



## **AGENDA**

### **PASTACC**

#### ***PUBLIC AND SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY AND COORDINATION COUNCIL***

*An advisory body to the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
addressing public transit and specialized transportation needs, issues and opportunities.*

**June 9, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

#### **LOCATION:**

**San Bernardino County Transportation Authority  
First Floor Lobby Board Room  
1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410**

#### **TELECONFERENCING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**Basin Transit Operations Center: 62405 Verbena Rd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252**

**El Garces Transportation Depot: 950 Front Street, Needles, CA 92363**

**Mountain Transit Facility: 42132 Big Bear Blvd, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315**

**Victor Valley Transit Authority: 17150 Smoke Tree St, Hesperia, CA 92345**

#### **I. PASTACC CALL TO ORDER, Introductions**

*PASTACC Chair / Vice-Chair*

#### **II. APPROVAL OF PASTACC MINUTES, March 10, 2025**

Approve Minutes for PASTACC meeting dated March 10, 2025.

*Chair / Vice Chair*

*Action*

#### **III. SBCTA MOBILITY NEEDS PUBLIC HEARING**

SBCTA's public hearing to gather input on unmet transit needs in San Bernardino County.

*PASTACC Chair*

*Information*

#### **IV. PASTACC MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

Receive an update on upcoming At-Large Membership vacancies.

*Nancy Strickert, SBCTA*

*Information*

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| <b>V. WEST VALLEY CONNECTOR UPDATE</b><br>Receive a presentation on the West Valley Connector Bus Rapid Transit project.<br><i>Vladimir Kanevskiy, WSP</i>   | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>VI. SAN BERNARDINO COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLAN</b><br>Receive a presentation and update on the San Bernardino Coordinated Transportation Plan.<br><i>Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning</i>     | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>VII. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION §5310 GRANT PROGRAM</b><br>Receive an update on California Department of Transportation's Call for Projects.<br><i>Dennis Brooks, AMMA Transit Planning</i>       | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>VIII. SBCTA TRANSIT PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS</b><br>Receive an update on current and upcoming transit promotional and educational campaigns led by SBCTA.<br><i>Mairany Anaya, SBCTA</i> | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>IX. METROLINK UPDATE</b><br>Receive an update on Metrolink matters.<br><i>Nicole Soto, SBCTA</i>  | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>X. SBCTA RIDESHARE PROGRAMS UPDATE</b><br>Receive an update on SBCTA's rideshare programs.<br><i>Mairany Anaya, SBCTA</i>   | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST</b><br><i>All</i>   | <i>Information</i> |
| <b>XII. PUBLIC COMMENT</b><br><i>Comments related to PASTACC Agenda</i>  |                    |

### Upcoming Free Fare Days

Dump the Pump Day – June 17, 2025

Rural Transit Day – July 16, 2025

Clean Air Day – October 2, 2025

Election Day – November 2, 2025

**NEXT PASTACC MEETING:**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

LOCATION:

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
FIRST FLOOR LOBBY BOARD ROOM  
1170 W. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CA

Generally, quarterly at 10:00 a.m. with some variation, now on the second Monday of the month.

**To confirm PASTACC meeting dates and locations, please call SBCTA: (909) 884-8276**

Meeting dates will be noticed to those registered for PASTACC mailings.

To register for PASTACC mailings, please contact:

**Dennis Brooks:** [Dbrooks@AmmaTransitPlanning.com](mailto:Dbrooks@AmmaTransitPlanning.com)

We are happy to make reasonable accommodations for participants attending PASTACC meetings in need of such.

Please advise us of special needs no less than 72 hours prior to the meeting so that the appropriate accommodations can be arranged.

**Contact AMMA Transit Planning at** [Mail@AmmaTransitPlanning.com](mailto:Mail@AmmaTransitPlanning.com)

## **Public and Specialized Transportation and Coordination Council (PASTACC)**

### **Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2025 at the San Bernardino SBCTA Board Room**

#### **Attendees:**

##### **Voting Member Participants:**

- Anthesis - Shawn Prokopec
- Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) – Danielle De Los Santos
- Foothill AIDS Project (FAP) – DeAngelo Stowers
- Mountain Transit – Sandy Benson, Steve Brouard
- Omnitrans – Arianna Maldonado
- Reach Out Morongo Basin – Robin Schlosser
- Victor Valley Transportation Authority (VVTA) – Marie Downing, Brandon Johnson, Megan Christian

##### **Other Participants:**

VIP Solutions Inc – Leveanna Thomas

Reentry Coordinating Housing and Supportive Services – Anthony Brazier

OPARC – Sonia Borja

Inland Caregivers Resource Center (ICRC) – Jaritza Mendoza

##### **Staff Support:**

SBCTA – Sandra Castro, Nancy Strickert, Nicole Soto

AMMA Transit Planning – Dennis Brooks

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Sandy Benson, PASTACC Chair.

#### **II. Minutes of December 9, 2024, meeting**

- No comments from the public or voting members.
- Approval of the minutes was moved by Steve Brouard (Basin Transit) and seconded by Robin Schlosser (Reach Out Morongo).

#### **III. PASTACC MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

Nancy Strickert – Provided an update on upcoming At-Large Membership vacancies. PASTACC would like to reappoint Reach Out Morong Basin and Robin Schlosser as a member At-Large and the At-Large membership for Foothill AIDS Project and Anthesis will expire in August 2026.

- No comments from the public or voting members
- Motion to reappoint Reach Out Morongo Basin moved by Steve Brouard (Mountain Transit)
- Motion seconded by Shawn Prokopec (Anthesis)

#### **IV. CITY OF NEEDLES SHORT-RANGE TRANSIT PLAN AND FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE**

Dennis Brooks (AMMA) - provided presentations of the ongoing Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) for the City of Needles and forthcoming launch of the Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle (FMBS). The SRTP presentation included themes from the outreach process for mobility needs and concerns for Needles residents as well as a summary of the results of an onboard survey of deviated fixed-route riders and a community-wide online survey. Preliminary recommendations from the SRTP include a bus stop improvement program, fare technology integration, a vehicle replacement plan, outfitting a new vehicle garage, lifeline mileage reimbursement transportation expansion and the launch of the FMBS.

The FMBS operating plan was approved by the Needles City Council in February 2025 with an anticipated launch of July 1, 2025. The shuttle will provide service from Needles into Fort Mohave and Bullhead City, Arizona on a two-day per week schedule, providing Needles residents with access to grocery, retail and medical facilities that are not available in Needles.

## **V. San Bernardino County Coordinated Transportation Plan**

Dennis Brooks (AMMA) – provided a presentation on the 2025 update to the Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan for San Bernardino County. The Coordinated Plan is required by the Federal Transit Administration to be updated every four years. The Coordinated Plan assesses the mobility needs of seniors, persons with disabilities, and persons of low-income, as well as tribal members, veterans and persons with limited English proficiency. The planning process launched in March 2025 with Phase I including stakeholder outreach, paratransit rider and transit driver focus groups, and an existing conditions assessment of target population demographics and transportation service inventory. The plan is scheduled to present a final draft report in the winter of 2026.

Anthony Brazier (RCHSS) – inquired as to whether the unhoused population could be included in the upcoming Caltrans Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities call-for-projects. Anthony invited PASTACC members to attend the county’s quarterly Regional Homeless Coalition meetings and made note of the many homeless encampments being constructed at bus stops.

Arianna Maldonado (Omnitrans) – stated that Omnitrans realizes that this is an issue and that some of the stops they service are owned by the cities. Some cities have sent out liaisons to offer resources to address the unhoused population and the many complaints have led to shelter removals.

Sandy Benson (Mountain Transit) – stated that Mountain Transit will sometimes involve the sheriff’s department or work with DAAS to make it a more positive interaction, given the few homelessness resources for the mountain communities.

Robin Schlosser (Reach Out)– reminded the consulting team that hard copies of the survey are needed for seniors that are not comfortable with technology and navigating the internet.

## **VI. SBCTA TRANSIT PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS**

Mairany Anaya (SBCTA) – informed the group that SBCTA has a draft of the senior transportation brochure guide and will be distributing that for comment in the coming months. SBCTA will be printing copies to share with PASTACC members and the transit operators once the final brochures have been approved.

## **VII. METROLINK UPDATE**

Nicole Soto (SBCTA) – announced that Metrolink made a service change on January 27<sup>th</sup> to the San Bernardino Line that removed the Express Train. The initial service change in October 2024 where additional trains were added between Covina and Union Station, caused on-time performance issues that had to be addressed.

## **VIII. SBCTA RIDESHARE PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Mairany Anaya (SBCTA) – announced that during February and March, round-trip travel on Arrow trains between any of the 5 Arrow stations has a \$1 fare through a limited-time partnership promotion between Metrolink and SBCTA. Additionally, a new promotion from IE Commuter called Experience Metrolink, can provide free tickets for up to 90 days on any Metrolink line, and between any Metrolink station. An Earth Day fare campaign will take place in April through IE Commuter accounts where participants can be entered to win prizes.

## **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEMBER REPORTS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST**

Nancy Strickert (SBCTA) – reminded the group that the next PASTACC meeting will include the Mobility Needs public hearing, where the public will be invited to provide testimony at satellite locations within each transit operators service area, via remote participation. Nancy also announced that Sandra Castro (SBCTA) received a promotion and will no longer be administering PASTACC meetings.

Mairany Anaya (SBCTA) – announced that the Inland Caregivers Resource Center and the Inland Coalition on Aging (ICA) are searching for agencies to partner with the ICA and the Master Plan on Aging. If any agencies would like to partner, please reach out to ICA, ICRC or SBCTA.

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

***The next PASTACC meeting is tentatively scheduled for: June 9, 2025***

# West Valley Connector Project Update for PASTACC



6/9/2025

## Project Description & Grant Information

### Project Features:

- 19-mile route
- 3.5 miles of dedicated bus lanes
- 21 stations, 33 directional platforms
- 18 BEB Vehicles
- 2 on-route chargers at Pomona Station
- 18 Depot Chargers at the West Valley Maintenance Facility
- Project Budget - \$310 million
- Projected Completion – Q3 2026



## Ontario Widening Construction Update

- Stage 2 construction ongoing, on north side of Holt Blvd:
- Waterline and fire hydrant relocations
- Storm drain improvements
- Concrete flatwork – curb & gutter, driveways, cross gutters, etc.
- Electrical improvements – streetlights, traffic signals
- Utility relocations



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## Station Construction Update

- Side-running station construction in Pomona and Montclair:
- Removal of existing canopies and hardscape
- Installation of water services
- Excavation and subgrade preparation
- Bus pads and curbs
- Potholing for canopy foundations



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## Vehicles/Core Systems

### Bus Procurement:

- All (18) Battery Electric Buses have been received and undergoing testing.

### Maintenance Facility:

- Two pantograph chargers installed at Pomona Transit Center.
- Construction started at West Valley Maintenance Facility to install canopy structure supporting 18 overhead electric chargers.

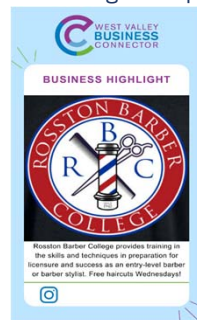
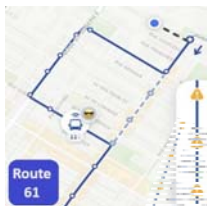


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## Public Outreach Program

- Multi-channel detour notification (social, website, on-street) and business highlights posted on various social media platforms
- Free pass program for detour-impacted customers
- Coordination with neighboring agencies and outreach affected businesses regarding service impact, with joint notifications to all constituents
- Regular construction alerts reaching ~900 people



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**Questions?**

# San Bernardino County Public Transit-Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plan

## Outreach Update

PASTACC

June 9, 2025



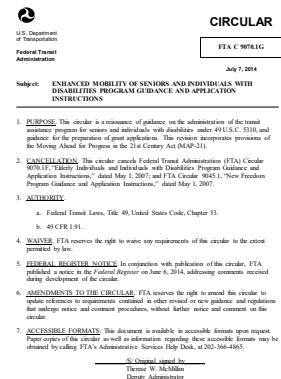
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## Coordinated Plan Requirements

Federal statute requirement (FTA C9070.1H)

• **Locally developed**, coordinated transportation plan, to include:

- Assessment of **available existing transportation services**
- **Assessment of transportation needs for the target populations**
- Develop **strategies and projects** to address identified needs and gaps in service
- Develop **priorities for implementation** of strategies and projects



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## Coordinated Plan Populations

### Key populations targeted across San Bernardino County

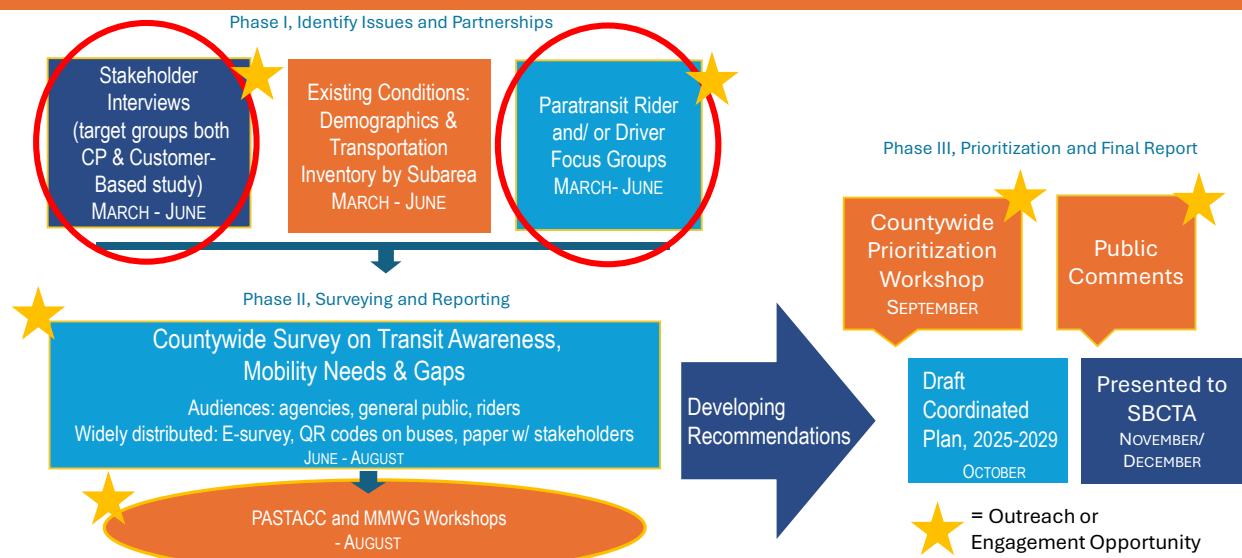
- Older adults
- Persons with disabilities
- Persons of low income
- Additional populations
  - Veterans
  - Tribal members
  - Persons of limited English proficiency



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## Coordinated Plan Phases



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## Coordinated Plan Outreach

- Driver/Operator Focus Groups
  - VVTA, Basin Transit, Mountain Transit
- Themes from Input
  - Operational and environmental factors that slow drivers down
  - Input from Riders
    - Assistance beyond the curb
    - Bags and mobility devices
    - Difficulty with fare
    - Late arrivals



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## Coordinated Plan Outreach

### Seniors

Upland Manor & Coy Estes – Upland Senior Housing  
 Rim Family Services (Mountains)  
 Healthy Aging Committee - Presentation  
 DAAS

### Disability

VIP Solutions – 2 meetings  
 Anthesis (SB Valley)  
 Cal State San Bernardino – Students w/ Disabilities

### Low-Income

Palo Verde College (Needles)  
 Valley Star (Morongo Basin)  
 SAC Health & Cal State Reentry Initiative

### Veterans

Cal State San Bernardino – Veterans Services

### Tribal

Colorado River Indians

### Measure I Roundtable

City of Chino (seniors)  
 City of Rialto (seniors)  
 Foothill AIDS (disability)  
 OPARC (disability)  
 Loma Linda ADHC (seniors & disabilities)

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## Coordinated Plan Outreach

### Public Transit Issues

- Trips take too long to make
- Lack of information on what is available
- Difficulty signing up/application
- Drivers late to pick up or passengers arrive at their destination late
- Lack of bus stops near facilities
- Path of access issues and hazards
- Long distance travel is difficult

### Concerns as a Transportation Provider

- Retaining drivers, especially Class B drivers for larger vehicles
- Receiving 5310 vehicles on order
- Some issues with long-distance trips, could address with more funding

### Changes in Caseload or Programs

- Most caseloads are down from pre-covid
- Clients have either stayed home or found alternate ways to travel during the pandemic
- But mostly rebounding from losses

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## Coordinated Plan Participation

### • How to get involved

- Still and opportunity to participate in agency stakeholder meetings
- Respond to agency/community survey on needs
  - Agency staff & clients
- Help distribute notices of input opportunities
  - Your client caseload - Your agency website - Your social media pages
- Promote the Coordinated Plan website – [www.gosbcta.com/cplan25](http://www.gosbcta.com/cplan25)

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## Coordinated Plan Participation

### Coordinated Plan Website

[www.gosbcta.com/cplan25](http://www.gosbcta.com/cplan25)

- Specific mobility needs
- Interactive map
- Contact sign-up

Step 1: Tell us the specifics about your transit needs!

Comment

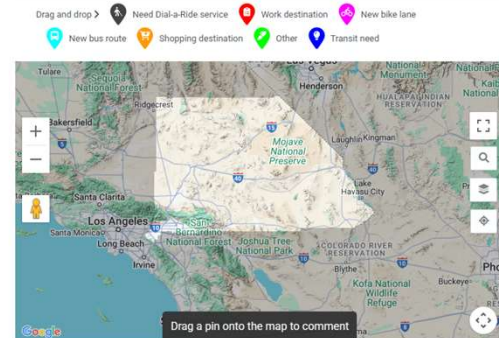


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### Coordinated Transportation Plan



Step 2: Where are your mobility needs located?

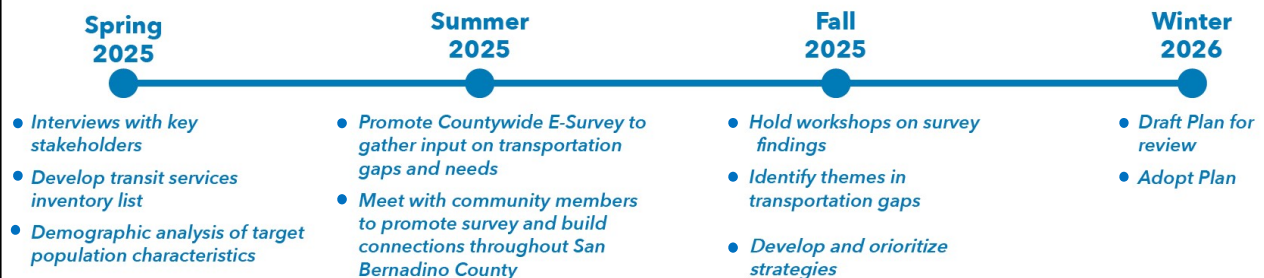


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## Coordinated Plan Timeline

- 10-month study process
- Currently building stakeholder databases to begin outreach



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# 5310 PROGRAM FACT SHEET

CALTRANS ADMINISTERED FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) 5310 SECTION PROGRAM (ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES)



## Program Purpose

To improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available



## Service Expansion Vehicle (Traditional) Projects

- Services to additional seniors and or individuals with disabilities; or
- Expanding the service area or hours of service; or
- Increasing the number and/or frequency of trips



## Funding for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2024

- Approximately \$30.5 Million for Caltrans administered Large Urbanized Areas and \$24.4 Million for Small Urban and Rural communities
- This is a competitive grant program
- At least 55% of awards must be Capital (Traditional) Projects
- No more than 45% of awards must be Expanded Projects
- No Local Share required (as long as awarded project stays within the grant amount)



## Examples of Eligible Mobility Management (Expanded) Projects

- Planning, development, implementation of coordinated transportation services
- Travel training/trip planning
- One-Stop Call Center



## Examples of Eligible Operating Assistance (Expanded) Projects

- Expansion of hours/service of paratransit service beyond the requirement of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Enhancement of services (same day; etc.)
- Volunteer Driver Programs



## Eligibility

- Private non-profit corporations (Traditional and Expanded Projects)
- Public agencies where no non-profits provide service (Traditional Projects)
- Public agencies approved by the state to coordinate services (Traditional Projects)
- Public agencies (Expanded Projects)



## Program Requirements

- Grantees are responsible for the proper use, operating costs, and maintenance of all FTA funded equipment
- Grantees certify that they will comply with State and Federal requirements
- Grantees certify that all projects are ready for implementation at time of application



## Eligible Capital Expenses (Traditional) Projects

- ADA accessible vans and buses
- Related equipment such as mobile radios, computer hardware, software, etc.



## Information

- See Caltrans Division of Local Assistance Section 5310 website:  
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/rail/enhanced-mobility-of-seniors-and-individuals-with-disabilities-program-fta-5310>
- Applications are accessed and submitted through BlackCat Transit Data Management System at:  
<https://secure.blackcatgrants.com/Login.aspx?site=cadot>
- If you need BlackCat access, please contact:  
[FTA5310@dot.ca.gov](mailto:FTA5310@dot.ca.gov)

Call for projects expected to be released **June 30, 2025**



## Vehicle Replacement (Traditional) Projects

- Vehicle(s) must be in active service
- A replacement bus or van must meet or exceed useful life at the time of application





# 5310 PROGRAM TIMELINE

CALTRANS ADMINISTERED FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5310 PROGRAM (ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES)  
2025 Call for Projects (Federal Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024)



## SPRING 2025

- Release Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and subrecipient survey
- MPO/RTPA coordination meetings



## JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2025

- Applications released **June 30, 2025** via the BlackCat Transit Data Management System (BlackCat)
- Application Workshop/Webinar and Technical Consultations
- Applicant Coordination with MPO/RTPA
- Application submittal deadline is **September 3, 2025 at 1:00 pm** (in BlackCat)



## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

- MPO/RTPA Score Applications
- The State Review Committee scores and verifies MPO/RTPA scores



## DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026

- Project scores are merged into statewide prioritized list
- Draft list for the Small Urban/Rural projects are developed and submitted to the California Transportation Commission (CTC)
- The CTC distributes public draft of the Small Urban/Rural Program of Projects (POP) and presents at the January CTC meeting



## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2026

- Appeals hearing for Small Urban and Rural projects
- The CTC conducts public hearing to adopt final POP at March CTC meeting
- Final POP distributed publicly



## APRIL/MAY/JUNE 2026

- Projects are programmed in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- Projects in the final POP are verified for all programming requirements and submitted to FTA for grant funding approval



## SUMMER/FALL 2026 AND BEYOND

- After FTA approval, Successful Applicant information will be released
- Standard agreements (contracts) will be issued after all requirements are met and vehicle procurement will begin



## PROGRAM NOTE:

FTA Section 5310 vehicles are purchased by Caltrans using a State procurement process. Upon Caltrans approval, public agencies may follow their own local procurement process. However, the grantee must comply with State and Federal procurement procedures when purchasing with local funds. Upon project completion, the grantee requests reimbursement from Caltrans for the Federal Share.

***\* Timeline dates are subject to change***

Visit Caltrans  
Section 5310 website  
for more information:





Caltrans Administered  
**Federal Transit  
Administration (FTA)  
Section 5310 Program**

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**2025 Call for Projects**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday, June 30, 2025**

Application to be released  
via the [BlackCat Transit Data  
Management System \(BlackCat\)](#)

If you need BlackCat  
access, please contact  
[FTA5310@dot.ca.gov](mailto:FTA5310@dot.ca.gov)

Please take this [short survey](#)  
to provide agency and  
program feedback.  
The survey closes **May 7**.



[Click here](#) for more information on the Caltrans FTA Section 5310 Program.