



City of Phoenix
PUBLIC TRANSIT DEPARTMENT

December 13, 2012

Mr. Eric Anderson
Transportation Director
Maricopa Association of Governments
301 N. First Avenue #200
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mr. Anderson,

The City of Phoenix is formally requesting the designation by the Governor of Arizona to administer the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (5310) grant program under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) surface transportation legislation. This request follows discussions held with the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) conducted subsequent to the October 16, 2012 publication in the Federal Register providing program guidance.

The City of Phoenix has been the designated recipient of all Federal Transit Administration funding allocated to the Phoenix Urbanized Area since 1975 without exception. Phoenix staff has years of experience with the 5310 program as a member of the MAG Ad Hoc Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Committee reviewing grant applications, making funding recommendations, and developing the Regional Coordinated Transportation Plan for FTA programs in concert with MAG, ADOT, and local transportation providers.

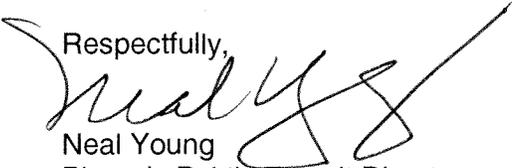
Additionally, the City of Phoenix has administered the 5310 'sister' grant programs, Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute and Section 5317 New Freedom under the former surface transportation legislation. The former Section 5317 program has been repealed and is now consolidated into the new Section 5310 under the MAP-21 legislation.

The City of Phoenix has the staffing, resources, and infrastructure in place to administer the program without significant delay or disruption to the subrecipients. Phoenix has two full-time staff to oversee the administration of the program with access to additional resources including, but not limited to procurement and delivery of vehicles; federal compliance and oversight; grant management; and contract administration support.

The City of Phoenix is supported by many Section 5310 stakeholders. At the Transportation Ambassador Program meeting on December 11, 2012, a number of agency representatives provided comments in favor of the City of Phoenix as the designated recipient.

Working with the program stakeholders, Phoenix offers a more localized and flexible approach to administration of these funds. The City of Phoenix has the necessary resources and is committed to providing excellent service to the region as the designated recipient of all Phoenix Urbanized Area funding. Thank you for your consideration of our request to continue in this role.

Respectfully,



Neal Young
Phoenix Public Transit Director

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