

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

Pre-application grant workshop

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Agenda

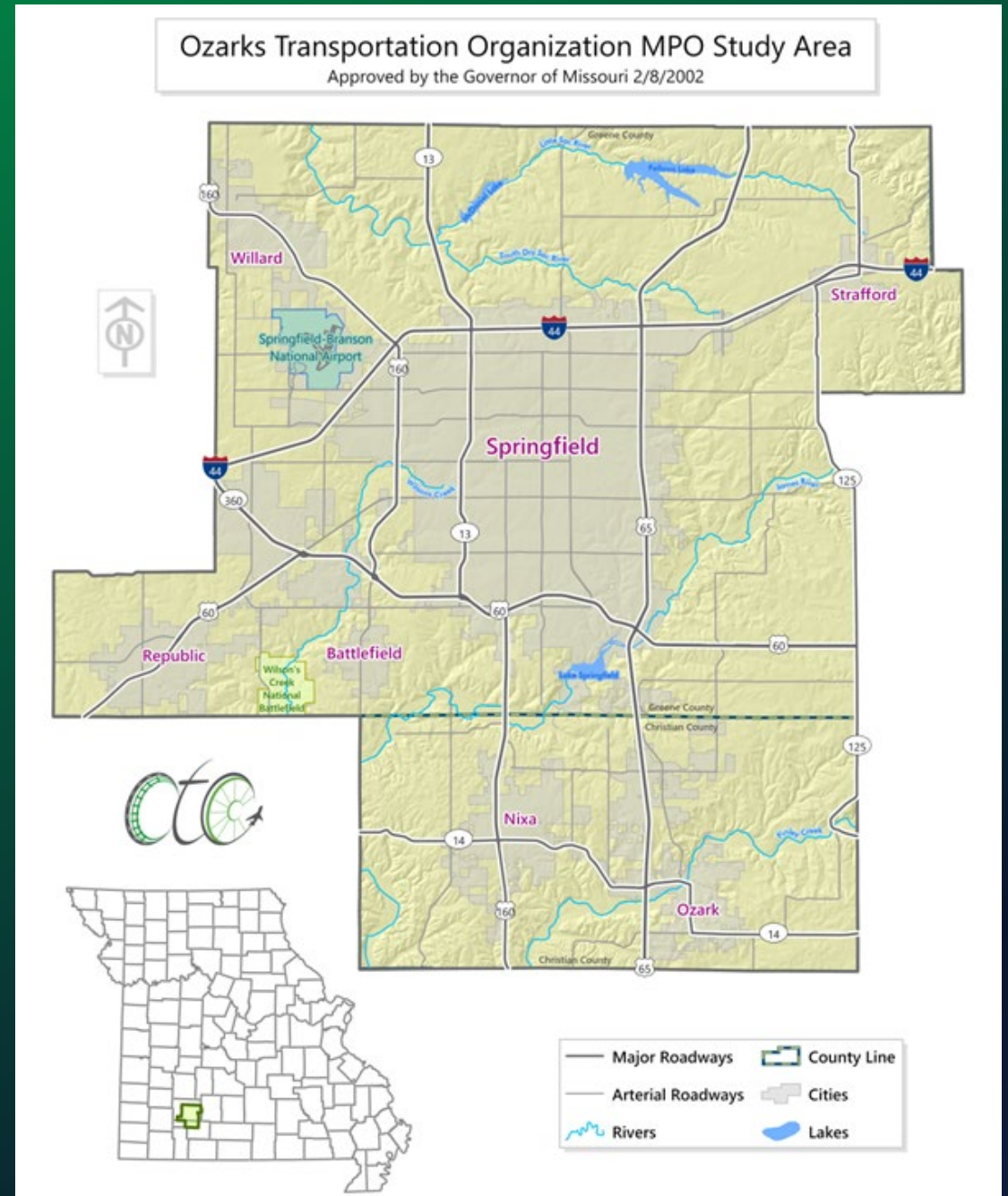
- Background on FTA Section 5310 program
- OTO's application and guidebook

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

- FTA Section 5310 funding is distributed to OTO and CU Transit.
- OTO receives and administers the funding for traditional project (55% of the funding) and CU Transit receives the non-traditional funding (35%). 10% of the funding is for administration and divided between OTO and CU Transit.



FTA Section 5310 in the OTO area

- Eligible Sub-recipients:
 - Private non-profit organization
 - Public entities, if they can demonstrate that there are no other providers or are the best to coordinate funds.
- 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)

FTA Section 5310 in the OTO area

- Available funding:

Project Type	Estimated Funding Available
Traditional	\$470,665

- Local Match requirement:
 - Standard share for eligible projects (80/20): Up to 80 percent federal funding and a minimum 20 percent local share.
 - ADA or Clean Air Act (CAA) vehicle purchase (85/15): Up to 85 percent federal funding and a minimum 15 percent local share for vehicles purchased to comply with or maintain compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or the Clean Air Act (CAA).

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

- Get unique entity identifier through <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- Title VI plan
- Section 5310 Standard Acknowledgement (Appendix C)
- 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 31st, 2026 at 4pm. Applications must be submitted online through [OTO's TIP tool](#).

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Next Steps

- August 13th, 2026 – OTO's Local Coordinating Board for Transit (LCBT) scores applications and makes recommendation to OTO board
- September 17th, 2026 – OTO's board of director's meeting
- OTO applies for funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Approved applicant signs contract with OTO (Sub-recipient)
- OTO orders vehicle and inspects vehicle when available
- Vendor delivers vehicle
- Annual reporting to OTO on Title VI, vehicle inventory and mileage, provide insurance and compliance reviews till vehicle is released of federal interest
- OTO's Program Management Plan:

<https://www.ozarkstransportation.org/uploads/documents/Approved-OTO-PMP-2026-Update.pdf>

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