

## NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## Staff Report

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To: Executive Board

## 2025 (Section 5310) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Project Selection

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Each year, the Raleigh Urbanized Area (UZA) is apportioned formula grant funding by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. Section 5310 funds are available for capital and operating expenses that support the provision of enhanced transportation services to meet the specific needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities outlined in the region's coordinated public transit and human services transportation plan. The City of Raleigh, the federally recognized designated recipient of Section 5310 funding for the Raleigh/Cary UZA, developed and CAMPO adopted a program management plan in June 2015 that lays out the policies and procedures for project selection, funding distribution and administration of projects supported by the funding.

In accordance with the 2020 updated program management plan that was adopted by the RTA and endorsed by the CAMPO Executive Board on September 16, 2020, the City of Raleigh administered a call for eligible projects February 17th, 2025 to March 14th, 2025 soliciting applications for projects for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2027 that would make use of the Raleigh UZA's Section 5310 funding. To assist potential applicants with the application process, understanding project eligibility and program expectations, a virtual application workshop was held February 24, 2025, and a recorded Power Point presentation/webinar was made available on GoRaleigh's website. A total of \$1,988,947 is available to be awarded for eligible projects for the period of performance. (Corrected from originally reported amount of \$1,988, 948.)

In response to the Call for Projects, a total of seven (7) applications were received from various agencies - Center for Volunteer Caregiving (CVC), Community and Senior Service of Johnston County, City of Raleigh/GoRaleighAccess, Pearl Transit Corporation, Cardinal Transport, LLC., and WH Transportation with one rejected incomplete application from Best Transportation and Wheelchair Service Inc. A project selection committee comprised of representatives from Triangle West TPO, the Kerr Area Rural Transportation System (KARTS), the Town of Wake Forest, Harnett County, consultants Planning Communities and Cambridge Systematics and CAMPO staff met on April 7th to review the applications and make a recommendation on which projects should be awarded funding based on selection criteria outlined in the adopted program management plan and application. The Project Selection Committee's recommended Program of Projects is provided as an attachment for this agenda item.

A thirty (30) day public comment period is scheduled from May 19, 2025 to June 17, 2025, advising of the Section 5310 Program recommended Program of Projects for the two-year period beginning October 1, 2025. A Public Hearing will be held at the June 18, 2025, CAMPO Executive Board meeting.

**Requested Action:** Hold a Public Hearing and approve the attached Program of Projects for the 2025 Section 5310 Program.