



# PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

## The Purpose of this Federal Program

**The purpose of the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities 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.”*

- This program is also known as the Section 5310 Program (§5310).

**The Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan is developed locally, and is intended to:**

- **Identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors and people with low incomes**
- **Provide strategies for meeting those needs**
- **Prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation**

## About §5310 Projects

- **Projects funded through this program must be in concurrence with the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan for the region.**
- **Projects must be designed to address a gap or objective identified and prioritized by the plan.**

## Federal §5310 Program Funding

- Each year TxDOT receives approximately \$6.5 million in Federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Funding for the rural and small urban areas across the state.
- The purpose of this meeting is to help TxDOT and local public transportation providers decide how best to use those funds.

# Understanding the Funding

## What Can These Grants Pay For?

- Accessible buses and vans
- Contracts for service with local transit providers
- Preventive maintenance
- Wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices
- Sidewalk ramps and bus shelters
- Computer hardware and software
- Communications equipment
- Mobility management programs
- Day-to-day operations

# Who Is Eligible To Apply For Federal § 5310 Funding?

- **Private Non-profits**
- **Local Government Agencies**
- **Rural and Urban Transit Districts (in partnership with private non-profits or local government agencies)**
- **Private Shared-Ride Taxi Companies**

## Let Us Know!

- Please fill out the survey available at this meeting to let us know your thoughts.
- The survey is also online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTN5310>
- You can also call (512) 360-0668 with questions and comments.