



September 28, 2016

Subject: Call for FTA Section 5307 Projects – FY2018 Grant Application Package for Urban Area Formula Program

To: Public Transportation Partners

From: Jamie A. Cochran, FAICP – Transit Program Manager

Copies: Carol Comer – Intermodal Division Director, Nancy Cobb – Intermodal Administrator, and Robert Hiatt – President, Georgia Transit Association

Dear Public Transportation Partner:

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is pleased to announce its annual call for projects for its FY2018 federal transit funding under the Federal transportation authorization entitled “Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act” or FAST Act. Within this authorization, Federal funding is provided through the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA’s) Section 5307 Urban Area Formula Program. This program provides funding to support public transportation planning, capital projects, and operating assistance in Census-designated urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more. Eligible recipients include public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds, such as publicly owned operators of transit services, and local government jurisdictions (cities and counties).

Please note that the deadline for submitting completed grant applications for this program is November 29, 2016. This deadline is established by the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget (OPB). Failure to submit a completed grant application by the deadline may jeopardize the grant application.

GDOT will use the following evaluation criteria to assess the Section 5307 grant applications as shown in Table 1. Funding amounts to MPOs will depend on FTA fund availability and results of the grant application evaluation process.

Table 1: Section 5307 Grant Application Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation Criteria	Share of Total Points
Past performance in Section 5307 contract management, including procurement, reimbursements, service delivery, and technical project management	25
Technical soundness of current and prior Section 5307 work activities	35
Effectiveness of transit asset management and maintenance of federally-funded vehicles, facilities, and assets	35
Improvement in the overall efficiency and cost-effective operations of the system.	15
TOTAL	100

Memo to Public Transportation Partners
September 28, 2016
Page 2

The grant application has been prepared in a “fillable” Microsoft Word format for ease of entering text and numerical information. All potential subrecipients, should review this package carefully and complete all sections of the application as outlined in the instructions. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Mr. Theo Letman, Urban Transit Group Leader in GDOT’s Intermodal Office – Transit Program in our Atlanta office (phone number: 404-631-1238; e-mail address: tletman@dot.ga.gov).

Please submit your completed one (1) original signature application plus two (2) copies via U.S. Mail and an electronic copy (PDF) via e-mail by close of business on November 29, 2016 to the following address:

Mr. Theo Letman
GDOT Intermodal Office - Transit Program
One Georgia Center
600 W. Peachtree Street – 9th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30308

Failure to meet this deadline may jeopardize your grant application. Please use the Section 5303 Grant Application Checklist in Appendix A to assure that your submittal is complete prior to sending it to GDOT. **Please make sure you schedule the approval of your application and exhibits, including your authorizing resolution in time to meet the November 29, 2016 deadline for submitting your application.**

Thank you for all that you do in support of public transportation on behalf of our Georgia citizens.

JAC:c