SFY 2027 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (SECTION 5310) PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Planning and Programming Committee

July 10, 2026

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ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend this item to the Executive Committee for placement on the September 2026 Board of Directors agenda:

- State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2027 Section 5310 Program Recommendations

PREVIOUS ACTION

Applications were presented to the Transit Council on May 15 and the Transportation Subcommittee on June 12.

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SECTION 5310 PROGRAM

- FTA formula funding program (based on population) that addresses the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities
- NOACA serves as direct recipient and reimburses subrecipients for eligible capital and operating expenses
- Recipients selected annually in a competitive application process
  - project scores based on goals in NOACA's Coordinated Plan

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BUDGET

FFY 2026 Section 5310 Apportionments	$2,773,395
Carryover from previous years (for Competitive Projects)	$51,000
Funds available to be programmed to SFY 2027 Projects	**$2,824,395**
Available Competitive Budget (at least 55%)	$1,550,368
Available Transit Budget and Program Administration (up to 45%)	$1,248,027

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APPLICATIONS

- **March 13 - April 24/May 1, 2026**
- **28 requests for funding**
  - 4 transit project proposals requesting a total of $4,408,000
  - 24 competitive applications from municipalities, non-profits, for-profits, and social service agencies requesting a total of $4,999,007

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

Transit Agency Needs were based upon:

- Type of request
- Demonstration of need
- Specialized populations served

Competitive Applications were evaluated against program criteria (up to 100 points)

- Demonstration of need – Up to **70 pts.**
- Agency Effectiveness – Up to **10 pts.**
- Coordination – Up to **20 pts.**

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 transit agency projects: $897,317
- 15 competitive applications: $1,786,558
- NOACA Planning and Administration (5%): $138,670
- Total: $2,822,545

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TRANSIT AGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Sponsor	Request	QTY	Requested Funding (80% Federal Share Capital, 50% Federal Share Operating)	Recommended Funding (80% Federal Share Capital, 50% Federal Share Operating)
Geauga Transit	Operating Funds*	n/a	$200,000	$7,432
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	Replacement Vehicle(s)	6	$2,432,000	$ 646,585
Laketran	Replacement Vehicle(s)	2	$1,376,000	$243,300
Transit Agency Total		**8**	**$4,008,000**	**$897,317**

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COMPETITIVE APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Sponsor	Request	QTY	Requested Funding (80% Federal Share Capital, 50% Federal Share Operating)	Recommended Funding (80% Federal Share Capital, 50% Federal Share Operating)
Ace Taxi Service	Replacement Vehicle(s)	2	$300,000	$120,000
Brecksville	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	$96,158	$96,158
Fairview Park	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$99,200	$99,200
HELP Foundation, Inc.	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$52,000	$52,000
Jewish Family Service Association of Cleveland	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	$120,000	$60,000
McGregor Transportation	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$80,000	$80,000
Monarch Lifeworks	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$80,000	$40,000
Murtis Taylor Human Services System	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$70,400	$70,400

COMPETITIVE APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Project Sponsor	Request	QTY	Requested Funding (80% Federal Share Capital, 50% Federal Share Operating)	Recommended Funding (80% Federal Share Capital, 50% Federal Share Operating)
NCC Solutions	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	$64,000	$64,000
Olmsted Falls	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$85,600	$85,600
Senior Transportation Connection	Operating Funds	n/a	$1,357,058	$800,000
Solutions At Work (S.A.W.), Inc.	Expansion Vehicle(s)	1	$227,200	$56,800
Southwest General Health Center	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	$84,000	$84,000
Welcome House, Inc.	Replacement Vehicle(s)	1	$136,000	$68,000
Welcome House, Inc.	Computer Hardware/Software	1	$10,400	$10,400
Competitive Applicant Total		**15**		**$1,786,558**

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

- $2,773,395 in FTA funds are available to the Cleveland UZA from Federal Fiscal Year 2026 apportionment with an additional $51,000 available in carryover
- NOACA will retain $138,670 for program administration and planning
- $897,317 recommended for transit projects
- $1,786,558 recommended for competitive applicant projects

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PROGRAM TIMELINE

DATE (2026)	ACTIVITY
Mar 13	Project Solicitation Begins
Apr 3	Section 5310 Applicant Virtual Workshop
April 24/May 1	Applications Due to NOACA
	NOACA Review
May 15	Transit Council for Information
June 12	Transportation Subcommittees for Information
July 10	Planning and Programming Committee Recommendation of Projects
August 14	Executive Committee Action
September 18	Board of Directors Action

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ACTION

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Motion
Second
Discussion
Put the Question

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NOACA will **strengthen** regional cohesion, **preserve** existing infrastructure, and **build** a sustainable multimodal transportation system to **support** economic development and **enhance** quality of life in Northeast Ohio.

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