

MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

INFORMATION SUMMARY... for your review

DATE:

May 4, 2015

SUBJECT:

FY 2015 FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program Recommendations for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area

SUMMARY:

On March 15, 2013, Governor Brewer approved the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department as the Designated Recipient for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA). This program provides funding for capital assistance awards for agencies and public bodies that provide transportation services for older adults and people who have a disability. MAG prepares the Section 5310 priority listing of applications for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA which is approved through the MAG committee process, and forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department for submission to the FTA. The purpose of this item is to recommend approval of the priority listing of applicants for the FY 2015 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department, and amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan when final FTA apportionments becomes available.

MAG staff, in collaboration with the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department staff, provided technical assistance to potential applicants prior to the application due date on March 13, 2015. The City of Phoenix Public Transit Department in collaboration with MAG conducted an initial review of applications submitted. One application was submitted past the deadline and not accepted. On March 25, 2015, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee received the eligible applications for review. On April 21 and 22, 2015, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee met to hear presentations and interview the Section 5310 applicants.

On April 22, 2015, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee developed the priority listing for recommendation when final FTA apportionment become available. The following review methodology was utilized by the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Committee; applicant's evaluation was based on criteria outlined in the Section 5310 Program and Handbook, participation in regional coordination efforts as federally required, applicants' presentation interviews, and the availability of funding. The MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee upon final evaluation determined one New Freedom project not recommended for funding due to duplication in funding request. This year's Section 5310 priority listing for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA includes 22 project requests for vans, five mobility management projects, and 13 New Freedom eligible projects.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Public comment was solicited through public notices in the *Arizona Republic* and the MAG website in March 2015. No public comment has been received. An opportunity for input was also offered at the MAG FTA Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Program Ad Hoc Committee

meeting on March 25, 2015. No comments were received.

PROS & CONS:

PROS: MAG advises the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department for the FTA Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program. Forwarding this priority listing assists the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department in awarding capital transportation equipment and operating for the most vulnerable population in the MAG region, older adults and people with disabilities. Awards are made on a competitive basis with a regional emphasis.

CONS: None.

TECHNICAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

TECHNICAL: The City of Phoenix Public Transit Department will procure accessible and non-accessible passenger vans, ancillary equipment, and fund mobility management and New Freedom eligible projects with these funds. The FTA provides 80 percent of the award cost, and the applicant provides a 20 percent match for capital and mobility management projects. New Freedom eligible projects are a 50 percent award cost and the applicant provides a 50 percent match. The FTA provides Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant vehicles a 85 percent award cost with a 15 percent match and ADA vehicle-related equipment and facilities a 90 percent award cost with a ten percent match. The available funding amount includes approximately \$2.9 million in FTA apportionment for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA, minus the eight percent administration fee. All awards meet requirements and inspection standards of federal laws and regulations including ADA.

POLICY: Under MAP-21 the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department as the Designated Recipient receives FTA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities Program fund apportionments for the Phoenix-Mesa UZA from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration. MAP-21 requires 55 percent of Section 5310 funding for traditional capital projects including mobility management projects. The remaining 45 percent for New Freedom eligible projects including administrative fees. MAG prepares the Section 5310 priority listing of applications for the Phoenix-Mesa Urbanized Area (UZA) which is approved through the MAG committee process, and forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department for submission to the FTA coordinated through the MAG Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee. The Section 5310 priority listing will also be included in the listing of projects in the FY 2014 program of projects, and amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and as appropriate, to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan when final FTA apportionments becomes available.

ACTION NEEDED:

Recommend approval of the priority listing of applicants for the FY 2015 FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Transportation Program for the Phoenix/Mesa UZA priority listing to be forwarded to the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department based on final apportionments, the projects will be funded based on the rank order.

And approval of the associated amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2014-2018 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and as appropriate to the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan based the final apportionments.

PRIOR COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

On April 22, 2015, the MAG Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Transportation Ad Hoc Committee developed a priority listing for the FY 2015 Section 5310 Phoenix-Mesa UZA applicants to be forwarded for funding through the MAG Committee process when final FTA apportionments becomes available.

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Matt Dudley, City of Glendale, Chair
Abhishek Dayal, Valley Metro
Janeen Gaskin, City of Surprise
Edward Jones, City of Mesa
Wendy Miller, City of Phoenix
Kristin Meyers, Town of Gilbert
Christina Plante, City of Goodyear

Ann Marie Riley, City of Chandler, Vice Chair
Kristen Sexton, City of Avondale
Robert Yabes, City of Tempe
Jeff Tourdot, Maricopa County
Cydney DeModica, Arizona Department of
Transportation, Ex Officio

*Neither present nor represented by proxy
- Attended by Audioconference+ - Attended
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OTHERS PRESENT

Amy St. Peter, MAG
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