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Public Agenda

Planning & Administration Committee

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Board Room

8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes

2.a. From the meeting held on March 21, 2019

3. Action Items

3.a. Ordinance approving the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and Projects

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
PLANNING & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

The Planning & Administration Committee of the Board of Directors of the Regional Transportation Authority met in public session on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at 8:35 a.m., in Suite 1650, 175 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to notice.

Committee Chairman Fuentes presided.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present (7): Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Pang, Ross, Sager
Other Board members present: Coulson, Groven, Holt, Kotel, Melvin, Chairman Dillard

Approval of minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2019

Director Durante moved, and Director Higgins seconded that the minutes from the meeting held on February 21, 2019 be approved as submitted. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

7 Yeas: Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Pang, Ross, Sager

Release of the 2019 Community Planning Program of Projects

Mr. Michael Horsting delivered a presentation about the work of the RTA's Community Planning Program to the Committee. The presentation included the history of the program, the types of projects that are eligible through the program and how the work of the RTA through the program supports the goals of the Transit Strategic Plan. The presentation ended with the announcement of the 2019 Program of Projects that RTA staff will begin working on through the Community Planning Program.

Director Higgins asked if the timeline for the call for projects is typically the same time of year, from September to October. Mr. Horsting responded that typically the call is conducted in the spring of each year and that the call conducted last year was pushed back to the fall at the request of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. The open and close dates for the next call are still to be determined.

Director Durante asked how many applications there were in total, how many of which were and were not selected and how long the review process is. Mr. Horsting responded that 14 applications were received, nine selected, one was withdrawn, and four were not selected. He further explained that the review and selection process last approximately five months.

Director Coulson asked if there is any way to measure the effectiveness of projects completed through the program, such as increases in ridership. Mr. Horsting explained there are many variables that factor into ridership changes and that ridership changes alone are tough to pinpoint to plan implementation. He further explained that staff does measure other implementation measures such as number of new housing units and square footage of new retail/commercial space constructed in the station area.

Chairman Dillard suggested for those members of the Board who have new projects in their areas, to contact the appropriate legislator about these new projects.

Director Sager complimented the intent of the program and the partnerships that staff form when working with each of the communities. He then asked how future applicants can get a better sense of the types of projects the RTA is looking for through the program in order to avoid any misunderstandings. Mr. Horsting indicated that staff continually works to improve the descriptions of eligible projects through the program and that staff also conducts targeted outreach with many communities to fine-tune ideas they may have for future applications.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Planning & Administration Committee, Director Pang moved, and Director Ross seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried on the following voice vote:

7 Yeas: Durante, Frega, Fuentes, Higgins, Pang, Ross, Sager

The meeting ended at 8:55 a.m.

AUDREY MACLENNAN
Secretary of the Authority



**Regional
Transportation
Authority**

To: Planning & Administration Committee

From: Leanne P. Redden, Executive Director

Date: August 14, 2019

Re: ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SECTION 5310 –ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR
SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

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Staff requests an ordinance authorizing the implementation of the Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities fiscal year 2018-2019 Program of Projects. Funding is proposed for 11 projects: Association for Individual Development – Ride in Kane; City of Naperville –Ride DuPage to Work; DuPage County – Transportation to Work; Kendall County – Kendall Area Transit; Little City Foundation – Transportation Program; McHenry County – McRide; Will County – Will Ride; Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities – Ensuring Access to the Community; Clearbrook – Community Connections for Adults with Disabilities; CTF Illinois – Transportation Services for People with Disabilities; and, Pace – Regional Call Center.

The Section 5310 program is a federally funded program with grantees responsible for the local match. No RTA funds are required to support the projects. The total program budget is \$16,518,695 including \$9,111,584 federal funding and \$7,407,111 in local matching funds. A public comment period was held July 1-31, 2019 to solicit comments on the proposed projects. The RTA received a total of 107 comments; 100 in support of the Ray Graham project and 7 in support of the Little City project.

Background

The Section 5310 Program is a formula grant program that provides assistance to public transportation projects that focus on enhancing mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The RTA has administered similar federal programs since 2006, becoming the Designated Recipient for the Section 5310 program with IDOT in 2013. As a co-designated recipient of the Section 5310 Program, RTA awards and administers Section 5310 eligible operating, mobility management, capital improvement projects and associated administrative expenses, while IDOT retains responsibility for awarding and administering grants for paratransit vehicles. This proposed program includes support for operations, mobility management, and administrative expenses.

With approval of the proposed ordinance, this Section 5310 Program of Projects will be incorporated into the federally required Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP). The HSTP identifies strategies for improving mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities and a process for project selection.

The RTA received fourteen applications in response to an open call for projects held this spring. The projects were reviewed for eligibility and ranked utilizing criteria included in the HSTP by a project selection team consisting of representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the RTA. Based on this process, eleven projects are recommended for inclusion in the fiscal year 2018 & 2019 Program of Projects (noted in the below table). Please note that, while Lake County's Ride Lake County West and Ride Lake County Central projects are supported with Section 5310, funding is not recommended for either project as part of this program as the County has unspent Section 5310 funds that will support the programs through the next call for projects in 2021.

Applicant	Project Title	Description and Justification	Total Estimated Budget	Federal Share
AID	Ride in Kane Phase 17 & 18	The Ride in Kane project coordinates paratransit services in Kane County into a centralized system that optimizes transportation resources for older adults and persons with disabilities. The sponsors of this project include multiple private non-profit organizations and local units of government. Currently there are 17 private, non-profit organizations and local units of government participating in the program. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$5,000,992	\$2,502,996
City of Naperville	Ride DuPage to Work	This project continues to operate as part of the Ride DuPage program. Older adults are afforded increased employment opportunities by providing them with transportation to jobs outside of their own town and at times that may extend beyond traditional work hours. Seven local governments sponsor the service. This is an existing Section 5310 funded project. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$1,320,000	\$660,000
Clearbrook	Community Connections for Adults with Disabilities	This project provides transportation services to more than 8,000 children & adults with Intellectual/developmental disabilities. Clients are transported to work, school, day programs, medical appointments, community recreation, and other activities. This is a new Section 5310 project.	\$200,000	\$100,000
CTF Illinois	Transportation Services for People with Disabilities	This project provides transportation support to children and adults with diverse disabilities. The door to door transportation supports are a vital service that allows	\$200,000	\$100,000

		persons enrolled at CTF greater access to their daily supports including vocational, community employment, educational, fine arts, and advocacy. This is a new Section 5310 project.		
DuPage County	Transportation to Work	The Transportation to Work Program is an existing project that provides demand-responsive transportation to and from work for persons with disabilities. The project operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and serves all of DuPage County. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$984,000	\$492,000
Little City Foundation	Transportation Program	This project provides transportation for seniors and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who are enrolled with Little City, to places of employment, community-based programs, Special Olympics regional competitions, and medical appointments. This is an existing Section 5310 funded project.	\$1,088,194	\$544,097
Kendall County	Kendall Area Transit	This is a general public, demand responsive paratransit service that provides service predominately for senior citizens and persons with disabilities in the urban portions of Kendall County. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$640,000	\$320,000
McHenry County	McRide	McRide program provides coordinated dial-a-ride service to individuals with disabilities and individuals 60 years or older. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$2,400,000	\$1,200,000
Ray Graham Association	RGA Comprehensive Transportation Program	Individuals with disabilities are transported from their homes to Community Learning Centers and to a variety of other activities including grocery shopping, medical appointments, volunteer opportunities and recreational activities. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$1,533,054	\$766,527
Will County	Will-Ride	This program provides transportation and mobility management services for persons with disabilities and older adults residing in eastern Will County townships. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$320,000	\$160,000

Pace	Phase VII Regional Call Center	Pace's Regional Call Center takes reservations for dial a ride and demand response services to seniors and individuals with disabilities. The Call Center provides comprehensive mobility management services that improve the coordination and operation of transportation services. This is an existing Section 5310 project.	\$2,832,455	\$2,265,964
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Estimated Funding Sources

The table below summarizes the proposed program budget and sources of funding:

Program	RTA	Federal	Local	Program Budget
Section 5310	\$0	\$9,111,584	\$7,407,111	\$16,518,695

Next Steps

Following approval of the program of projects, RTA staff will develop a grant application for submission to the Federal Transit Administration so that the grantees may draw down funds for their respective project activities.

Prepared by: Local Planning and Program Management
LPR / JL / LN / HBM

ORDINANCE NO.

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (the "Authority") is the region's Designated Recipient for federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds;

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to select the projects for funding under the Section 5310 Program;

WHEREAS, the Authority, working collaboratively with the Service Boards, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and regional stakeholders, developed the federally required Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP);

WHEREAS, the project selection process was conducted in accordance with the HSTP; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Authority to facilitate the expeditious implementation of the approved projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY that:

1. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to transmit the approved list of projects, substantially in the form attached hereto, to CMAP for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program.
2. The Executive Director of the Authority is hereby authorized and directed to take such action as the Executive Director deems necessary or appropriate to implement and enforce this ordinance and the Section 5310 program, including: the submittal of grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration to fund the approved program of projects; the revision of award amounts of up to 10% in order to optimize the use of available Federal funding; and the incorporation of approved Section 5310 projects into the HSTP.

Section 5310 –Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
FY2018-FY2019 Program of Projects

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