



Public Transportation

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities (5310) Program

TxDOT 5310 Program 

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Welcome to the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (5310) Program. This is a statewide effort that will include a series of 17 public workshops involving all regions of the state.

The objective of the workshops is to help TxDOT and local public transportation providers understand unmet transit needs and priorities for local communities.



The slide features a dark background with a white star icon in the top right corner. The main text reads "HELP #EndTheStreakTX" in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, it says "End the streak of daily deaths on Texas roadways." in smaller yellow text. At the bottom left, it says "TxDOT.gov (Keyword: #EndTheStreakTX)". At the bottom right, there are icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, followed by the text "#EndTheStreakTX Toolkit" and a QR code. A small "2" is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.

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November 7, 2000, **was the last deathless day on roadways in Texas.** That means for **nearly 22 years**, at least one person has died **every single day**. We all have a part to play to change that. This message is that reminder – to End the Streak of daily deaths on Texas highways. **We need drivers and passengers to act more responsibly** and help us reach **our goal** of zero deaths by 2050.

Texans can play a major role in ending fatal crashes with a few **simple driving habits**: wear seatbelts, drive the speed limit, put away the phone and other distractions, and never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

So **please** do your part and share this message with your friends and family.

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Program Details



- The purpose of the federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program is:

“To improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.”



- This program is also known as the FTA Section 5310 Program (§5310).

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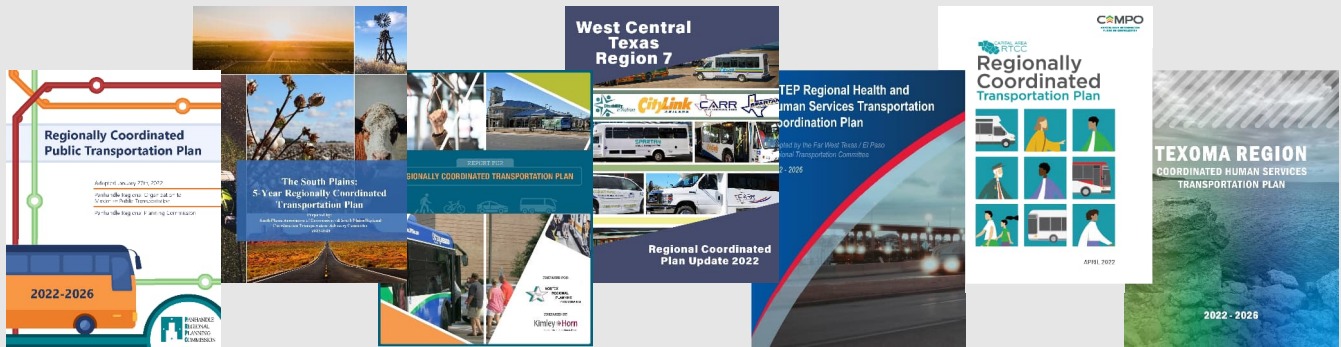
The **federal Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program** is also known as the **Section 5310 Program**. This program is a federally funded program that aims to **improve mobility** for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country **by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available**.

5310 is for transit projects that are specifically designed, planned and implemented for the 5310 demographics which go beyond traditional services and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

Regional Public Transportation Coordinated Plan



- Projects funded through this program must be in concurrence with the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan for the region.
- Projects must be designed to address a gap or objective identified and prioritized.



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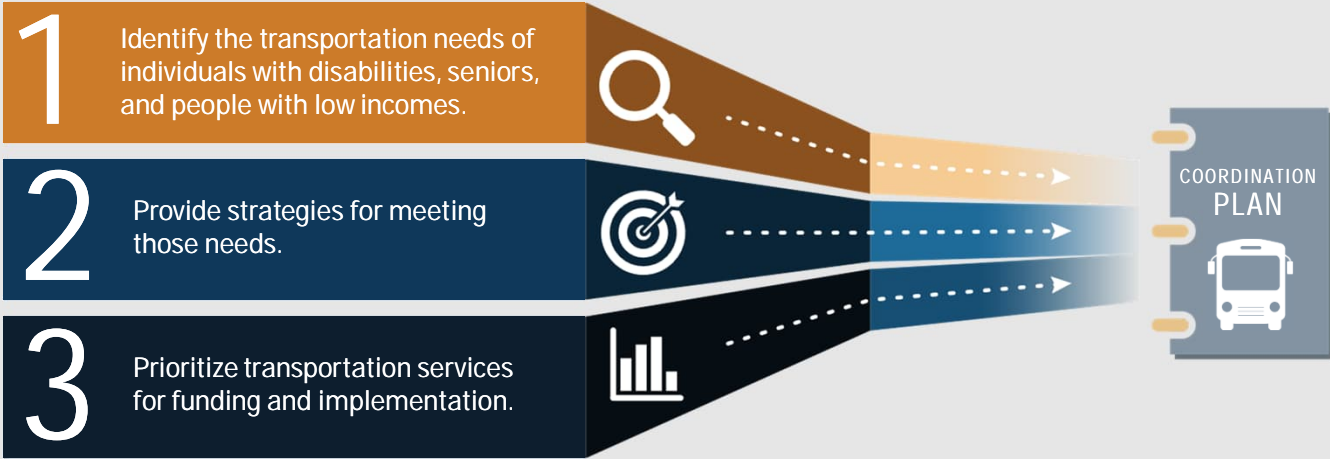


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Federal law requires that projects selected for funding under the Section 5310 Program must be in concurrence with the Regional Public Transportation Coordinated Plan also known as “The 5-year Plan.” Selected projects must be designed to address a gap in service or help achieve a goal or objective identified and prioritized in the regional plan.

Regional Public Transportation Coordinated Plan

- The **Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan** is developed locally and is intended to:



- 1 Identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people with low incomes.
- 2 Provide strategies for meeting those needs.
- 3 Prioritize transportation services for funding and implementation.

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The 5-year plan is a federal mandated requirement which is an overarching plan that identifies the regional transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, seniors, and people with low incomes. Secondly, it provides an outline of strategies and objectives to serve as a road map for regional transportation services needs. Lastly, it prioritizes transportation services for funding and implementation.

The 5-year plan is developed locally and approved through a process that works with multiple stakeholders. It includes seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public.

If you'd like to review the plan for your region, you can find it online at <https://transitplanningtx.org/>. The current plans were adopted in October 2022. Your input today will help provide guidance and identify specific unmet needs for the local transit providers as they apply for upcoming funding in 2023. The public input can be incorporated into the FY2023 applications. Your suggestions can influence how the providers request funding and provide appropriate services needed to address your local community transportation issues.

You can participate in the planning process by interacting with the lead agency. For more information on how to contact the lead agency in your area, go to <https://transitplanningtx.org/>.

Schedules for the virtual workshops are posted on the TxDOT website for this effort at <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/fta-5310.html>. All the public workshops will be held during the first two weeks of December 2022 and continue through the second week of January 2023. If you know of someone who was unable to attend but is interested in more information, please direct them to the website. There are other ways they can provide comments on the site.

TxDOT Funding for the 5310 Program



- The **purpose** of this meeting is to help TxDOT and local public transportation providers understand **local needs and priorities**.

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in federal 5310 Program funding is received annually by rural and urban areas of the state.

These funds are administered by TxDOT.

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The **purpose** of this meeting is to help TxDOT and local public transportation providers understand **local needs and priorities**. These funds are administered by TxDOT. For FY22 TxDOT received just over \$11 million dollars to fund transit services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. We expect similar funding for the next 4 years.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Funding Through TxDOT?



- ✓ Private non-profits
- ✓ Local government agencies
- ✓ Rural and small urban transit districts
- ✓ Private shared-ride taxi companies

✗ Ride hailing services are **not eligible** to apply directly.



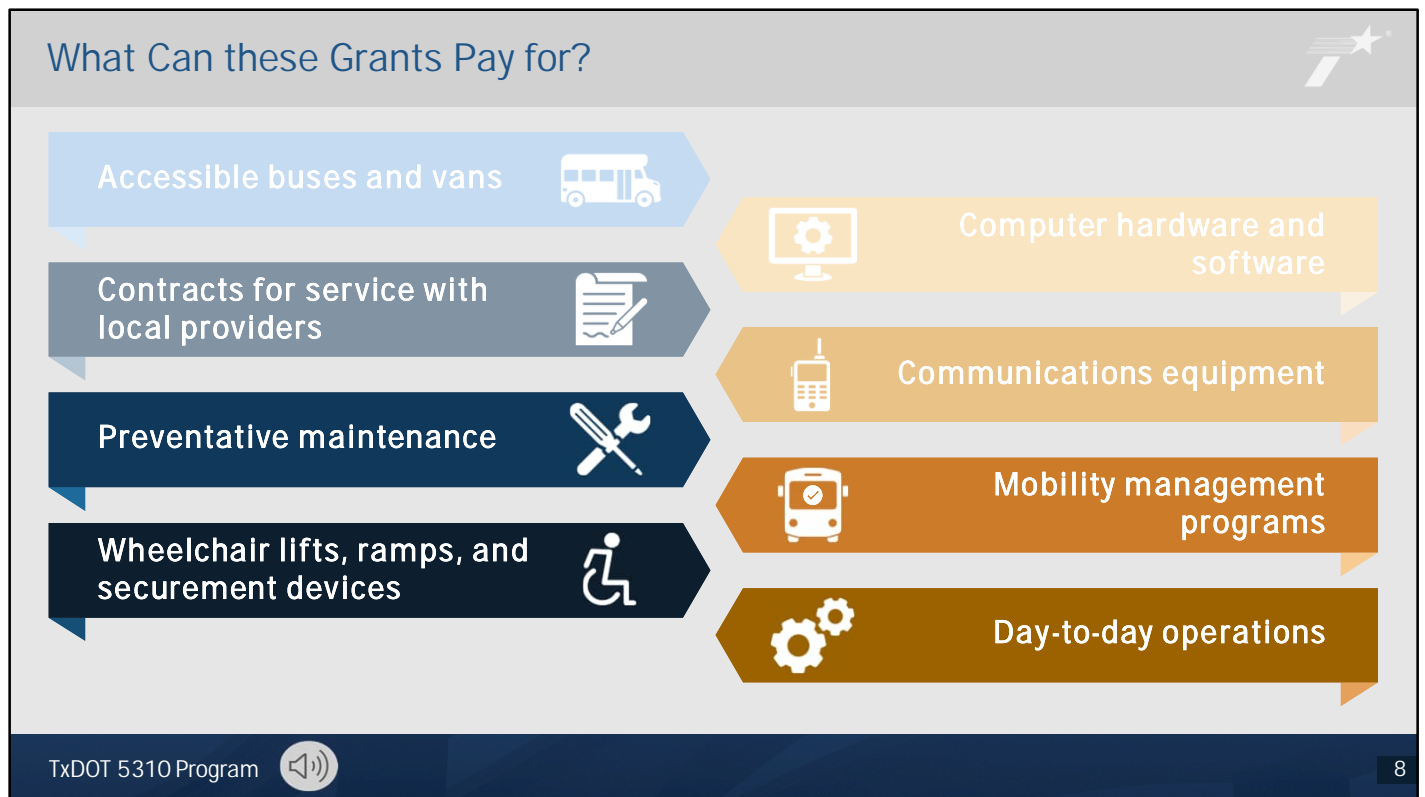
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Who is eligible to apply for these funds? Eligible organizations include private nonprofits, state or local government agencies, rural and small urban transit districts, and private shared-ride taxi companies. Ride-hailing services that are unlicensed like Uber or Lyft are not eligible to apply directly for funds.



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Eligible agencies can use FTA's Section 5310 program funding to supports their regular operations. For example, some eligible expenses include:

- buying or replacing vehicles
- preventative maintenance
- installation of Wheelchair lifts,
- ramps, and securement devices to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
- buying and updating computer hardware or software
- purchase and installation of communications equipment
- support for Mobility Management and Coordination expenses
- and other day-to-day operations for program-specific service

We want to hear from you! – Complete the survey



TxDOT FTA 5310 Workshops More at <https://www.tdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/statewide/fta-5310.html>

1 We want to hear from you! WELCOME

2 IDENTIFY PRIORITIES

3 TRAVEL SURVEY

4 YOUR EXPERIENCE

5 WRAP UP

WELCOME

Welcome to the TxDOT Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities survey! Your opinion matters to us!

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is conducting a survey as part of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities public workshop series. The results of the workshops and this survey will be used to inform special transit needs and plan for future programs.

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TxDOT has 25 district areas that have public transportation specifically designed to provide transportation services for Senior (65+) and Individuals with Disabilities.

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Head to the project website to click on the link or

Scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to access the survey

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We would also appreciate your input by completing our public survey, it should not take more than 5 minutes. This is an interactive survey that can be completed on your cell phone, your computer, or you can head to the program site to find a screen-reader or printable version.

You can access the survey right now by scanning the square in the screen with your tablet or phone.

You can share this survey with friends, users, customers, caretakers and/or anyone else you think will like to provide input about services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The survey will remain open until January 19, 2023.

Ways to Provide Additional Comments



Online comment card (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))



Online survey (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#))



Call: (512) 314-3137 and leave a voice message



Email: PTN_ProgramMgmt@txdot.gov



Mail: Texas Department of Transportation
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Remember that you can still submit your comments and suggestions by using

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*Feel free forward this information. The comment deadline is **January 19, 2023**.
Thank you for your participation.*