Eligible Activities

- Requirement to use 55% of funds for traditional capital projects does not apply to CRRSAA funds.
- The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan requirement for Section 5310 applies to CRRSAA funding.
- Permits previously appropriated (unobligated) 5310 funds to be awarded at 100% – Non-CRRSAA funding must still meet the 55% requirement and be included in a coordinated plan
- CRRSAA and unobligated CARES Act funding should be directed to the maximum extent possible: – To payroll and operations of public transit (including payroll and expenses of private providers of public transportation)
- Unless the recipient certifies to FTA that the recipient has not furloughed any employees. Expenses subject to this requirement include capital expenses such as vehicle procurements or facility construction.

Funding

- FY 2021 \$84,786



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26, 2021

No Public Comments Received

Memorandum

TO: All Members of the CMCOG Board of Directors

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: April 22, 2021

SUBJECT: TIP Amendment – Leesburg Road Widening Project

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$1,129,089 in Transportation Alternatives Program Funds to the Leesburg Road Widening Project.

BACKGROUND

Since 2016, the COATS MPO has awarded approximately \$2,069,163 to a total of eleven (11) Transportation Alternative Projects. Federal guidance dictates that funding in the Transportation Alternatives Program must be fully obligated within 4 years of its apportionment. If the funding is not fully obligated, then the funding is subject to lapse. Approximately \$1,129,089 has not been obligated amongst these eleven projects and is scheduled to lapse on September 30, 2021.

To keep these funds active, the COATS MPO proposes to add this funding to the Leesburg Road Widening Project. The deadline to obligate these funds is August 1, 2021. Funding the Leesburg Road Widening Project is scheduled to be obligated in June 2021 and construction is scheduled to be let in July 2021. This additional funding will assist in finalizing the financial plan for the Leesburg Road Widening Project.



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 27, 2021

SUBJECT: **TIP Amendment – TAP Funds**

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff requests approval to amend the 2020 – 2027 TIP to add \$1,014,092 in FY 2019 and FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Funds to seven (7) existing TAP projects and to remove two existing projects at the sponsor's request.

BACKGROUND

Transportation alternatives activities offer communities the opportunity to expand their transportation choices. Activities such as safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities, scenic routes, beautification, and other investments increase opportunities for recreation, accessibility, and safety for everyone beyond traditional highway programs.

Since FY 2016, the COATS MPO has award over \$2 million to eleven (11) transportation alternative projects. Currently, two (2) has been completed, two (2) have been withdrawn and seven (7) remain active. Since these projects were awarded in FY 2016, FY 2017, and FY 2018, TAP funds associated with these projects will lapse if the funding is not fully obligated by September 30th.

Per a review of these projects with SCDOT, none of the seven remaining projects are scheduled to be fully obligated by September 30th. Thus, to keep these projects active for completion, staff is proposing to use FY 2019 and FY 2020 apportionments to continue to fund these projects. The attached table will show the proposed obligations to be made to each project.

ATTACHMENT

Proposed Obligations

FY 2019 & 2020 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PROPOSED OBLIGATIONS

ORIGINAL PROGRAM YEAR	STATUS	TMA	LPA ADMINISTERED	APPLICANT	PROJECT NAME	FEDERAL OBLIGATION NEEDED
2017	Withdrawn	COATS	Yes	City of Columbia	Bicycle Connectivity	\$0.00
2017	Withdrawn	COATS	Yes	City of Columbia	Greenview Sidewalk Project	\$0.00
2016	Active	COATS	Yes	Richland County	Alpine Road Shared Use Path	\$180,000.00
2017	Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Frink Street Sidewalk	\$95,284.80
2017	Active	COATS	No	City of Cayce	Julius Felder Sidewalk Phase III	\$156,941.00
2019	Active	COATS	No	City of West Columbia	Center Street Sidewalk and Crosswalk	\$143,200.00
2018	Active	COATS	No	City of West Columbia	Meeting Street and State Street Area Improvements	\$123,666.00
2017	Active	COATS	No	Kershaw County	Wildwood Lane Sidewalk Improvements PH I	\$156,000.00
2018	Active	COATS	No	Kershaw County	Wildwood Lane Sidewalk Improvements PH II	\$159,000.00
Total						\$1,014,091.80



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 27, 2021

SUBJECT: **FY 2022 & 2023 UPWP** (*Click below to download this document*)
<http://centralmidlands.org/public-comment-review-draft-fy-2022-2023-unified-planning-work-program-upwp.html/>

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the FY 2022 & 2023 UPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2022 & 2023 COATS Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is based on the COATS's 2040 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was updated and approved by the Policy Committee on September 24, 2015. Emphasis has been placed on developing a program which can be reasonably accomplished with available staff and consultant resources and which is consistent with the priorities of the COATS area. This 2022 & 2023 UPWP emphasizes activities that promote the implementation of the existing plan. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

Regional Resiliency Plan

This project consists of developing a plan that will provide best practices and strategies that will reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model Update

This project consists of updating our Long-Range Transportation Plan and Travel Demand Model using state-of-the-practice techniques to forecast needs in our transportation system.

Consultant: WSP USA, INC.

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: December 2021

Regional Congestion Management Plan

This project consists of updating our congestion management plan using state-of-the-practice techniques to develop mitigation strategies that will reduce congestion in our transportation system.

Consultant: WSP USA, INC.

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: December 2021

Columbia East Sub-Area Plan

This project consists of a multimodal analysis between land use and transportation in the southeastern portion of the City of Columbia.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

Regional ITS Architecture

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

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

Short Range Transit Plan, Origin, Destination, and Demographic Survey, & Comprehensive Operational Analysis

This project consists of developing a transit development plan that will improve the efficiency of the current transit system and provide a regional outlook for the future transit system.

Consultant: Jarrett Walker & Associates

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: August 2021

Regional Bike Share Feasibility Study

This project consists of developing a bike share implementation plan that will work in concert and assist in the implementation of the bike and pedestrian master plans that have been developed by CMCOG.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022



Memorandum

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

FROM: Reginald Simmons, Deputy Executive Director/Transportation Director

DATE: May 27, 2021

SUBJECT: **FY 2022 & 2023 RPWP** (*Click below to download this document*)
<http://centralmidlands.org/draft-fy-2020-2021-rural-planning-work-program-rpwp-updated-may-2020.html/>

REQUESTED ACTION

The Central Midlands Council of Governments staff will request approval to adopt the FY 2022 & 2023 RPWP. Please be advised that the draft final report is available on our website for your review.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The 2022 & 2023 CMCOG Rural Planning Work Program (RPWP) is based on the CMCOG's 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the 2040 LRTP. Emphasis has been placed on developing a program which can be reasonably accomplished with available staff and consultant resources and which is consistent with the priorities of the CMCOG area. This 2022 & 2023 RPWP emphasizes activities that will promote the implementation of both plans. The major projects to be completed in this two year timeframe include:

Regional Resiliency Plan

This project consists of developing a plan that will provide best practices and strategies that will reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons Estimated Completion Date: June 2022

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Estimated Completion Date: August 2021

Rural Planning Projects

This project consists of assisting rural communities with planning and technical analysis that may lead to project and/or policy development.

Consultant: TBA

Project Manager: Reginald Simmons

Estimated Completion Date: June 2022



RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF FEDERAL INTEREST FROM TRANSIT FACILITIES FUNDED FROM FEDERAL GRANT SC-05-0011-00

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments is the designated recipient of Section 5307 funds for the Columbia Urbanized Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Central Midlands Council of Governments received a grant award and is the federal grantee of Federal Grant SC-05-0011 which was awarded by the Federal Transit Administration on September 29, 1985; and,

WHEREAS, Federal Grant SC-05-0011-00 provided Federal Transit Administration funds to assist in the construction of the transit facilities located at 1745 Sumter Street and 1220/1240 Assembly Street; and,

WHEREAS, the Assembly Street facility was built in 1996 and had an initial federal value of \$189,506; and,

WHEREAS, the Sumter Street facility was built in 1996 and had an initial federal value of \$405,666 (with change orders) excluding the land that was previously owned by the city; and,

WHEREAS, the remaining federal interest for the Assembly Street facility will be based on the straight line depreciation methodology in the FY 2021 Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement and the facility has been inactive since August 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the remaining federal interest for the Sumter Street facility will be based on the straight line depreciation methodology in the FY 2021 Federal Transit Administration Master Agreement and the facility is currently being used as a transit center, but the City of Columbia and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority are exploring other transit center options; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority have requested to dispose of the federal interest remaining in the useful life of these facilities in order to remove the Assembly Street facility and explore other transit center options with Sumter Street facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CENTRAL MIDLANDS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

1. The City of Columbia and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority have both agreed to support the disposal of the federal interest in the transit facilities located at 1220/1240 Assembly Street and 1745 Sumter Street; and,
2. The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors has accepted the remaining federal interest in the Assembly Street facility located at 1220/1240 Assembly Street and the Sumter Street facility located at 1745 Sumter Street; and,
3. The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority intends to transfer the remaining federal interest into Federal Grant SC-2019-013 in accordance and compliance with Federal Transit Administration requirements.

CERTIFICATION

THE UNDERSIGNED is the duly qualified Chairman of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, and hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at an open meeting of the Central Midlands Council of Governments held on May 27, 2021.

Steve MacDougall, Chairman
Central Midlands Council of Governments

Benjamin J. Mauldin, Executive Director
Central Midlands Council of Governments

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TRANSIT FACILITIES DEPRECIATION SCEDULE

Year	Original Cost	FTA Share 80%	Local Share 20%	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Used Value as of July 2015
Laurel Street	\$ 456,117.00	\$ 364,893.60	\$ 91,223.40	\$12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	
Assembly Street	\$ 236,883.00	\$ 189,506.40	\$ 47,376.60	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 126,337.60
Laurel Change Orders	\$ 50,966.00	\$ 40,772.80	\$ 10,193.20	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	
Total	\$ 743,966.00	\$ 595,172.80	\$ 148,793.20																					

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019	2020	Used Value of May 2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Remaining Value (2015 for Assembly, 2021 for Laurel)
Laurel Street	\$ 12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$ 12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$ 316,241.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$12,163.12	\$ 48,652.48
Assembly Street	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88		\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 6,316.88	\$ 63,168.80
Laurel Change Orders	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 35,336.42	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 1,359.09	\$ 5,436.37
											Total	\$ 117,257.65

*Calculation from December 1996, date of opening for both. Assembly Street closed sometime between July and August of 2015.



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Funding

- FY 2021 \$9,242,669 – American Rescue Plan

FTA PROGRAMS AND APPORTIONMENTS

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 - Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit.
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Section 5310 - American Rescue Plan (ARP) 2021

Purpose

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- Emphasizes that funding is made available for payroll and operations of public transportation first and foremost

Eligible Recipients

- Section 5310 funds are apportioned to Designated Recipients in large urbanized areas
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Eligible Activities

- Requirement to use 55% of funds for traditional capital projects does not apply to ARP funds.
- The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan requirement for Section 5310 applies to ARP funding.

Funding

- FY 2021 \$84,787