



## NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** NOACA Board of Directors.

**FROM:** Grace Gallucci, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** December 3, 2021

**RE:** **Resolution No. 2021-044: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Projects**

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

The Board of Directors is asked to approve the SFY 2022 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Project Recommendations.

The Planning and Programming Committee and Transportation Subcommittee recommend this action. Due to CRRSAA funding eligibility criteria, after the Planning and Programming Committee meeting in October 2021, levels of participation have been adjusted for some organizations. This does not change the total funding nor the total amount of capital assets recommended.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program addresses the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. NOACA seeks to eliminate barriers and improve transportation options in Northeast Ohio for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and people of low income through the coordination of resources and efforts of public transit operators, human service agencies, and other transportation providers. Furthermore, NOACA will encourage the efficient and effective use of resources by eliminating gaps and redundancies in transportation services.

The total amount apportioned to the region for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021 was \$ 1,885,885, of which \$188,588 (10%) will be retained by NOACA for program planning and administration. The remaining \$1,697,297 of federal funds is available to be programmed for new project recommendations. This year, NOACA is receiving an addition amount of \$323,627 in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funds which align with the Section 5310 Program and will be combined with the available Section 5310 funding this round. CRRSAA funds are able to be programmed at 100% federal share. CRRSAA funds have been programmed among recommended projects based on subrecipient eligibility to receive them.

Capital projects are funded with an 80% federal share and a 20% local match from awardees. NOACA has designated at least 60% of funding for transit agency project proposals and up to 40% for non-profits, for-profits, and government agencies awarded through a competitive application process. Transit agencies are eligible for operations funding at 50% federal funding with a 50% local match.

<b>Total FFY 2021 Funding Amount-Cleveland UZA Apportionment</b>	<b>\$1,885,885</b>
NOACA Administration Funds (10%)	\$ 188,588
<b>FFY 2021 Amount of Funding to be Programmed</b>	<b>\$ 1,697,297</b>
<i>Total Funding for Transit Agencies (at least 60%)</i>	<i>\$ 1,018,379</i>
<i>Total Flexible Non-profits, Communities, etc. (up to 40%)</i>	<i>\$ 678,918</i>
Carryover From Previous Years Available	\$7,392
FFY 2021 Federal CRRSAA Funds	\$323,627
<b>Total Available Funding for SFY 2022 Projects</b>	<b>\$2,028,316</b>

NOACA accepted project proposals and applications from June 14, 2021 to August 6, 2021. NOACA received two transit project proposals requesting \$2,137,005 and 15 competitive applications from municipalities, non-profits, for-profits, and social service agencies requesting \$1,641,267. Project proposals and applications will be evaluated against program eligibility and prioritization criteria contained in the Program Management Plan. A summary of the requests is attached.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is \$1,885,885 in FTA funds available to the Cleveland Urbanized Area from Federal Fiscal Year 2021. \$188,588 will be used by NOACA for program administration. At least \$ 1,018,379 will be available for transit agencies to implement their projects, and up to \$ 678,918 of the FFY 2021 allocation will be made available for competitive projects implementation. There will also be at least \$ 7,392 in additional carryover funds from previous projects that either came in under budget, or were cancelled. There is an additional \$323,627 in CRRSAA funds also available for projects this round.

### **CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS**

Pending Board approval, NOACA will manage the SFY 2022 program to ensure the expenditure of available funding during the fiscal year, including the advancement of additional projects as approved by the Board should funding become available.

Attachment 1: SFY 2022 Section 5310 Program Recommendations

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-044  
ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS  
AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES  
(SECTION 5310) PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland; and the areawide water quality management agency for the same region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program to address the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities to eliminate barriers and improve transportation options in Northeast Ohio for older adults and individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) which aligns with the Section 5310 Program and was combined with the available Section 5310 funding this round; and

**WHEREAS**, as designated recipient for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program for the Cleveland Urbanized Area (UZA), NOACA has the responsibility to administer the selection process for grants, ensure federal compliance, manage grant distribution, and oversee the projects receiving those federal funds; and

**WHEREAS**, available funding through federal fiscal year 2021 for the Cleveland UZA totals \$ 1,885,885 for the Section 5310 program; and

**WHEREAS**, up to 10% of a fiscal year's apportionment can be used for planning and administering the Section 5310 program by NOACA staff; and

**WHEREAS**, a solicitation for projects was issued, and projects were evaluated against the goals of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio to develop recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the projects recommended are consistent with the goals of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio, as required by FTA; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, consisting of 46 principal officials serving general purpose local governments throughout and within the counties of Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, and Medina, and the City of Cleveland that:

**Section 1.** Transportation providers (listed as Organizations in Attachment 1) are amended to Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio.

**Section 2.** Projects and funding amounts (as listed in Attachment 1) are approved for amendment to NOACA's 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

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**Section 3.** The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FFY2021/SFY2022 Section 5310 Program.

**Section 4.** The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

Secretary: Kurt Hail

Date Signed: 12/10/2021

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Project Recommendations							
#	Organization Name	Proposed Project	QTY	Total Cost (100% Share)	Request (80% Federal Share)	Recommended QTY	Recommendation (80% or 100% Federal Share)
1	NOACA	Program Administration*		\$ 188,588	\$ 188,588		\$ 188,588
<b>Transit Agencies</b>							
2	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Agency	Replacement Vehicle (s)	10	\$ 950,000	\$ 760,000	9	\$ 662,171
3	Laketran	Replacement Vehicle (s)	12	\$ 1,721,256	\$ 1,377,005	4	\$ 365,801
<b>Transit Agency Total</b>			<b>22</b>	<b>\$ 2,671,256</b>	<b>\$ 2,137,005</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$ 1,027,972</b>
<b>Competitive Applicants</b>							
4	Ace Taxi Service, Inc.	Expansion Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 47,000	\$ 37,600	1	\$ 37,600
5	Berea	Replacement Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 55,659	\$ 44,527	1	\$ 44,527
6	Cuyahoga Heights (CRRSAA Funds)**	Replacement Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 56,000	1	\$ 70,000
7	Fairview Park	Replacement Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 45,957	\$ 36,766	1	\$ 36,766
8	Famicos Foundation (CRRSAA Funds)**	Replacement Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 47,058	\$ 37,646	1	\$ 47,058
9	Famicos Foundation (CRRSAA Funds)**	Expansion Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 69,422	\$ 55,538	1	\$ 69,422
10	Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland Ohio	Replacement Vehicle (s)	2	\$ 110,000	\$ 88,000	1	\$ 44,000
11	Koinonia Homes, Inc. (CRRSAA Funds)**	Replacement Vehicle (s)	4	\$ 219,800	\$ 175,840	3	\$ 137,147
12	Maple Heights	Expansion Vehicle (s)	1	\$ 68,000	\$ 54,400	1	\$ 54,400
13	Senior Transportation Connection***	Replacement Vehicle (s)	10	\$ 680,000	\$ 544,000	9	\$ 459,424
<b>Competitive Applicant Total</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>\$ 1,412,896</b>	<b>\$ 1,130,317</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 1,000,344</b>
<b>SFY2022 Program Recommendation Total</b>						<b>33</b>	<b>\$ 2,216,904</b>
<p>*Section 5310 Administration Funds are 100% Federal Share.</p> <p>**Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funds are applied at 100% Federal Share, these projects were previously recommended for Section 5310 funds at 80% Federal Share.</p> <p>***Senior Transportation Connection was previously recommended for CRRSAA funds, applied at 100% Federal Share, and is now recommended for Section 5310 funds at 80% Federal Share.</p>							