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AGENDA ITEM 5a SSTAC Meeting August 6, 2025

DATE: July 29, 2025

TO: Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC)

FROM: Stevie Luther, Associate Regional Planner

SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5310 Grant Program Information

INFORMATIONAL REPORT

The FTA Section 5310 program (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) is a Federal grant program with funds allocated by Caltrans, as directed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The traditional program allows private non-profit organizations, and public agencies under certain conditions, to purchase accessible vans and buses or other transportation-related equipment to serve seniors and individuals with disabilities. The expanded program includes funding for operating and mobility management.

Caltrans released the call for projects on June 30, 2025. Applications are due in BlackCat by September 3 at 1 PM. HCAOG will review draft applications to the traditional program and provide mock scores. HCAOG staff can also review and provide feedback on applications for the expanded program (operating expenses) upon request. Please provide draft applications no later than **Wednesday**, **August 20**th for review. Following application submission in BlackCat, HCAOG will convene a scoring committee to score the traditional applications which will then be verified by the State Review Committee.

Pursuant to FTA guidelines, applications must conform with the RTPA's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (Coordinated Plan). The Coordinated Plan is available at: https://www.hcaog.net/programs-projects/public-transportation

For today's agenda item, applicants are invited to speak briefly about their proposed projects and project needs.