## Section 5310

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities

Workshop September 28, 2022



MID-OHIO REGIONAL MORPC PLANNING COMMISSION

#### About 5310 Funds



- MORPC provides capital and operating grants for public transportation services in order 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**



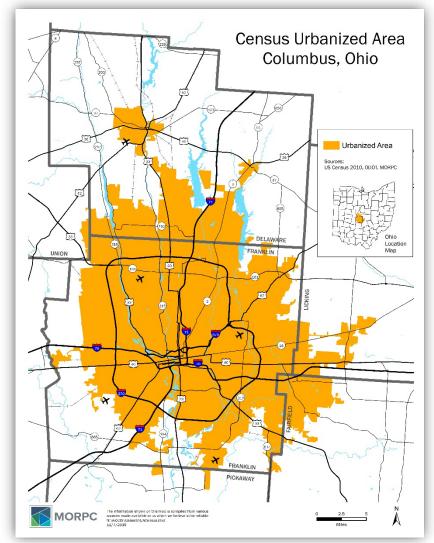
- Enhance mobility for older adults (65+) and persons with disabilities by providing capital and operating programs.
  - Needs of the transit-dependent
  - Exceed ADA requirements
  - Improve access to fixed-route transit service
  - Alternatives to public transportation
- Individuals with disabilities 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
- Census Bureau will release new urbanized area definitions at the end of 2022
- Please call or email John Gardocki if you have questions
  about your eligibility



#### **Eligible Projects – Traditional – 55%**



- Van and bus purchases (not eligible for funding this round)
- Wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices
- Transit related ITS systems (scheduling/dispatching/one-call systems)
- Mobility management programs
- Acquisition of transportations 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%**



- 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 2021



- City of Dublin Purchase Transportation Services
- Greater Hilltop Shalom Zone Transportation Purchase Transportation Services
- Clintonville Beechwold CRC Vehicle Replacement
- Central Community House Vehicle Replacement
- Canal Winchester Human Services Inc Vehicle Replacement
- Hattie Larlham Center Purchase Vehicles Expand
- St. Vincent Family Services Purchase Transportation Services
- City of Groveport Vehicle Replacement
- City of Hilliard Purchase Transportation Services
- Lifecare Alliance Purchase Transportation Services
- Goodwill Columbus Purchase Vehicles
- Sourcepoint Purchase Transportation Services
- The Alpha Group Purchase Vehicles/Computer Hardware/Software
- Central Ohio Transit Authority Purchase Transportation Services
- Delaware County Transit Mobility Management and Capitalized Maintenance

#### **Federal Funding Stipulations**

- Federal & local share or match of funds:
  - All projects: 80% federal / 20% local
- 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



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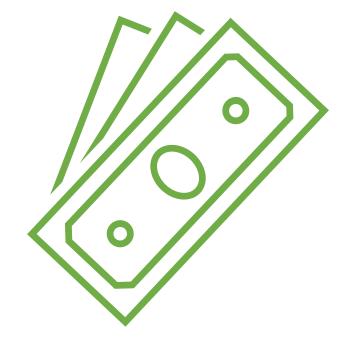
- Federal & local share or match of funds:
  - All projects: 80% federal
- Local Match Sources
  - State or local appropriations
  - Non-DOT Federal funds
  - Dedicated tax revenues
  - Private donations
  - Revenue from human service contracts
  - Net income generated from advertising.



#### Federal Funding Stipulations – cont'd

- 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 .....

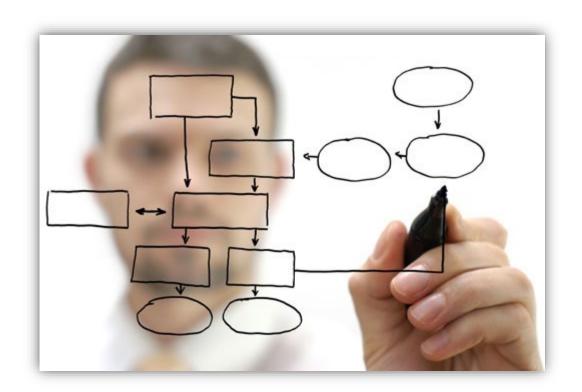




#### **Basis of Project Selection Criteria**



- 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:

- 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:

- 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: <a href="https://www.morpc.org/program-service/regional-mobility-plan/">https://www.morpc.org/program-service/regional-mobility-plan/</a>
- 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

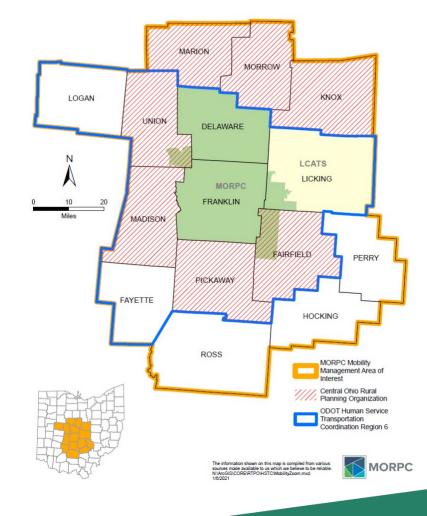


CENTRAL OHIO 2022-2025

## Regional Mobility Plan 2022-2025 – Delaware & Franklin Counties



**MORPC** Transit Areas of Interest



- 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

#### **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>
- 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 beginning this Fall. FTA requires updates 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)
- All correspondence between the 5310-program including semi-annual reporting, maintenance records, transfers of deeds, and disposals of capital will be done on Formstack
- https://morpc.formstack.com/forms/5310



#### **2022 Funding Availability**



Source	Funding Available
5310 2022 Formula Funding	\$1,687,972
10% Administration	\$168,797
Total Application Funds	\$1,519,175

#### 2022-2023 Timeline



- September 14<sup>th</sup>: Funding cycle announced
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: MORPC Virtual Workshop (required)
- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Call for Projects Opening
- October 24<sup>th</sup>: Project applications due @ 5PM
- End of October: Draft Recipient list
- November 18<sup>th</sup>: TIP Amendment
- December 2022: Submit to ODOT
- January 2023: Approval from FTA
- February 2023: Grant submittal to TrAMs

#### **Questions?**



# **THANK YOU!**

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