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<p><b>General Questions</b></p>											
<p>The prioritization description was confusing. Are you directing us to prioritize within the application and the "TASK 1" is the applicants' first priority project?</p>	<p>The tasks can be used to break out the different phases or a project. For vehicle replacements the tasks allow you to specify funding source(s) you want to use for specific vehicles.</p> <p>For Section 5339 you need to use a different task for each Project Task Type and/or for each Bus Route ALI selection. Example: For Task 1, Project Task Type you select Passenger Shelters. Then under the Passenger shelters, ALI selection is Engineering and Design. Then Task 2, Project Task Type could be Passenger Shelters, with the Passenger shelters ALI selection set to Construction.</p> <p>For Section 5307 you will use a new task for each Project Task Type you are applying for.</p>										
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Our GM prefers to sign using "signature on file". Is this an option?	No, the applications are Cognito forms so "signature on file" is not an option. They will have to electronically sign the form in Cognito before submitting the application.
<b>STP Funding</b>	
Is the source of STP funds state or federal?	The STP funds are federal. Funding comes from Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Funds transferred into the Section 5310 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.
STP comes from Federal Highway Administration. It's a transfer that OTC - recognizing that many of our vehicles were in inadequate condition statewide - committed to investing for a couple of biennia in upgrading our aging fleets. There may be one more biennium left after this one but please don't quote me on that one (Kathy will be able to confirm).	This is correct. After this grant cycle there is \$5M remaining for the next round.
<b>Vehicle Replacement</b>	
Should folks put down additional information about vehicles with issues that may not meet age/miles on grant application so that you have more information?	On the application In the "Condition of Vehicles" field the "Vehicle Condition" should reflect it and then add the details in "Explain vehicle maintenance history, right-sizing justification, etc." box or you can upload a document with additional information.
Can Section 5339 and Section 5310 funds be used for facilities? Can they be used for Design and Engineering and construction?	Only Section 5339 funds can be used for facilities. Per FTA Circular 5100.1: Eligible capital projects include projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, and projects to construct bus-related facilities.
Do the vehicles need to meet age AND mile requirements?	The requirement is for age OR miles, whichever is more advantageous to the provider.

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If small agencies are unable to apply for Section 5307 or Section 5339 funds for vehicle replacement, will any special consideration be given to them for STP funding?	If it becomes an issue we will look at that. During the last funding cycle it was not an issue.
<b>Section 5307</b>	
Are small urban Section 5307 recipients also eligible?	Only large urban public transportation agencies are eligible for Section 5307 funds.
<b>Section 5339</b>	
If there is a nonprofit agency that wants to use Section 5339 funding for facilities but the building was not purchased with FTA funding, what kind of regulations pertain to the building with federal funding?	<p>Circular C 5100.1 requires states to develop a State Management Plan for Public Transportation Programs. ODOT's State Management Plan lists private nonprofit organizations as eligible to apply. However, the plan states that ODOT prefers to contract with public agencies, and will contract with private nonprofit agencies only through exception when a willing public agency is not available.</p> <p>If you were able to obtain an exception and the building was sold before the end of useful life you would be required to return the remaining federal interest.</p> <p>Using federal funds to rehabilitate a building would subject the entire building to federal regulations regardless of having purchased it using local funds.</p>
If any agency applies for Section 5339 funds are there additional regulations that would apply (e.g., drug and alcohol testing program)?	In addition to the requirement to have an FTA-compliant drug and alcohol testing program subrecipients are required to submit annual data to the NTD.
COIC asked if there is an update on when we might hear a result from the last Section 5339(b) vehicle grant applications	FTA told us, "FTA has made this a priority but it will be contingent on other items happening here in D.C. Tentatively, FTA is anticipating an announcement before the end of the year." COIC just let me know they

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submitted earlier this year? Those answers would impact this round of applications.	received a telephone call from Senator Merkley's office notifying them that they received the grant.
The last Section 5339 application round channeled through RPTD was in the autumn of 2017. It began funding July 1, 2018 with grants expiring June 30, 2020. Grants funded during this solicitation are scheduled for funding July 1, 2020. Are you sure you're thinking Section 5339? If so, are you a metro area that may have applied directly to FTA?	This above question was referring to FTA <a href="#">Opportunity ID: FTA-2019-003-TPM</a> for Section 5339(b) funds. These applications were submitted on June 14, 2019.
Are vehicle expansion projects eligible under any of the funding sources for small urban providers?	Vehicle expansion projects are only allowed under Section 5339. Eligible recipients are urban, small urban, and rural transportation agencies.
<b>Section 5310</b>	
How do subrecipients or subcontractors apply for funding? Can the Section 5310 funds go to a local transportation provider or organization? They have historically submitted their applications directly to us (RPTD) will they have access to this form?	This has not changed, if they have gone through you in the past then they will continue to go through you.
Are STF local solicitation notices required for the Section 5310 funds?	There is no requirement for STF agencies to do a local solicitation. This requirement is only for formula funds. The project just needs to be part of the Coordinated Plan and the applications must include the page number from the Coordinated Plan and the date it was adopted.

## **Clarifications and Corrections**

The webinar indicated that a “Print” button would be added. Brian Roth is working with Cognito to see if this can be done. At this time the only way to print a draft copy of the application is by using the browser print option.

Vehicle Replacement Eligible Recipients – The Section 5307 fund source is the only fund source that shows if your agency is eligible for that funding. STP and Section 5339 shows on the application regardless of the applicants eligibility.

RTCs can help agencies prepare thorough and competitive grant applications. It is recommended that you reach out to them early in the application process. In addition to providing feedback after applications are submitted, RTCs are available to provide technical support as agencies prepare their grant applications, potentially including a review of draft applications