

2026 FTA Sec 5310 Pre-Application Workshop

Mobility Advisory Committee | June 17, 2026

Agenda

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Program Background

- FTA Section 5310 (5310) is a federally funded program that assists with the purchase of vehicles, capital projects, and in some cases operations that support mobility programs and services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.
- For the Kansas City urbanized area, KCATA is the designated federal recipient of these funds, and MARC helps administer the application process.

Program Background

- The goal of the program is to support public transportation services and alternatives that work to assist the day-to-day lives of older adults and persons with disabilities.
- Funding should prioritize programs where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. The program aims to improve mobility by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options.
- Circular 9070.1H outlines the program in detail: [C9070.1H-Circular-11-01-2024](#)

Application Schedule

Date	Activity
Wednesday, June 3, 2026, 9:00 a.m.	Public notice and call for projects opens
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 9:30 a.m.	Pre-Application Workshop
Friday, July 17, 2026, 4:00 p.m.	Project submittal deadline. Staff review begins.
July 20-July 31, 2026	Eligibility Review / Administrative Scoring of Applications
August-September 2026	MAC prioritizes projects and prepares recommendations
August 12, 2026	Special MAC meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2026	TTPC Release for Public Review and comment
Tuesday, October 20, 2026	TTPC and Board Approvals (KCATA and MARC)
December 2026-January 2027	KCATA submits program of projects/FTA approves applications

Funding Availability

- Approximately \$2.2 million available for programming.
- The competitive selection process only includes capital projects.
- KCATA and MARC jointly retain 10% for program administration.
- KCATA retains operations funding to implement regionally significant mobility projects, travel training, and mobility management.

5310 Funds for KC Region in 2025 and 2026 (apportionments)	
2025 FTA Table 8	\$2,130,529
2026 FTA Table 8	\$2,268,574
TOTAL*	\$4,399,103
Admin (MARC, 3.5%)	\$153,969
Admin (KCATA, 6.5%)	\$285,942
TOTAL minus all Admin (10%)	\$3,959,193
Operations (KCATA retains)	\$1,583,677
Funds to be Programmed	\$2,177,556

*Must be obligated by September 30, 2027

Match Requirements

- Federal (5310) funds: 80% of total project cost.
 - Local match: 20% of total project cost
 - There are two exceptions related to purchase of vehicles or vehicle related equipment and facilities (see next slide for more details)
- In which case the incremental cost of the equipment may be funded up to 90-percent with 5310 funds.
- MARC charges a project fee equal to 1% of federal funds awarded. Sponsors of projects awarded funding will be invoiced for this fee in after programming is completed.

Match Requirements

The Federal share may exceed 80 percent for:

1. Vehicles. The Federal share is 85 percent for the acquisition of vehicles for purposes of complying with or maintaining compliance with ADA or the Clean Air Act (CAA). A revenue vehicle that complies with 49 CFR Part 38 may be funded at **85 percent Federal share**.
2. Vehicle-Related Equipment and Facilities. The Federal share for project costs for acquiring vehicle-related equipment or facilities (including clean fuel or alternative fuel vehicle-related equipment or facilities) for purposes of complying or maintaining compliance with the CAA or required by the ADA is **90 percent federal share**. FTA considers vehicle-related equipment to be equipment on and attached to the vehicle.

Eligible Match Sources

- State or local appropriations
- Dedicated tax revenues
- Private donations
- Revenue from service contracts
- Transportation development credits
- Net income generated from advertising and concessions
- Non-cash share, such as:
 - Donations
 - Volunteered services
 - In-kind contributions
- Non-DOT federal funds eligible for expense in transportation:
 - Employment training
 - Aging
 - Medical
 - Community Services
 - Rehabilitation Services

Applicant Eligibility

- Private nonprofit organizations.
- State or local governmental authorities that:
 - Are state-approved to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities; or
 - Certify there are no area nonprofit organizations readily available to provide the service.

Project Eligibility

For the 2026 competitive selection process, eligible capital expenses include:

- Rolling stock
- Acquisition of expansion or replacement buses or vans
- Related procurement, testing, inspection, and acceptance costs
- Vehicle rehabilitation or overhaul
- Preventative maintenance
- Radios and communication equipment
- Vehicle wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices

Project Eligibility

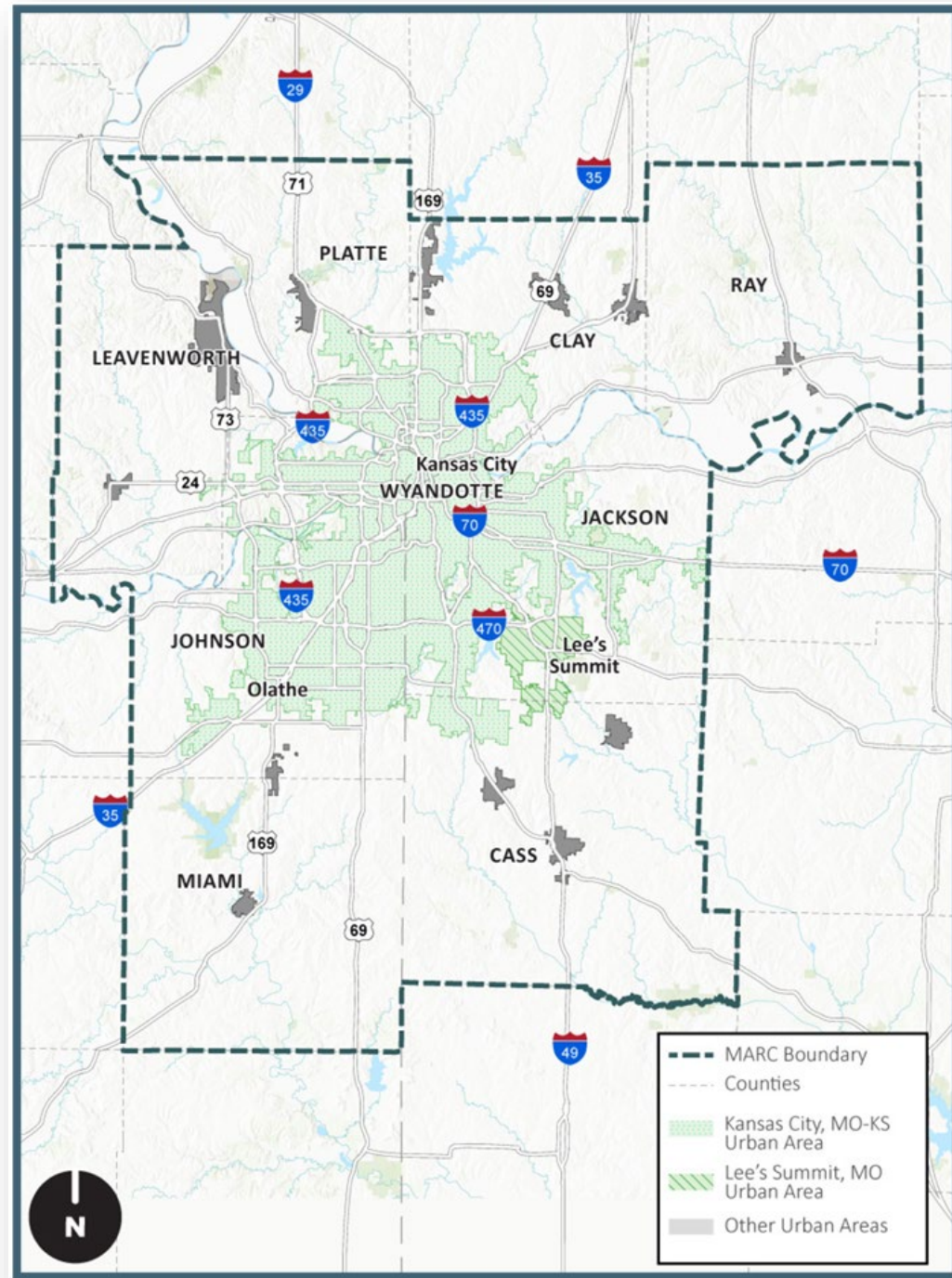
- Passenger facilities related to Section 5310 funded vehicles
 - Benches, shelters, other passenger amenities
- Support facilities and equipment for section 5310 funded vehicles
 - Extended warranties; computer hardware and software; transit-related ITS; dispatch systems; fare collection systems
- Lease of equipment when lease is more cost-effective
- Acquisition of transportation services under a contract, lease or other arrangement
- Capital investments that support ADA-complementary paratransit services

Project Eligibility

- Projects that support mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies providing transportation
 - Promotion, enhancement, and facilitation of access to transportation services
 - Short-term management activities to plan and implement coordinated services
 - Support of state and local coordination policy bodies and councils
 - Operation of transportation brokerages
 - Provision of coordination services such as travel training and trip planning
 - Development and operation of one-stop transportation traveler call centers
 - Operational planning for the acquisition of ITS technologies to help plan and operate coordinated systems inclusive of GIS mapping, GPS tech, coordinated vehicle scheduling, dispatching and monitoring tech, as well as tech to track costs and billing in a coordinated system, and single smart customer payment systems.

Kansas City Urbanized Area

- Eligible projects must service the Kansas City Urbanized Area (UZA)
- Projects that do not service this UZA should apply for 5310 funds through their respective state DOT



Project Eligibility

2026 Coordinated Plan Goals

1. Maintain existing regional mobility service levels
2. Expand regional mobility service levels
3. Improve the quality and accessibility of information to the public
4. Bridge gaps in the built environment to improve network accessibility
5. Integrate and coordinate related planning efforts, communications, initiatives and programs
6. Support regional transportation goals

Staff Scoring

All projects, regardless of goal/strategy, will be scored with the same scoring criteria on a high/medium/low scale:

1. Uses data to demonstrate need
2. Engages with service populations
3. Demonstrates cost effectiveness
4. Establishes partnerships
5. Communicates services effectively

Other Scoring Considerations

- Service is regional in nature
- Scalability
- Accessibility
 - Improves coverage/expands service times
 - For older adults and people with disabilities
- Cost and feasibility
- Project budget, explanation of cost estimates

Application Portal

- The application portal can be accessed at <https://data.marc.org/5310/>
- The portal will remain live until July 17 at 4:00 p.m. CST.

The screenshot shows a login page for the MARC application portal. At the top center is a red circle. Below it, the text reads "Welcome Back" in bold, followed by "Section 5310 Application" in red, and "Sign in to access your applications" in a smaller font. There are two input fields: "Email" with the placeholder "Enter your email" and "Password" with the placeholder "Enter your password" and a toggle icon. Below the fields is a large green button with a right arrow and the text "Sign In". Underneath is a link "Forgot your password?" with a red speech bubble icon. At the bottom, there are two buttons: a blue "Create New Account" button with a person icon and a red "Report Issue" button with an information icon. A horizontal line with the word "or" is positioned above these two buttons.

Useful Resources

- [2026 FTA Sec 5310 Application Guidebook](#)
- [Coordinated Public Transit & Human Services Transportation Plan](#)
- [Smart Moves 3.0](#)
- Program webpage at <https://marc.org/5310>
- [FTA Circular 9070.1H](#)

Q&A and Discussion

Thank you!

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