

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Action Request**

Meeting Date: November 21, 2019 **Agenda Item Number:** 7a

Action Requested: Review of a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Program Section 5307 Funding Allocations for Winston Salem Urban Area for Fiscal Year 2020 and Plans to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes X No

Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance. The Winston-Salem Urban Area received \$4,950,845 in FY 2019. MPO staff anticipates the FY 2020 apportionment to be approximately the same. The FY 2020 Federal Fiscal year began October 1, 2019. Staff is bringing this item for information so that when FTA announces the FY 2020 Section 5307 funding availability, there will not be a delay in allocating these funds to eligible agencies in the MPO therefore expediting the application process through FTA.

There currently are three (3) transit agencies in the MPO eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD): Davidson County Transportation, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA). The number of eligible agencies may increase in future years. Additionally, activities traditionally eligible under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program, which provides for job access for low-income individuals, continue to be an eligible activity for these funds.

Based upon policies adopted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO in 2017, funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA. Each year, MPO staff shall coordinate a joint allocation meeting with eligible agencies to confirm that the funding identified can be used by the agency and staff will use that information for recommendation to the TAC for final approval and distribution. MPO staff will coordinate this meeting once a funding apportionment is announced. Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Recommendations From:

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Motion Description:

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Meeting Date: November 21, 2019 **Agenda Item Number:** 7b

Action Requested: Review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program Funding Allocation for the Winston Salem Urban Area for Fiscal Year 2020 and Plans to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes X No

The Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 program is a formula based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities. The program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators. The program originated through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which changed the program from discretionary to formula based. Funding is now designated to states and designated recipients in urbanized areas (200,000 people or more). The Winston Salem Urban Area received \$584,533 in FY 2019. The FY 2020 Federal Fiscal year began October 1, 2019. Staff is bringing this item for information so that when FTA announces the FY 2020 Section 5339 funding availability, there will not be a delay in allocating these funds therefore expediting the application process through FTA.

MPO staff will bring an item for final approval of allocation once a funding apportionment is announced. Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Recommendations From:

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Motion Description:

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Meeting Date: November 21, 2019 **Agenda Item Number:** 7c

Action Requested: Review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program and Plans to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for Fiscal Year 2020

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes X No

The Winston-Salem Urban Area receives federal transportation funds to assist eligible agencies in meeting the transportation needs disabled and elderly populations in the urbanized area under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. In FY 2019, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (WSUAMPO) received **\$363,729** in Section 5310 funding apportionment. These funds are allocated to transportation sub-recipients through a competitive process of selection. Project proposals are accepted annually.

MPO staff will issue a call for projects for these funds making a final recommendation of award once FTA announces the funding availability for Section 5310 programs. This call for projects will also include a public funding workshop to discuss Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding programs, the application processes and procedures. The process of advertisement, selection and recommendation of award to eligible agencies takes approximately 2-3 months. The FY 2020 Federal Fiscal year began October 1, 2019.

Staff is bringing this item for information so that when FTA announces the FY 2020 Section 5310 funding availability, there will not be a delay in recommending eligible agencies for award of these funds therefore expediting the application process through FTA. The application process may take another 6-9 months before funds are available for reimbursement to agencies.

Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to reflect the funding recommendations once approved.

Recommendations From:

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Motion Description:

