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To: Regional Coordination Councils and Lead Agencies

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From: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator

Re: **SFY 2015 5310 FORMULA-FUNDED applications**

The Department of Transportation announces the availability of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 “Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities” funds specifically made available to the nine NH Regional Coordinating Councils to support coordinated transportation services in their regions. These funds are allocated by formula-distribution to each region, but will not supplant the traditional Statewide 5310 vehicle replacement program. The Department will still conduct a separate and centralized Section 5310 Statewide Capital (vehicle) solicitation later this year and the utilization of regionally-allocated funds will not affect the statewide vehicle solicitation program.

The regionally-allocated funds being made available under this solicitation are the balance of SFY 2014 funds (July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014) that regions did not apply for and SFY 2015 funds (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) and have been allocated by region and will be distributed through a single lead agency or designated regional transportation coordinator in each region. The Section 5310 “Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities” funds are eligible for capital projects (requiring a 20% non-federal match) and operating expenses (requiring a 50% non-federal match). Properly documented in-kind match is permitted consistent with Federal guidelines and accompanying Department guidance.

Each region should identify a Lead Agency or Regional Transportation Coordinator that should, on behalf of the region, apply for these funds by submitting a 5310 Formula-funded application with required attachments, and evidence of the agency’s designation as the lead agency or regional transportation coordinator by the RCC. The applicant should ensure that the application clearly illustrates the regional scope of services to be provided with these funds.

The total funding available for regional distribution in each respective State Fiscal Year (SFY 2014 and SFY 2015) is \$506,335 and were allocated by region according to a formula, the same methodology as used for the 5310 Purchase of Service Program, based on regional populations of residents over 65 and those between the ages of 5-64 with disabilities, using Census data. Each region received a proportional amount based on elderly and disability population at the rate of \$2.18 per person for disability population and \$1.95 per person for elderly population.

Regions that did not apply for all of their SFY 2014 funds will be able to apply for the balance of SFY 2014 funds and their SFY 2015 funds. A summary of the Federal funding available to each region is as follows:

		Balance of SFY 2014 5310 Formula	Available SFY 2015 5310 Formula	<b>Total</b> SFY 14 & 15 5310 Formula
Region 1	Grafton-Coos	10,166	63,366	73,532
Region 2	Carroll County	0	25,106	25,106
Region 3	Mid-State	32,518	96,343	128,861
Region 4	Sullivan County	0	23,297	23,297
Region 5				
Region 6	Monadnock Region	0	48,612	48,612
Region 7	Nashua Region	0	15,443	15,443
Region 8	Southern NH (Manchester) Region	93,564	93,564	187,128
Region 9	Salem-Derry Region	26,217	26,217	52,434
Region 10	ACT (Seacoast) Region	114,388	114,388	228,776
<b>Total</b>		<b>276,853</b>	<b>506,336</b>	<b>783,189</b>

Note: Region 7 & Region 9 formula-funded distributions are reflective of the removal of the Nashua UZA towns' populations since the State's funding distribution does not include Nashua UZA 5310 funds & those funds will need to be accessed through the City of Nashua and CART through a formal solicitation process.

Applications for the RCC-allocated funds may be submitted to the Department at any time, however, please consider the following:

- Regions that will have a **new lead agency are encouraged to submit their application no later than April 22, 2014** in order for their contract that receive Governor & Council approval in time for a July 1<sup>st</sup> start date. Contracts that are not approved by July 1<sup>st</sup> will result in a contract that will not be in effect until the date of that subsequent Governor & Council meeting date.
- Regions that will **retain the same lead agency that is currently under contract for SFY 2014** may submit applications up until **May 15, 2014** with no resultant impacts to the continuation of their two-year contract and ability to draw funds from NHDOT.

For more information about the FTA Section 5310 formula funds distributed via RCCs, contact Fred Butler ([fbutler@dot.state.nh.us](mailto:fbutler@dot.state.nh.us)).