

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Action Request**

Meeting Date: October 18, 2018 **Agenda Item Number:** 5

Action Requested: Review and Consideration of Letter of Support for Davidson County Transportation (DCT) for North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 funding

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes X No

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Public Transportation Division (PTD) administers the application and selection process for the allocation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding program in rural areas. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options.

Davidson County Transportation (DCT) provides services within the metropolitan planning area and in rural areas in Davidson County for individuals 65 years and older. Only services provided in the urbanized area (UZA) of the MPO are eligible for funding by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (see Attachment A). For areas determined not to be within the MPO's UZA, DCT must apply for funding through the State's Section 5310 funding program. This letter of support acknowledges Davidson County Transportation's desire to participate in the State's competitive selection process for services provided outside MPO's UZA and grants the Transportation Advisory Committee's (TAC) support for DCT to apply to the State's 5310 funding program for areas outside the UZA.

If approved by the TAC, this letter of support will be provided to the Public Transit Division of North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and will allow DCT to apply for Section 5310 funding opportunities provided by the State.

Recommendations From:

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Motion Description:

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Bermuda Run
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Davidson County
Davie County
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Lewisville
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Stokes County
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Walkertown
Wallburg
Winston-Salem
NC Board of
Transportation
Winston-Salem
Transit Authority

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Dear Ms. DiGiovanni,

The Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) supports and encourages Davidson County Transportation's (DTC) future submissions for §5310 Capital Grant funds administered by NCDOT. The §5310 program provides funding to states and designated recipients to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the mobility options available. The §5310 program provides funds for capital and operating expenses to recipients for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.

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It is our understanding that Davidson County's Senior Services department will utilize these grant funds to provide transportation for county residents that are 65 years old or older whom live in areas outside the Urbanized Area (UZA) of the WSUAMPO. Funds will be used to provide trips for the following: medical, shopping, pharmacy, nutrition sites, and social opportunities at the two senior centers located in the county. As an agency which provides services to residents also within the WSUAMPO's UZA, DCT also has the opportunity to participate in the MPO's competitive Section 5310 funding process.

The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO is excited about the future use of these funds in Davidson County that will benefit the lives of seniors and disabled persons.

Sincerely,

Larry T. Williams, Transportation Advisory Committee Chair
Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

