

# Enhancing Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (FTA Section 5310)

Pre-application grant workshop

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# Agenda

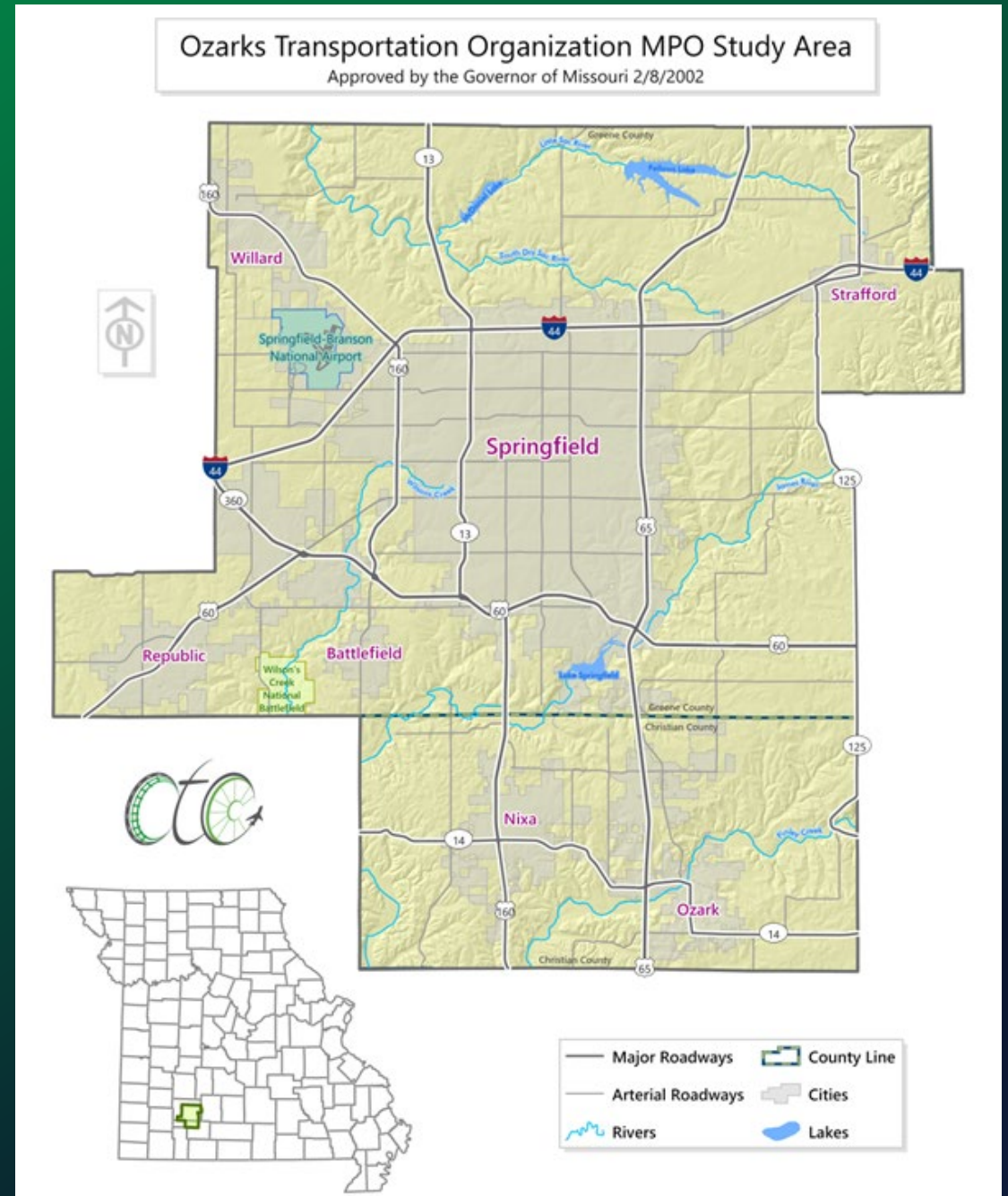
- Background on FTA Section 5310 program
- OTO's application and guidebook
- Vehicle procurement through MoDOT

# FTA Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals With Disabilities

- Program Goal: To help improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available
- Authority:
  - a. Federal Transit Laws, Title 49, United States Code, Chapter 53.
  - b. 49 CFR 1.91.
- Guidance - Circular FTA C 9070.1H:  
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/2024-10/C9070.1H-Circular-11-01-2024.pdf>

# FTA Section 5310 in the OTO area

- OTO administers the project selection process for the 5310 program.
- City Utilities (CU) Transit and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) are the designated recipients for FTA 5310 funding for the OTO planning area



# FTA Section 5310 in the OTO area

- Eligible Sub-recipients:
  - Private non-profit organization
  - State or local governments
  - Operators of public transportation services, including private operators of public transportation services (only for non-traditional projects)
- Eligible Projects for this Call for Projects:
  - Traditional Capital Projects  
Additional or replacement vehicles and associated equipment (e.g. buses, vans and minivans, extra seats, heavy-duty wheelchair lift)
  - Non-Traditional Projects  
Additional public transportation projects that enhance or improves services for seniors and people with disabilities

# FTA Section 5310 in the OTO area

- Available funding:

Project Type	Estimated Funding Available
Traditional	\$233,058*
Non-Traditional	\$144,555*

\*Estimates

- Local Match requirement

The share of capital projects is a minimum of 20 percent for an applying agency.



# Application scoring criteria

Max Points Possible	Evaluation Criteria	Relevant Section
15	This project replaces an existing vehicle to maintain current services	D
10	This project supports services of established agencies	A
10	This project will lead to an increase in the agency's ADA amenities offered	E
10	This project will provide service to an area not previously served	E
5	This project provides for an increased number of passengers served per week	E
5	This project will create new intercity connections	E
5	This project will expand transit access at night and on weekends	E
5	This project expands ADA accessibility to public transportation	E
5	Agency has not been awarded a vehicle in the past two years	D
5	This project is in alignment with the themes and strategies identified in the Transit Coordination Plan	E
3	This project will offer same day transit service	E
2	This project will offer flexible scheduling options	E
80	Total	

*Note: It is the responsibility of the transit provider to include all information needed for the subcommittee to assess how each project applies to these criteria.*

# OTO's application and guidebook

- Agencies notify public and private and paratransit providers in their service area regarding their intent to apply for funding, including project details.
- Get unique entity identifier through <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- Title VI plan
- Standard Assurances Acknowledgement (Appendix C and D)
- Other required documents



# OTO's application and guidebook

Where can the application and guidebook be found?

<https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/what-we-do/transit>

Applications due July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 4pm. Applications must be submitted online through OTO's TIP tool.

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# Next Steps

- August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – OTO's Local Coordinating Board for Transit (LCBT) scores applications and makes recommendation to OTO board
- September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – OTO's board of director's meeting
- Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) applies for funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Approved applicant signs agreement with MoDOT (Sub-recipient)
- MoDOT orders vehicle and inspects vehicle when available
- Vendor delivers vehicle
- Annual reporting to MoDOT on Title VI, vehicle inventory and mileage, provide insurance and compliance reviews till vehicle is released of federal interest
- Transit State Management Plan:  
[https://www.modot.org/sites/default/files/documents/MoDOT%20SMP\\_FINAL\\_1.pdf](https://www.modot.org/sites/default/files/documents/MoDOT%20SMP_FINAL_1.pdf)

# OTO's application feedback survey

Since this is a new application process for FTA 5310 section funding, OTO would like to get feedback on your experience of this process, whether you submit an application or not. Please click on the following link to complete a short three question survey: <https://oto-mpo.questionpro.com/t/AMoeDZ6NU0>

- Virtual office hour on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 10am (link will be posted on website)

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