

## Information on the 5310 Program and LADOT Transit Program Application

### **Federal Section 5310 Program**

The Section 5310 program was established in 1975 as a discretionary capital assistance program. In cases where public transit was unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate, the program awarded grants to private nonprofit organizations to serve the transportation needs of seniors and persons with disabilities.

The Section 5310 Program provides operating and capital assistance for public transportation projects that i) are planned, designed and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable; ii) exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; iii) improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit, and/or iv) provide alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The goal of the Section 5310 program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. Toward this goal, FTA provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas—large urbanized, small urbanized, and rural.

Section 5310(b) provides that of the funds apportioned to states and designated recipients, at least 55 percent shall be available for traditional Section 5310 projects—those public transportation capital projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable, or inappropriate. Further, the law provides that a recipient may allocate the funds apportioned to it to:

- a. A private nonprofit organization; or
- b. A state or local governmental authority that:
  - (1) is approved by a state to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; or
  - (2) certifies that there are no nonprofit organizations readily available in the area to provide the service.

### **LADOT Transit's 5310 Program Application**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is soliciting proposals from eligible applicants for its Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Federal Section 5310. Programs for eligible projects that best achieve program goals and meet program requirements.

Funding available through the FY 2019 Solicitation for Proposals is up to: 1) \$7,131,784 for Section 5310 Traditional Capital Projects, 2) \$2,517,099 for Section 5310 other Capital and Operating Projects.

LADOT Transit is proposing to purchase alternative fuel buses to replace vehicles in its Cityride vehicle fleet and accessible taxi cabs for the City of Los Angeles Franchised fleets.



## **LADOT Cityride Program**

Cityride is a transportation assistance program for individuals age 65 or older and qualified disabled persons in the City of Los Angeles and select areas of Los Angeles County. The program offers Cityride participants reduced costs for the purchase of City of Los Angeles permitted taxi rides and Cityride dial-a-ride services.

Qualified individuals may apply to participate in the program and purchase fare value for transportation rides on dial-a-ride or taxi rides. The dial-a-ride service offers City residents a shared ride in a lift-equipped bus. Cityride fares for dial-a-ride or taxi service are as follows:

### Cityride Dial-A-Ride

- \$2 to \$4 in fare value.
- One-way trip based on miles and shared ride.

### City of Los Angeles Permitted Taxis

- \$4 to \$20 in fare value.
- Taxis charge a metered rate. A 5 mile trip is approximately \$20.
- You pay all costs over \$20.

For more information on Cityride, call from the 213, 310, 323 or 818 area codes at: 808-RIDE (808-7433). TDD number for hearing impaired (800) 559-1950.

The Cityride Program is a transportation program funded by Proposition A, Local Transit Assistance (PALTA) funds and administered by the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation with the assistance of the Department of Aging.

