



## Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Recommended Grant Awards for the Section 5310 Specialized Transportation Program FY 2014-15

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Report to Lincoln MPO Officials Committee: November 20, 2014

MPO Technical Committee Recommendations on the *“Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program”* (Section 5310 ) Program of Projects.

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#### Program Information

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act consolidated the New Freedom and Section 5310 programs into a new program called the “Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program” (Section 5310 ) – Public Law 112-141, 49 U.S.C 5310.

#### Objectives:

This program is to provide financial assistance in meeting the transportation needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities where public transportation services are unavailable, inappropriate or insufficient. The new Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility 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 activities are similar to the previous programs, but now include capital and operating projects such as wheelchair-accessible vehicles, taxi vouchers, travel training on how to use fixed-route transit, volunteer driver programs and operations support. A key new requirement is that MAP-21 requires at least 55 percent of the new Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program be spent on capital projects, such as the wheelchair-accessible vehicles, and specifically names nonprofit organizations as the recommended subrecipient of those grants. As with SAFETEA-LU, operating projects require 50 percent match, and capital projects require 20 percent match.

#### Urbanized Area Apportionments:

The previous Section 5310 program under SAFETEA-LU provided a single apportionment to the state. The new Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program under MAP-21 provides a specific apportionment in all areas - urbanized, small urban, and rural. The Lincoln Urban area is now separate from the statewide funding for rural and small urbanized areas. The Lincoln Urban area is to receive an apportionment of \$190,042 for use in the FY 2014-15 program of the new Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program.

**Designated Recipient Agency:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires a Designated Recipient be identified for the new Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program for each metropolitan planning area and according to federal regulations, the Governor of each State designates an agency to administer the program. The MPO in coordination with Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has agreed that NDOR is the appropriate designated recipient to administer in the Section 5310 program Lincoln urban area.

**Program of Projects:**

The MPO has worked closely with the NDOR, Rail and Public Transportation Division, in this year's application and programming process. Applications were reviewed and prioritized by the MPO Technical Committee *Project Selection Task Force* are being recommended to the Officials Committee for action. The same process and *Task Force* the MPO has depended on in past years was used for this program.

The *Project Selection Task Force* members include the following members.

1. Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Department, Transportation Planner, Mike Brienzo
2. Lincoln StarTran, Transit Planner, Brian Praeuner
3. Lincoln Urban Development Department, Community Planner, Wynn Hjermsstad
4. Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services Federation, Assistant Director, Jason Varga
5. Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department, Health Promotion & Outreach, Mike Heyl
6. Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR), Rail and Public Transportation Division, Wayne Masek

Based upon applications received and the available funds for the Lincoln planning area, a Program of Projects was developed so that each applicant will receive either all or a portion of of what was requested.

**Attached:** Recommended Program of Projects for the FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility program.

Respectfully,

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## Recommended Program of Projects for FTA Capital Assistance Program (Section 5310) FY 2014-15

Project	Sponsoring Agency	Requested	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Recommended	Estimated Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
<b>Section 5310: FTA Capital Assistance Program</b>								
1	Lincoln Area Agency on Aging	2 Small Buses Operating Assistance	\$ 96,732 \$ 8,000	\$ 77,385 \$ 4,000	1 Small Bus Operating Assistance	\$ 48,366 \$ 8,000	\$ 38,692 \$ 4,000	\$ 9,674 \$ 4,000
2	Tabitha Inc.	1 Small Bus	\$ 50,249	\$ 40,199	1 Small Bus	\$ 50,249	\$ 40,199	\$ 10,050
3	League of Human Dignity	Purchase of Service	\$ 77,952	\$ 62,361	Purchase of Service	\$ 77,952	\$ 62,361	\$ 15,591
4	Region V Foundation	2 Minivans	\$ 68,480	\$ 54,784	1 Minivan	\$ 34,240	\$ 27,392	\$ 6,848
5	Madonna Foundation	Purchase of Technology Operating Assistance	\$ 13,200 \$ 185,474	\$ 10,560 \$ 4,000	Purchase of Technology Operating Assistance	\$ 13,200 \$ 185,474	\$ 10,560 \$ 4,000	\$ 2,640 \$ 181,474
<b>Totals:</b>			\$ 500,087	\$ 253,289	<b>Recommended Funding:</b>		\$ 187,204	
<b>Available Section 5310 Funding:</b>				\$ 190,042	<b>Available Funding:</b>		\$ 190,042	
<b>Funding Difference:</b>				(\$ 63,247)	<b>Funds Not Allocated (carryover):</b>		\$ 2,838	