



# **SECTION 5310: ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS & INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Workshop  
September 25, 2024



MID-OHIO REGIONAL  
**MORPC**  
PLANNING COMMISSION

# ABOUT 5310 FUNDS



- MORPC provides capital and operating grants for public transportation services to meet the mobility needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Funding to increase access to the community with transportation options through coordination, expansion of efforts and resources of:
  - public transportation agencies
  - human services agencies
  - private providers of public transportation services
- Meet the needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable



# PURPOSE OF 5310 FUNDS



- Enhance mobility for older adults (65+) and persons with disabilities by providing capital and operating programs.
  - Needs of the transit-dependent
  - Exceed ADA requirements
  - Improve access to fixed-route transit service
  - Alternatives to public transportation
- Individuals with disabilities can be of any age and any disability as defined by the Federal Government
  - Deaf/Blindness
  - Intellectual
  - Orthopedic Impairment

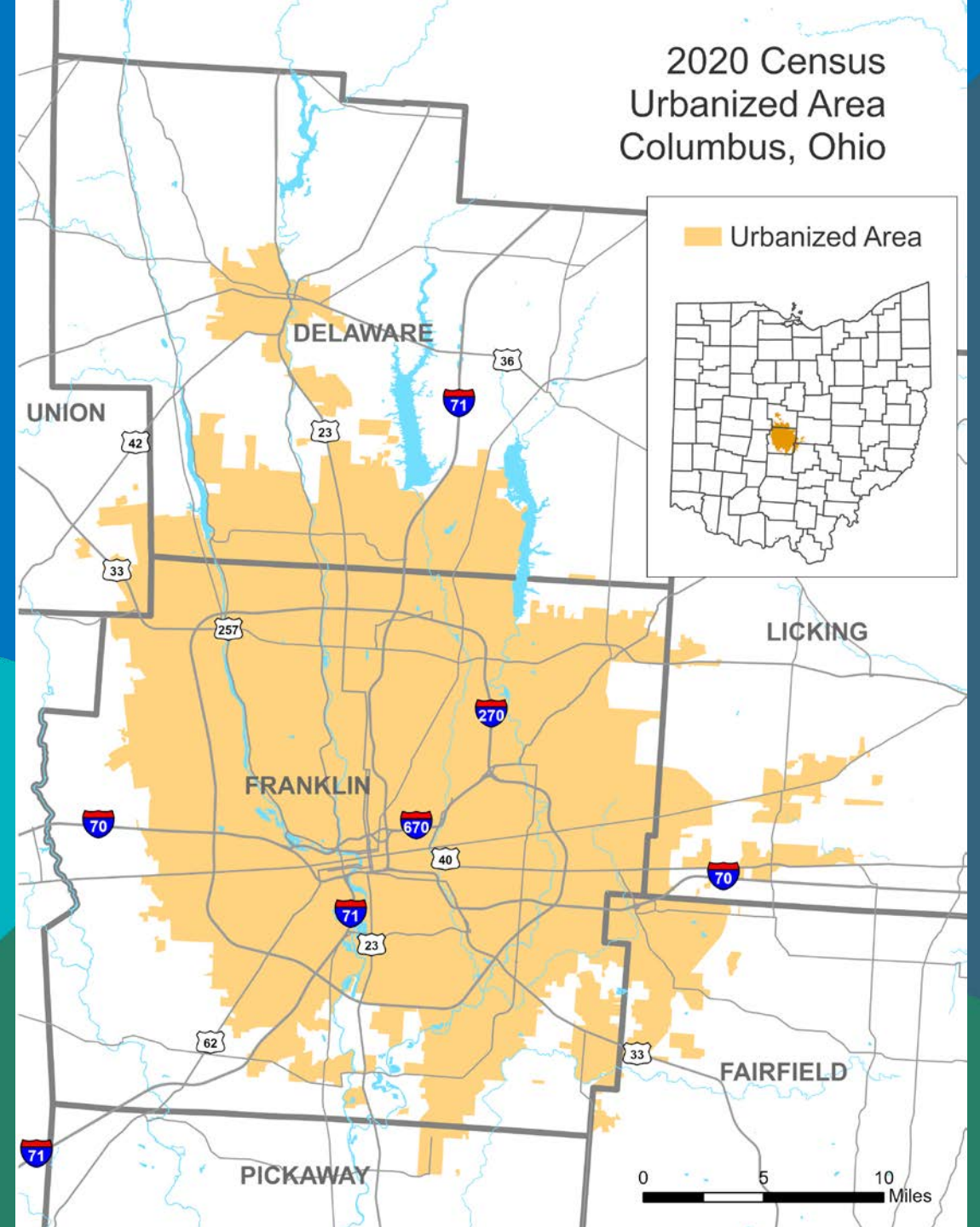


# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Service area primarily in the Columbus Urbanized Area
- Must meet federal definition of
  - Private non-profit organization
  - State and local government authorities
  - Public or private operators of public transportation services
- Please call or email Hannah Ruscin if you have questions about your eligibility



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# ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – TRADITIONAL – 55%



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- Van and bus purchases
- Wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices
- Transit related ITS systems (scheduling/dispatching/one-call systems)
- Mobility management programs
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract or lease
- Preventive maintenance
- Radios and communication equipment
- Purchase and installation of benches, shelters, and other passenger amenities



# ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – NON-TRADITIONAL – 45%



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- Travel training
- Building an accessible path to a bus stop (curb-cuts, sidewalks, accessible pedestrian signals, or other accessible features)
- Improving signage or way-finding technology
- Mobility management programs



# PAST PROJECTS: 2023



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- Canal Winchester Human Services – Preventative Maintenance, Vehicle Purchase (expansion)
- Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) – Contracted Transportation
- City of Dublin – Contracted Transportation
- City of Groveport – Vehicle Purchase (replacement)
- City of Hilliard – Contracted Transportation
- City of Obetz – Vehicle Purchase (replacement)
- City of Westerville – Construction (bus shelter)
- Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resource Center – Preventative Maintenance, Contracted Transportation
- Delaware County Transit (DCT) – Preventative Maintenance
- Netcare Corporation – Vehicle Purchase (replacement), Preventative Maintenance
- Open Door Columbus – Vehicle Purchase (expansion)
- SourcePoint – Contracted Transportation
- The Alpha Group of Delaware, Inc. – Vehicle Purchase (expansion)
- Tristar Transportation Co. – Vehicle Purchase (expansion)

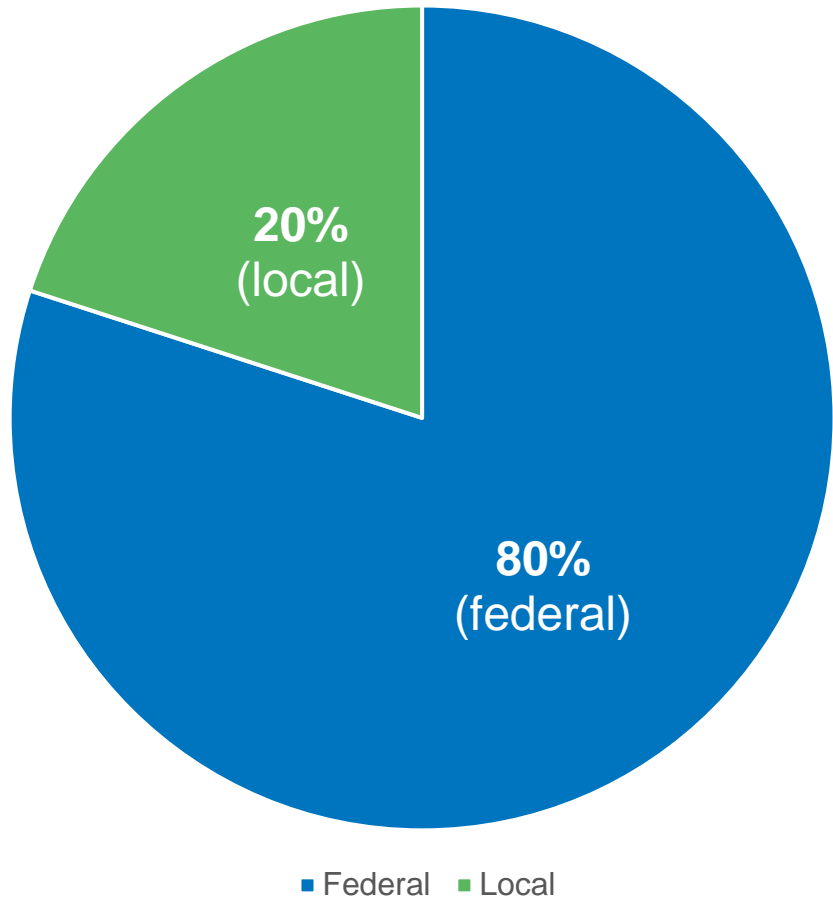


# FEDERAL FUNDING STIPULATIONS



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## SHARE OR MATCH OF FUNDS



- MORPC is the Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds.
- Awardees will be Subrecipients
  - For non-vehicle awards
    - Subrecipient incurs cost and submits invoices to MORPC
    - MORPC processes invoices through FTA system
    - MORPC reimburses sub-recipient
  - For Vehicle awards
    - MORPC retains the subrecipient's local share
    - MORPC orders and pays for the vehicles
    - MORPC is reimbursed by FTA



# FEDERAL FUNDING STIPULATIONS



- Federal & local share or match of funds:
  - All projects: 80% federal
- Local Match Sources
  - State or local appropriations
  - Non-DOT Federal funds
  - Dedicated tax revenues
  - Private donations
  - Revenue from human service contracts
  - Net income generated from advertising.
- Must comply with all FTA other Federal Requirements
  - Annual Certification and Assurances
  - Nondiscrimination - Title VI Program
  - Civil Rights, EEO, and DBE
  - Accounting System, Financial Management and Reporting
  - Others .....

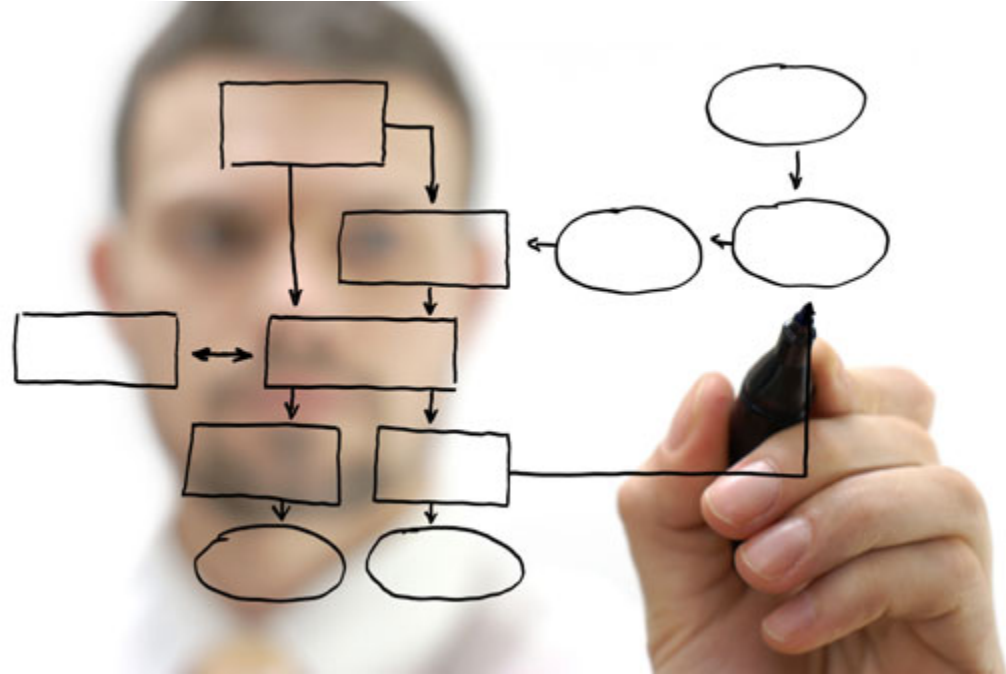


# BASIS OF PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA



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- Project Description
- Demonstration of Need
- Capacity
- Agency Effectiveness
- Coordination + Outreach
- Vehicles + Equipment
- Ability to meet Federal Requirements
- Meeting Coordinated Plan Goals
- Past performance



# 5310 ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- Review project scoring from MORPC and select projects to be funded under the Program of Projects (PoP)
- CAC
- TAC
- Delaware County
- Franklin County
- Private Health Advocate

# TITLE VI PLAN REQUIREMENTS



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1. Submit signed Title VI Assurances to ODOT annually and insert nondiscrimination language from DOT Order 1050.2A into your bid documents, contracts and applicable real estate instruments
2. Develop a policy statement signed by the head of your agency outlining your commitment to nondiscrimination in all your programs and activities and inform the public of their rights under Title VI
3. Designate a responsible point of contact to coordinate Title VI efforts
4. Attend training on Title VI





# TITLE VI PLAN REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)



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5. Forward any Title VI complaints you receive to MORPC
6. Collect and analyze demographic data on populations that participate in and/or benefit from your programs and activities to identify and remedy any potential adverse impacts
7. Develop and implement a public involvement plan, including steps to engage underserved populations and make information available in languages other than English for any persons with limited English proficiency who may be impacted by your programs or activities



# COORDINATED PLAN REQUIREMENT



Projects must be consistent with the goals and objectives included in the locally developed Coordinated Plan

New webpage: [www.morpc.org/RegionalMobilityPlan](http://www.morpc.org/RegionalMobilityPlan)

Goals of the Delaware and Franklin County Plan

- Goal 1: Expand Services for Disadvantaged Populations
- Goal 2: Encourage Flexible Policies to Improve Transit Accessibility
- Goal 3: Increase Awareness of Programs and Services



# REGIONAL MOBILITY PLAN 2022-2025 – DELAWARE & FRANKLIN COUNTIES

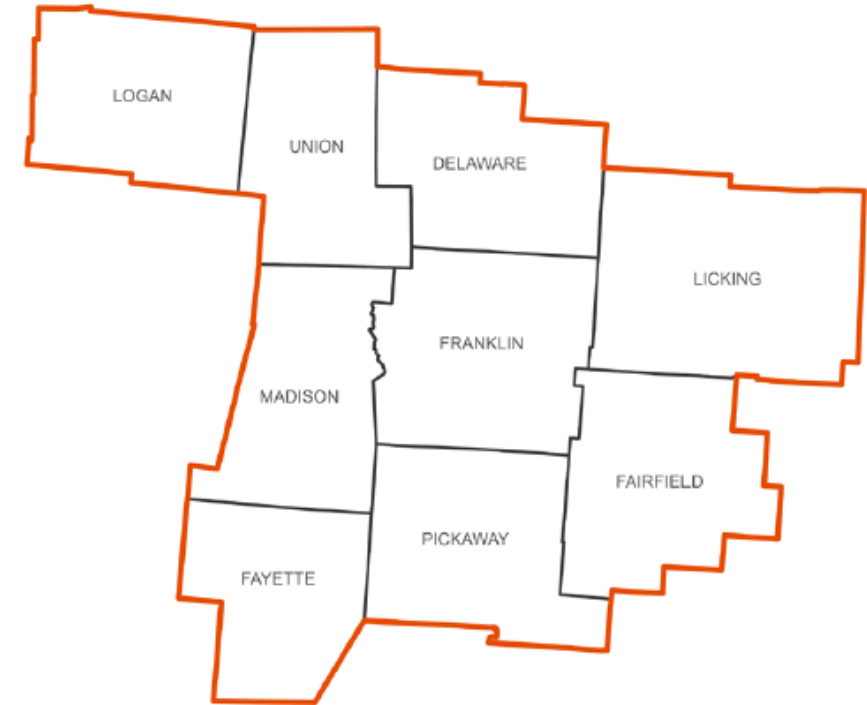
Strategies for improving transportation for the ODOT HSTC Region 6 to address gaps and unmet transportation needs.

## Regional Goals

- Goal 1: Maintain and Improve Level of Service
- Goal 2: Encourage Stakeholder and Public Support for Transit
- Goal 3: Improve Awareness of Transportation Options



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Transportation  
Coordination Region 6

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# SEMIANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All subrecipients with 5310 funded vehicles must comply with the semiannual reporting requirements.

**Report Period 1 – January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Reports due July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Report Period 2 – July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Reports due January 31<sup>st</sup>

Access the form for reporting here:

- <https://odot.formstack.com/forms/vehiclemonitoringreport>





# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REVIEW (TAR)

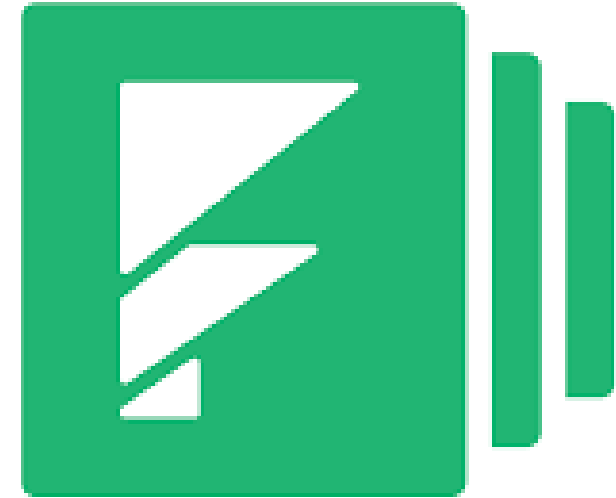


- Reviews will be randomly assigned for all subrecipients every three years
- MORPC will be utilizing the ODOT format which includes both an electronic submission and in-person site visit
- After site visits are completed, MORPC will set up a review for the subrecipient to go over any shortcomings or deficiencies in the program
- Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan will be updated every three (3) years.

# UPDATED APPLICATION



- Online application through Formstack
- Uploads for attachments will be located at the end (submission will not be valid without all uploads being present)
- <https://morpc.formstack.com/forms/5310>



# 2024 FUNDING AVAILABILITY



Source	Funding Available
5310 2024 Formula Funding	\$1,760,329
10% Administration	\$176,032
Total Application Funds	\$1,584,296

# 2024-2025 TIMELINE

September 11

- Funding cycle and workshop announcement

September 25

- MORPC Virtual Workshop (**required**)
- Application portal opens

October 25

- Project applications due at 5:00 p.m.

Week of November 11

- Project scoring complete
- 5310 Advisory Committee recommendations

December 2024

- TIP amendment approval (MORPC CAC, TAC, TPC)

January 2025

- STIP amendment approval from FTA

February 2025

- Grant submittal to TrAMS, funding agreements finalized



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# Questions?



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