January 9, 2017

TO: Eligible Applicants

RE: Call for Projects for FTA Section 5310 Grants for Fiscal Years 2015, 2016, 2017

Caltrans has released a call for projects (CFP) for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The 5310 program provides a mix of capital and operating grants to private nonprofit corporations and public agencies to provide safe, efficient, and coordinated transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities for whom public transportation is otherwise unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. Caltrans is the designated recipient for funds apportioned to the State’s large urbanized, small urbanized, and rural areas. This call for projects covers federal fiscal years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Program Categories

Under this program, Caltrans has two program categories:

1) Small Urbanized/ Rural. Applicants in the Bay Area’s Small UZAs/Rural Areas will compete in the statewide competitive process. Projects will be selected by Caltrans.

2) Large Urbanized Area (UZA). Applicants in the Bay Area’s Large UZAs will compete within the UZA where the project is located. Projects will be selected by MTC, per MTC’s pending Section 5310 Program Guidelines (MTC Resolution No. 4266). If you are unsure if your project is in a Large UZA or a Small UZA or Rural Area, please see the attached map (Attachment A).

Application Process

Caltrans has transitioned to an electronic application process for the 5310 Program. For this CFP (both Small Urbanized/rural and Large UZA programs), all applications must be submitted through the Caltrans Electronic Grants Management (EGM) System by March 1, 2017. Once Caltrans issues the EGM system website link, MTC staff will forward this information to eligible applicants.

On January 10, 2017 Caltrans is holding an application workshop at the Caltrans District 4 Office Oakland (111 Grand Avenue, Oakland). This workshop will provide an overview of the application and provide applicants with important information on the Caltrans Electronic Grants Management (EGM) System. EGM System access codes will be distributed at the workshop. All potential applicants should plan to attend this workshop to receive an access code.
**Funding Availability**
Approximately $20 million is available statewide to projects in Small UZAs and Rural Areas.

Caltrans has not issued fund estimates for the Large UZAs. However, MTC has developed a three-year programming target for the large UZAs based on the FY 2015 and 2016 federal 5310 apportionments. A total of approximately $12 million is anticipated to be available to the Bay Area Large UZAs. Please see pending MTC Resolution 4266 for a detailed breakdown by fiscal year and UZA.

**Schedule**
The general schedule for this cycle is:
- January 9-10, 2017: CFP issued and Bay Area Caltrans applicant workshop
- January 25, 2017: MTC adopts Program Guidelines for Large UZA projects
- March 1, 2017: Applications are due to Caltrans
- March 2017: MTC Project Selection for Large UZA projects
- April 2017: MTC Commission action on Large UZA projects
- June 2017: All Projects adopted by California Transportation Commission
- August 2017: Caltrans submits grant to FTA
- Fall 2017: Standard Agreement process to be initiated

**Additional Information**
For more information on project eligibility, categories, and timing, please see:
- Caltrans Section 5310 Webpage: [http://dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html](http://dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/5310.html)

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Attachments:
Attachment A – SF Bay Area Urbanized Area Map

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San Francisco Bay Area
Urbanized Areas in 2010

Source: US Census, MTC
Cartography: MTC GIS July 2014
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Geographic Information Systems

Large Urbanized Areas
- Antioch (Pop. 277,634)
- Santa Rosa (Pop. 308,231)
- Concord (Pop. 615,968)
- San Jose (Pop. 1,664,496)
- San Francisco--Oakland (Pop. 3,281,212)

Small Urbanized Areas

Populated Places Outside of Urbanized Areas

Scale: 1 in = 13 miles

Attachment A
Metropolitan Transportation Commission
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