

ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division
2020-22 Discretionary Grant Program
Advance Notice
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5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities Program
Section 5339 Bus and Bus Replacement Program
Section 5307 Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Program
STP Bus Replacement Program



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Summary

The ODOT Rail and Public Transit Division (RPTD) is providing for new investments in public transportation for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2022. The following information will help program participants prepare for the discretionary grant application process which will begin later this year.



This notice provides information and estimated allocations for four discretionary programs:

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310)

Bus and Bus Facilities (Section 5339)

STP Bus Replacement

Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement (Section 5307)

Current Funding Estimates (Final amounts may vary)

Program	Eligible Recipients	Eligible Projects	Federal/Local Match Ratios	Estimated Allocation
Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	Public Transportation Agencies Providing Rural Services	Operations Mobility Management Purchased Service Preventive Maintenance	Operations: 50/50 All Others: 80/20	\$2.1 M
Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities	Small Urban and Rural Public Transportation Agencies	Vehicle Replacement Vehicle Expansion Bus Equipment Signs and Shelters	Vehicles: 85/15 All Others: 80/20	\$10.3 M
STP Bus Replacement	Urban, Small Urban, and Rural Public Transportation Agencies	Vehicle Replacement	89.73/10.27	\$5 M
Section 5307 Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement	Large Urban Public Transportation Agencies	Vehicle Replacement	89.73/10.27	\$4 M
Grand Total				\$21.4 M

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310)

For this solicitation, eligible projects for operations, mobility management, purchased service, and preventive maintenance will be considered for transportation providers serving seniors and individuals with disabilities in rural areas.

Projects must be derived from a local Human Services Coordinated Plan.

Funding comes from the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program which is distributed to states using a population-based formula in an amount set by Congress. The FTA allocates Section 5310 funds to states in separate rural and small urban area allocations. For this solicitation, ODOT is offering Section 5310 program funding of \$2.1 million for public transportation services provided in areas with populations of fewer than 50,000.

Distribution to local agencies is done through an ODOT discretionary selection process.

Match: 20 percent for mobility management, purchased service, and preventive maintenance; 50 percent for operations.

Bus and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5339)

This program funds the replacement and purchase of buses, bus equipment, and bus-related facilities such as signs and shelters for transportation providers in small urban and rural areas with population of 199,999 or fewer.

Funding comes from the FTA's Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Program which is distributed to states in an amount set by Congress. For this solicitation, ODOT is offering Section 5339 program funding of \$10.3 million.

Eligible applicants include both public agencies and private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation. Note that receipt of 5339 funding necessitates compliance with 49 CFR Part 655, drug and alcohol testing.

Distribution to local agencies is done through an ODOT discretionary selection process.

Match: 15 percent for vehicles; 20 percent for vehicle-related equipment, facilities, signs, and shelters.

STP Bus Replacement Program

This program funds the replacement of transportation buses for transportation providers in all areas of Oregon. Eligible recipients are Urban, Small Urban, and Rural public transportation agencies. Vehicles being replaced must have been purchased through ODOT Rail & Public Transit Division and must have ODOT on the title as first security interest holder.

Funding comes from Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds transferred into the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, the Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, and/or the Section 5307 Mass Transit Vehicle

Replacement Program, depending on eligibility of awarded projects. For this solicitation ODOT is offering program funding of \$5 million.

Distribution to local agencies is done through an ODOT discretionary selection process.

Match: 10.27 percent

Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Program (Section 5307)

This program was created by the Oregon legislature to fund the replacement of large transit vehicles that are past their useful life. Section 5307 Mass Transit Vehicle Replacement Program funding is offered to large urban area general public transit providers who are eligible FTA direct recipients of the funds.

Project selection is done by ODOT staff using a point ranking system. The agencies that receive funds must apply directly with the FTA to receive grants.

Match: 10.27 percent

Note: agencies that receive Section 5311 and Section 5339 funds will be required to report to the National Transit Database (NTD) and have an FTA-compliant drug and alcohol testing program in place. Agencies that receive Section 5310 funds may be required to do asset reporting to the NTD if they are not already NTD reporters.

Grant Program Schedule

2019	Oct - Advance Notice Available
	Nov 18 - Applications Available
	Nov 19 - Application Training Webinar
2020	Feb 3 - Section 5310 Applications Due
	Feb 3 - Section 5339 Non Vehicle Replacement Applications Due Section 5307, STP and Section 5339 Vehicle Replacement
	Mar 3 - Applications Due
	Feb 1 – Mar 31 - Application review, project funding and award recommendations
	Apr - PTAC - Notification and approval
	May 14 - OTC - Notification and approval
	Jun 30 - Agreements executed (before July 1, 2020)

Scoring Criteria

Section 5307, STP and Section 5339 (Vehicle Replacement)

To be eligible for replacement a vehicles must have met useful life based on either age or miles.

Through the process laid out in the TAM plan, ODOT is able to create a list of vehicles in need of replacement. This list will be used to score vehicle replacement projects in an effort to achieve an

increased level of State of Good Repair (SGR). The vehicles receiving the lowest rating as defined in the table below will be scored higher than vehicles receiving a higher rating.

Asset Condition Rating	Rating Description	Poor	Marginal	Adequate	Good	Excellent
	Scoring Range	1.0 to 1.9	2.0 to 2.9	3.0 to 3.9	4.0 to 4.7	4.8 to 5.0

Grants will be awarded by programs, first STP (and 5307 for select agencies) and then 5339 from lowest to highest rating. This means vehicles that are rated the lowest as defined by the TAM plan will receive the better match rate.

Section 5310 and Section 5339 (Vehicle Expansion, Bus Equipment and Signs and Shelters)

The application will incorporate goals set in the Oregon Public Transportation Plan. Points will be assigned to each question and the evaluation committee will rank projects on how well the answers meet these goals.

New This Biennium

CognitoForms

RPTD will be using applications developed using the CognitoForms program for this solicitation. This system is an easy-to-navigate web-based tool that streamlines and simplifies the application process for both the applicants and the reviewers. It offers a save and resume feature and email confirmation upon submission. The website works on most internet browsers including Google Chrome, Firefox, Microsoft Edge, Safari, and Internet Explorer 11.

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