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Proposed Section 5310 Program of Projects – Released for Public Comment

Chicago, IL –The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will hold a public comment period on twelve projects proposed as part of the 2016 and 2017 fiscal years Section 5310 Program of Projects. Public comments will be accepted from July 1 through July 31, 2017. The proposed Program of Projects was developed based on applications submitted during a Call for Projects and vetted by a project selection team composed of staff from the RTA, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). It will be presented to the RTA Board for consideration at the August 24, 2017 Board meeting.

The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. This program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. The RTA and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are co-designated recipients of Section 5310 funding for Northeastern Illinois.

Fourteen (14) applications were received in response to the call for projects. Twelve (12) projects are recommended to receive a total of \$8.5 million in Federal Section 5310 fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 funding, as described below. Public comments on these projects may be submitted at the following e-mail address: section5310@rtachicago.org.

FY2016 & FY2017 Proposed Section 5310 Program of Projects

Applicant	Project Title	Description and Justification	Total Estimated Budget	Federal Share
AID	Ride in Kane Phase 15 & 16	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 20 private, non-profit organizations and local units of government participating in the program. This is an existing Section 5310 funded project.	\$1,964,883	\$1,572,907

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.	\$1,671,384	\$835,692
DuPage County	Transportation to Work	The Transportation to Work Program is a demand responsive service under the existing Ride DuPage system designed to provide persons with disabilities with greater opportunities to obtain and maintain employment through affordable transportation. This is an existing Section 5310 funded project.	\$1,021,724	\$510,862
Lake County Central	Ride Lake County Central Dial-a-Ride	The service provides expanded dial-a-ride transportation in Lake County to persons with disabilities and older adults residing in central Lake County. Five municipalities and Lake County sponsor the project. This is an existing Section 5310 funded project.	\$239,626	\$119,813
Lake County West	Ride Lake County West	The service provides expanded dial-a-ride transportation in six townships primarily for persons with disabilities and older adults in the western portion of Lake County. The townships, in cooperation with the Lake County Coordinated Transportation Services Committee, and Lake County sponsor the project. This is an existing 5310 funded project.	\$642,500	\$321,250
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 activities, Special Olympics regional competitions, and medical appointments. This is an existing Section 5310 funded project.	\$920,000	\$460,000
Kendall Area Transit	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 funded project.	\$600,000	\$300,000
McHenry County	McRide	McRide program provides coordinated dial-a-ride service to individuals with disabilities and individuals 60 years or older. Funding is recommended to fund this existing Section 5310 project.	\$1,680,000	\$840,000
Ray Graham Association	Ensuring Access to the Community	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.	\$2,717,340	\$1,358,670
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. The program is an outgrowth of the county's coordinated paratransit plan funded through the RTA's former sub-regional Planning program.	\$566,000	\$283,000
CTA	Tactile Signage at CTA Bus Stops	This proposed project would install 10,712 tactile signs at all bus stop poles where CTA public information signs are currently posted to provide information about the exact bus stop location to customers who are blind or have visual or cognitive disabilities. CTA has a total 10,727 bus stops of which 10,712 have public information signs posted.	\$475,437	\$380,350

Pace	Phase VI Regional Call Center	Phase VI of 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.	\$1,940,539	\$1,552,431
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