

PROGRAM OF PROJECTS AMENDMENT

FY 2020





Background

The annual Program of Projects lists projects programmed for funding in the current fiscal year from Federal Transit Formula Grants, transit discretionary grants, Federal Highway Funds flexed to FTA for transit improvements, and state formula grant programs for transit. Such projects must be programmed in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program or the Unified Planning Work Program. The Program of Projects provides an opportunity for the public to learn about and comment on current grants.

The Program of Projects is developed and approved by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The MPO is responsible for the MTIP and the UPWP, and is therefore responsible for the Program of Projects as well. The Program of Projects includes grants for GTA, PART, and Guilford County TAMs. The MPO follows its current Public Participation Plan, which requires a 30 day public comment period and a public hearing prior to the adoption of the Program of Projects. The comment period was February 24 to March 26, 2020, and the public hearing was conducted at the May 13, 2020 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. TAC adopted the FY 2020 Program of Projects May 13, 2020.

FY 2020 Program of Projects Amendment

At this time an amendment to the Program of Projects is needed to accommodate year-end changes to FY 2020 GTA grants. These changes reflect the most recent assessment of needs and the most advantageous arrangement of formula funds between grants under the current circumstances. This amendment will be processed using administrative tier procedures for TIP amendments under the Public Participation Plan. These procedures require the document to be transmitted in the agenda packet and posted on the MPO website along with other agenda items in advance of the June 24 TAC meeting which will be held online due to COVID-19 social distancing needs.

In the interest of transparency, the amendments will be made available for an additional public review period between May 23 and 5 PM EST on June 22, 2020. Comments on the Program of Projects Amendment can be made by sending email to guampo@greensboro-nc.gov or by calling Craig McKinney at (336) 373-4184 by 5PM on June 22, 2020. Any comments will be presented to TAC prior to approval.

Planning for the transportation future

FTA Formula Grants

Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants – FY 2020

Replacement Paratransit Vehicles (TA-4767)

The City of Greensboro will apply for capital assistance to support the purchase of replacement paratransit vehicles to replace two 2009 El Dorado paratransit vehicles.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$175,875	\$149,494	\$26,381	N/A

Replacement Diesel Buses (TA-4771)

The City of Greensboro will apply for capital assistance to support the purchase of replacement diesel buses to replace four (4) 2008 Goshen Coach diesel buses with four (4) clean diesel buses

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$2,080,332	\$1,768,282	\$312,050	N/A

GTA Preventive Maintenance: Contracted Maintenance Capital Costs (TG-4759)

The City of Greensboro will apply for Federal capital assistance to support the costs associated with using a third party contractor to provide transit services, including vehicle maintenance services, for the GTA fleet. GTA provides the vehicles, but the third party contractor maintains the vehicles in a state of good repair, sufficient to provide public transportation services in the City of Greensboro. Under FTA rules this is counted as preventive maintenance. Eligible expenses are eligible for up to 80% federal reimbursement.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$1,362,210	\$1,089,768	\$272,442	N/A

GTA Operating – ADA Paratransit (TG-4957)

The City of Greensboro will apply for Federal operating assistance for up to 10% of the total operating costs of ADA Paratransit Services. This includes fuel and operator salaries for the SCAT service.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$587,226	\$469,781	\$117,445	N/A

GTA Routine Capital (TG-5105)

The City of Greensboro will apply for Federal routine capital assistance to support the purchase of bus shelters.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000	N/A

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PART Routine Capital (TG-6185)

PART will apply for Federal routine capital assistance to support passenger amenities, parts, equipment, and preventive maintenance capital cost of contracting.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$300,000	\$240,000	\$60,000	N/A

GTA Safety and Security (TS-4758)

The City of Greensboro will apply for federal capital assistance to enhance security for the GTA system. GTA will use this grant to purchase and install replacement security cameras at the J. Douglas Galyon Depot as part of the current renovation project.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$58,719	\$46,975	\$11,744	N/A

GTA Fixed Route Operating Expenses* (TO-4971)

The City of Greensboro will apply for Federal operating assistance for GTA fixed route services. The proposed project will serve the Greensboro Urbanized Area, and will support public transportation services sponsored by the City of Greensboro through GTA.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$2,486,000	\$1,243,000	\$1,243,000	N/A

**Please see State Maintenance Assistance Program listing for additional funding under TO-4971.*

PART Fixed Route Operating Expenses* (TO-5209)

PART will apply for Federal operating assistance for PART fixed route services operating in the MPO area. The proposed project will serve the Greensboro Urbanized Area, and will support public transportation services sponsored by PART.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$652,000	\$326,000	\$326,000	N/A

Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities – FY 2020

The City of Greensboro will apply for Section 5310 *Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities* funding for funds directed by the MPO under the process defined in the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan adopted on June 26, 2019. In FY 2020 this includes a total Federal Funding amount of \$265,585 split between the following items:

Section 5310 Capital Project (TQ-6783)

The City of Greensboro (local government and Section 5310 Designated Recipient) requests capital assistance to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and

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American with Disability Act (ADA) paratransit services. This is a traditional 5310 capital project. Page 24 of Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the Greensboro Urban Area.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$261,284	\$204,983	\$51,246	N/A

Section 5310 Operating (TO-6139)

Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services (TAMS-local government sub-recipient) requests operating assistance to support transportation services to the elderly and disabled for employment, education, and medical trips. This is a non-traditional 5310 operating project. Page 24 of the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan for the Greensboro Urban Area.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$60,000	\$34,043	\$34,043	N/A

Section 5310 Program Administration (TQ-7000)

The City of Greensboro (local government and Section 5310 Designated Recipient) requests administrative support to administer the grants, compliance, and reporting program for GTA and TAMS. Up to 10% of available funds may be used for this purpose.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$26,558	\$26,558	N/A	N/A

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Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facility Program – FY 2020

Replacement Vehicles (TA-6690)

PART will apply for Federal capital assistance for replacement vehicles using Section 5339 funds.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$51,044	\$43,381	\$7,663	N/A

Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure (TA-6714)

The City of Greensboro will apply for Federal capital assistance to support the purchase of one overhead fast charging station for the City's electric bus fleet using Section 5339 funds.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$680,507	\$578,431	\$102,076	N/A

Renovation of J. Douglas Galyon Depot (TD-5279)

Project TD-5279 will renovate the call center, ticketing and waiting areas of the J. Douglas Galyon Depot. Improvements will include expansion and relocation of the Operator's Lounge, staff offices, and customer waiting area and restroom facilities; a new centrally located 'conciierge style' ticket counter, call center, and security station to enhance convenience and visibility; and upgrades to the electronic signage system. This grant is discretionary Section 5339 funding awarded by FTA following a competitive project selection process.

GTA will apply their FY20 apportioned Section 5339 funds to a portion of the Roof Replacement Project at the J. Douglas Galyon Depot.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$1,706,000	\$960,000	\$373,000	\$373,000

Section 5312 Public Transit Innovation – FY 2020

Innovations in Public Transit Safety (TT-5207)

This project is funded by discretionary Section 5312 funding awarded by FTA following a competitive project selection process. GTA will utilize these funds to implement an electronic application that allows transit users to anonymously report safety and security issue occurring in the transit system directly to dispatch and emergency personnel for instant response. A portion of funds will be used for a public awareness campaign to educate the public about the issue of human trafficking and how the public transportation sector can assist in prevention efforts.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$43,000	\$34,400	\$8,600	N/A

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Section 5303 Planning Assistance – FY 2020*

Planning Assistance – 5303 (TP-5101)

Work tasks will include the completion of a Customer Service Analysis for the Greensboro Transit Agency and the funding of transit planning positions for the Public Transportation Division and the MPO.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$176,000	\$140,800	\$17,600	\$17,600

* Unlike the other FTA funds, 5303 is administered by NCDOT.

Other Transit Grants

NCDOT State Maintenance Assistance – FY 2020

Operating – Fixed Route (TO-4971)*

The City of Greensboro will apply for NCDOT State Maintenance Program funding to support the net operating costs of the Greensboro Transit Agency within the Greensboro Urbanized Area.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$3,470,642	N/A	\$1,735,321	\$1,735,321

**Please see Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants listing for additional funding under TO-4971.*

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) – FY 2020

Clean Diesel Replacement Buses (TA-4771)

The City of Greensboro will apply for Federal assistance to support the purchase of four (4) clean diesel replacement fixed route buses.

Total Costs:	Federal:	Local:	State:
\$2,235,294	\$1,900,000	\$335,294	N/A

**The TIP number for this project may change per NCDOT. If so, the POP will be updated administratively to reflect the change*

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act – FY 2020

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020. Under this Act, FTA apportioned federal funds, at 100% federal share, to designated recipients. Operating assistance and capital expenses occurring on or after January 20, 2020 are eligible for this funding. Per the CARES Act, these projects are not required to be programmed in the Long-Range Transportation Plan or Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

GTA Preventive Maintenance: Contracted Maintenance Capital Costs

The City of Greensboro will apply for CARES Act capital assistance to support the costs associated with using a third party contractor to provide transit services, including vehicle maintenance services, for the GTA fleet. GTA provides the vehicles, but the third party contractor maintains the vehicles in a state of good repair, sufficient to provide public transportation services in the City of Greensboro. Under FTA rules this is counted as preventive maintenance. Eligible expenses are eligible for 100% federal reimbursement.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$11,616,786	\$11,616,786	N/A	N/A

GTA ADA Operating Assistance

The City of Greensboro will apply for CARES Act operating assistance funding to support operating costs of ADA Paratransit Services. This includes fuel and operator salaries for the SCAT service.

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Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$300,000	\$300,000	N/A	N/A

GTA Fixed Route Operating Assistance

The City of Greensboro will apply for CARES Act operating assistance funding for GTA fixed route services. The proposed project will serve the Greensboro Urbanized Area, and will support public transportation services sponsored by the City of Greensboro through GTA.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$500,000	\$500,000	N/A	N/A

PART Routine Capital and Operating Assistance

PART will apply for CARES Act operating and capital expense funding to support service operation and capital expenses related to COVID-19 response efforts.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000	N/A	N/A

Guilford County TAMS Capital

Guilford County TAMS will apply for CARES Act capital expense funding to support technological upgrades and administrative and operations staff needs.

Total Costs:	Federal	Local	State
\$95,000	\$95,000	N/A	N/A

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY 2020 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSIT GRANTS FOR THE GREENSBORO URBAN AREA MPO

A motion was made by TAC Member Tammi Thurm and seconded by TAC Member Alan Branson for the adoption of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration provides Federal funds to support public transportation services under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act; AND

WHEREAS, NCDOT provides matching funds for these grants as well as other state Funds in some instances and also provides a State Maintenance Assistance Grant; AND

WHEREAS, Federal regulations require the designated recipient, the City of Greensboro, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization to cooperatively develop an annual Program of Projects; AND

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is empowered to conduct the public review and input process and to approve the Program of Projects, which it did for FY 2020 on May 13, 2020 following a 30 day public review period and a public hearing; AND

WHEREAS, the Program of Projects must identify all projects to be funded with federal transit formula funds to include a project description, project costs, and applicable transit agency information; AND

WHEREAS, the operating and capital projects listed in the Program of Projects must be consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and planning projects must be consistent with the Unified Planning Work Program; AND

WHEREAS, MPO area transit agencies, including the designated recipient City of Greensboro -- Greensboro Transit Agency, as well as the NCDOT will apply for and receive grants from the Federal Transit Administration consistent with the Program of Projects; AND

WHEREAS, the MPO and the City of Greensboro comply with and will ensure compliance to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; AND

WHEREAS, the MPO hereby assures and certifies compliance with the Federal Statutes, regulations, executive orders, the Section 5333(b) Labor Protection requirements, and all administrative requirements which relate to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration; AND

WHEREAS, the Greensboro Urban Area conforms with the North Carolina State Implementation Plan for maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards; AND

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2017 the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly certified that the MPO substantially meets the federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements, for a period of four years;

NOW Therefore be it resolved, by the Greensboro Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee, to amend the FY 2020 Program of Projects, dated on this day June 24, 2020.

I, Marikay Abuzuaiter, TAC Chair,
(Name of Certifying Official) (Title of Certifying Official)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Greensboro Urban Area TAC duly held on this day June 24, 2020.

Marikay Abuzuaiter
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me on this day June 24, 2020.

DEIDRE E. BROWN
NOTARY PUBLIC
GUILFORD COUNTY, NC
My Commission Expires 03/07/2023

Deidre E. Brown
Notary Public

My commission expires _____