

Oregon Department of Transportation  
Public Transit Division  
2014 Implementation for the new 5310 “Enhanced Mobility” Discretionary  
Program

**New Information:**

In July 2012 Congress passed MAP 21 authorizing changes to the 5310 program and eliminating the New Freedom (NF) program. The NF program is no longer separate and those activities and additional funds based on a percentage of disabled population are added to the 5310 program.

MAP 21 also allows funds to be used for operations and to expand the allowed activities to include increased access to general public service options for seniors and individuals with disability.

MAP 21 also changed the administrative structure of 5310. Instead of states administering the program, states and large urban direct recipients (Lane Transit District, Salem/Keiser Transit, TriMet) will get an allocation to administer for their urbanized areas (UZA). The state will still administer the small urban programs.

There are three new “small urban” areas in Oregon. Grants Pass, Milton-Freewater/Walla Walla, Albany. These new areas over 50,000 population join with Bend, Medford and Corvallis to have an allocation of 5310 designated to be used in the UZA area. Overall amount of funds available to Oregon continues to be approximately the same.

**Implementation activities**

ODOT will use the existing adopted funding formula (50% population, 25% age, 25% disability) for distributing 5310 “Enhanced Mobility” funds except for one alteration. Because the 2010 Census data for populations of people with disabilities is not yet available by county, population over 65 is proxy for that factor.

STF funds will not be included in this biennial solicitation. PTD is still not clear whether STF Discretionary Funds will be available for the biennia because of state budget issues. This topic will come back for discussion when the amount of STF discretionary funds is known.

Each STF agency has a distribution target for funding that shows funds available for the entire area and also, if needed, the target of funds to be used for the urban area. The targets are advisory; there still could be slight adjustments per FTA information.

The 2013-2015 5310 application is due on January 18, 2013. Regional Transit Coordinators are currently meeting with STF Agencies to provide information and technical assistance to the local application review process.

Projects will be funded based on the STF Agency recommendation. If all funds are not requested by an STF Agency for its area, they will be distributed based on the needs for that Region through a supplemental review process.

**Target Allocations and Program information is available on the PTD website.**

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/PT/pages/index.aspx>

**Future Policy work:**

- Update of Coordinated Plan Policy
- Discretionary Process for Redistribution of funds needing programming