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To: Regional Coordination Councils and Lead Agencies

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From: Fred Butler, Public Transportation Administrator

Re: SFY 2017 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 (RCCs) to support coordinated transportation services in their regions. The Department will still conduct a separate and centralized Section 5310 Statewide Capital (vehicle & equipment) solicitation in spring 2016; 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 comprised of FFY2015 and FFY2016 apportionments, using level-funded assumptions, along with funds remaining from SFY2016’s solicitation for those regions that did not apply for the entire allocated amount. The funds have been allocated by region and will be distributed through a single Lead Agency or designated Regional Transportation Coordinator in each region. These funds are eligible for capital projects such as mobility management (requiring a 20% non-federal match) and/or 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. The application requirements for those regions that have the same Lead Agency and/or projects as were in place in SFY2016 have been reduced as follows:

Lead Agency Status	Projects (Same/New)	Application Requirements	Application Due Date
Same	Same	Sections 8,9	February 29, 2016
Same	New	Sections 6,7,8,9	February 29, 2016
New	Same or New	Entire Application	February 16, 2016
All applications will require proof of RCC vote approving project budgets, required match, and rates			

The total funding available for regional distribution can be found in the below table, and were allocated by region according to a formula using the same methodology as was used for the 5310 Purchase of Service Program. Specifically, allocations were based on regional populations of seniors 65+ and those between the ages of 0-64 with disabilities, using 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates [data](#). Each region received a proportional amount based on \$3.76 per person for disability population and \$1.91 per person for seniors 65+.

A summary of the Federal funding available to each region is as follows:

5310 RCC FORMULA FUNDS		Remaining SFY 2016 Funds	Available SFY 2017	TOTAL SFY 16&17
Region 1	Grafton-Coos	\$ 0	\$ 72,382	\$ 72,382
Region 2	Carroll County	\$ 0	\$ 28,739	\$ 28,739
Region 3	Mid-State	\$ 53,694	\$ 110,094	\$ 163,788
Region 4	Sullivan County	\$ 0	\$ 28,072	\$ 28,072
Region 5		\$ 0	\$ 52,395	\$ 52,395
Region 6	Southwest/Monadnock Region			
Region 7	Nashua Region	\$ 0	\$ 15,443	\$ 15,443
Region 8	Southern NH (Manchester) Region	\$ 33,345	\$ 91,625	\$ 124,970
Region 9	Salem-Derry Region	\$ 0	\$ 30,112	\$ 30,112
Region 10	ACT (Seacoast) Region	\$ 104,913	\$ 132,913	\$ 237,826
Total		\$ 191,952	\$ 561,775	\$ 753,727

Note: Region 7, Region 8, and 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.

Please note that the Department, in partnership with the State Coordinating Council (SCC), will be revising the State Coordination Plan in the near future and this effort may refine the roles and responsibilities of the SCC and the Regional Coordinating Councils (RCCs). It is the Department's plan, going forward, to tailor the 5310 RCC-Distributed Formula Funds to be consistent with the revised State Coordination Plan which may restrict the eligible uses of these funds. We would recommend that RCCs stay apprised of the efforts of the Department and the SCC in order to better plan for future projects and funding needs for your Region.

Applications may be submitted to the Department at any time before the dates listed per the table on page 1 (February 16 or 29) for a contract start date of July 1, 2016. Applications submitted after those dates may result in a contract that does not receive Governor & Council approval until after July 1st and will therefore result in a contract that will not go in effect until the date of that subsequent Governor & Council meeting date.

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