



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Board of Directors
FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer
DATE: September 5, 2025
RE: **Resolution 2025-045: SFY 2025 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Recommendations**

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board of Directors is asked to adopt Resolution 2025-045, which approves the SFY 2025 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Program project recommendations.

This item was recommended by the Planning and Programming Committee.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The [Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities \(Section 5310\) Program](#) addresses the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Through this Program, 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. In addition, NOACA encourages the efficient and effective use of resources by eliminating gaps and redundancies in transportation services.

NOACA will be administering two years of Cleveland Urbanized Area (UZA) apportionments with these projects due to the federal requirement to update the Human Services Transportation Plan, which was underway over that timeframe and approved by the NOACA Board in December 2024. The total amount apportioned to the region for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2024 is \$2,624,815 and for FFY 2025 is \$2,631,218, for a total of \$5,256,033. NOACA will retain \$262,802 (5%) for program planning and administration. Additionally, approximately \$150,000 in carryover funds are available due to cancelled and under budget projects. In total, up to \$5,143,231 is available for project funding, with 45% set aside for transit agency projects and 55% for competitive applicants. Capital projects are funded with an 80% federal share and a 20% local match from awardees. Transit agencies are eligible for operations funding at 50% federal funding with 50% local match.

NOACA accepted project proposals and applications from February 14, 2025, to April 11, 2025. NOACA received two transit project proposals requesting a total of \$3,843,200 and 19 competitive applications from municipalities, non-profits, for-profits, and social service agencies requesting a total of \$3,111,293.

Project proposals and applications were evaluated against program eligibility and prioritization criteria contained in the Program Management Plan. A list of projects recommended for Section 5310 funding is included in Attachment 1.

SFY 2025 Section 5310 Funding	
2024 CLE UZA Apportionment	\$2,624,815
2025 CLE UZA Apportionment	\$2,631,218
TOTAL Apportionment	\$5,256,033
Administration (5%)	(\$262,802)
Carryover Estimate	\$150,000
TOTAL Available	\$5,143,231
Available Competitive Budget (55%)	\$2,828,777
Available Transit Budget (45%)	\$2,314,454

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is \$5,256,033 in FTA funds available to the Cleveland UZA from Federal Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 apportionments. Of this amount, \$262,802 will be used by NOACA for program administration. Carry-over funds of \$150,000 are also available for awards to applicants. The total available funding for implementation of 5310 projects is \$5,143,231.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, NOACA will manage the SFY 2025 program to ensure that projects are programmed and awardees are supported to expend awarded funds in a timely manner.

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Attachment 1: SFY 2025 Enhanced Mobility (Section 5310) Program Recommendations

RESOLUTION 2025-045
(SFY 2025 Enhanced Mobility of 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, through its Section 5310 Program, 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; and

WHEREAS, as a designated recipient for Section 5310 Program funds 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, the total apportionment for federal fiscal years (FFY) 2024 and 2025 for the Cleveland UZA is \$5,256,033; and

WHEREAS, up to 10 percent of the apportionment can be used for planning and administering the Section 5310 program by NOACA; 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 recommended projects, listed in Attachment 1, are consistent with the goals of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio, as required by FTA.

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

Section 1. The program recommendations listed in Attachment 1 are hereby approved

Section 2. Transportation providers (listed as Organizations in Attachment 1) are amended to the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio.

Section 3. Projects and funding amounts (as listed in Attachment 1) are approved for amendment to NOACA's SFY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Section 4. The Executive Director is authorized to enter into contracts with the appropriate entities, as needed, to implement the approved FFY2024-25/SFY2025 Section 5310 Program.

Section 5. The Executive Director is authorized to transmit certified copies of this resolution to appropriate federal, state, and local agencies.

**RESOLUTION 2025-045
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Disabilities (Section 5310) Program Recommendations)**

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution of the Board of
Directors of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating
Agency adopted this 12th day of September, 2025.


Secretary

9/12/2025
Date Signed

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#	Organization Name	Request	QTY	Total Cost (100%)	Request (80% Federal Share)	Max Quantity Recommended	Recommended Funding (80% Federal Share)
1	NOACA	Administration*	n/a	\$ 262,802	\$ 262,802	n/a	\$ 262,802
Program Administration Total				\$ 262,802	\$ 262,802		\$ 262,802

Transit Agency Recommendations							
2	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Auth	Replacement Vehicle(s)	20	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 2,640,000	12	\$ 1,695,348
3	Laketran	Replacement Vehicle(s)	8	\$ 1,504,000	\$ 1,203,200	4	\$ 619,106
Transit Agency Total			28	\$ 4,804,000	\$ 3,843,200	16	\$ 2,314,454

Competitive Applicant Recommendations							
4	Ace Taxi	Expansion Vehicle	5	\$ 375,000	\$ 300,000	5	\$ 300,000
		Computer Hardware/Software	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	1	\$ 16,000
5	City of Euclid	Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 120,000	\$ 96,000	1	\$ 96,000
6	City of North Olmsted	Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	1	\$ 100,000
7	City of Parma Donna Smallwood Center	Replacement Vehicle	1	\$ 120,000	\$ 96,000	1	\$ 96,000
		Computer Hardware/Software	1	\$ 11,600	\$ 9,280	1	\$ 9,280
8	City of Parma Heights	Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 148,854	\$ 119,083	1	\$ 119,083
9	City of Strongsville	Replacement Vehicle	1	\$ 120,000	\$ 96,000	1	\$ 96,000

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10	HELP Foundation, Inc.	Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 65,000	\$ 52,000	1	\$ 52,000
		Replacement Vehicle	1	\$ 85,000	\$ 68,000	1	\$ 68,000
11	Jewish Family Service Association (JFSA) of Cleveland	Replacement (Type 1)	2	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000	2	\$ 120,000
		Replacement (Type 2)	1	\$ 118,750	\$ 95,000	1	\$ 95,000
12	McGregor Transportation	Replacement Vehicle	2	\$ 180,000	\$ 144,000	2	\$ 144,000
		Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 75,000	\$ 60,000	1	\$ 60,000
		Computer Hardware/Software	1	\$ 650	\$ 520	1	\$ 520
13	NCC Solutions	Expansion Vehicle	2	\$ 160,000	\$ 128,000	2	\$ 128,000
14	New Avenues to Independence	Replacement Vehicle	2	\$ 180,000	\$ 144,000	2	\$ 144,000
15	ReliaRide	Expansion Vehicle	5	\$ 335,000	\$ 268,000	1	\$ 67,000
16	S.A.W., Inc.	Expansion Vehicle	3	\$ 249,000	\$ 199,200	3	\$ 199,200
17	Senior Transportation Connection (STC)	Replacement Vehicle	5	\$ 450,000	\$ 360,000	5	\$ 360,000
18	Transport Assistance, Inc.	Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 98,750	\$ 79,000	1	\$ 79,000
		Replacement Vehicle	4	\$ 320,000	\$ 256,000	4	\$ 256,000

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19	Village of Brooklyn Heights	Computer Hardware/Software	2	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,920	2	\$ 1,920
20	Village of Walton Hills	Replacement Vehicle	1	\$ 95,000	\$ 76,000	1	\$ 76,000
21	Welcome House, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle	2	\$ 170,000	\$ 136,000	2	\$ 136,000
Competitive Application Total Recommendation			48	\$ 3,775,004	\$ 3,020,003	44	\$ 2,819,003
State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Program Total Recommendation			76	\$ 8,841,806	\$ 7,126,005	60	\$ 5,396,259

**Administration is 100% Federal.*

Not Recommended							
22	Ace Taxi	Computer Hardware/ Software	12	\$ 24,600	\$ 19,680		
23	Famicos Foundation	Expansion Vehicle	1	\$ 76,376	\$ 61,100		
24	McGregor Transportation	Communications Equipment	12	\$ 768	\$ 614.40		
25	ReliaRide	Communications Equipment	5	\$ 9,895	\$ 7,916		
26	ReliaRide	Communications Equipment	5	\$ 2,235	\$ 1,788		
27	Village of Brooklyn Heights	Mobility Management	2	\$ 240	\$ 192		
Not Recommended Total			37	\$ 114,114	\$ 91,290		
State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Program Total Request			141	\$ 8,955,920	\$ 7,217,295		