

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**BALTIMORE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION BOARD
RESOLUTION #19-15**

**ENDORING ONE RURAL PROJECT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SECTION 5310
ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM
OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) CONSISTENT WITH
TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND POLICIES IN THE BALTIMORE REGION**

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region, encompassing the Baltimore Urbanized Area, and includes official representatives of the cities of Annapolis and Baltimore, the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne's, as well as representatives of the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of the Environment, the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Transit Administration, and Harford Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Baltimore region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act continues the support the new Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. This review follows Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 9070.1G issued on June 6, 2014. The new Section 5310 program authorizes four types of projects: 1) public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and people with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable or inappropriate; 2) public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; 3) public transportation projects that improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance by people with disabilities on complementary paratransit; and 4) alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and people with disabilities with transportation; and

WHEREAS, projects funded by the Enhanced Mobility Program must respond to strategies in a "locally developed, coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan." On October 27, 2015, the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board approved an updated version of the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2018 the Maryland Transit Administration conducted a Solicitation of Proposals meeting at the Baltimore Metropolitan Council for the Section 5310 Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 grant program; and

WHEREAS, applicants had until November 30, 2018 to submit requests for the Section 5310 Grant Program. Applications (Attachment 1) come from private non-profit organizations that provide transportation services to the elderly and individuals with disabilities in the Baltimore region. Applications have been determined to be coordinated to the maximum extent feasible with other transportation services in the Baltimore region and have been determined to be consistent with regional transportation plans and policies, particularly the Baltimore Area Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region *endorses* one Section 5310 Grant Program application and issues the necessary MPO Certificate of Endorsement that will enable the applicant to enter the statewide competition for Section 5310 Grant Program funding conducted by the Maryland Transit Administration.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Baltimore region approved the aforementioned resolution at its December 18, 2018 meeting.

12-18-18
Date


Valorie LaCour, Chair
Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

5310 Applicants, Small Urbanized or Rural Area – FY 2020 and FY 2021

| Applicant | Description | Federal Funding (Requested) |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| The Arc of Carroll County, Inc. | <p>Program: To support people with developmental disabilities.</p> <p>Service Area: Carroll County</p> <p>Request: Capital funds for 4 replacement vehicles and 1 vehicle for expansion.</p> <p>Recommendation: Information provided by the applicant was responsive to each of the four questions, and <i>thus received an endorsement.</i></p> | Capital: \$222,093 |