

Federal Section 5310

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and
Individuals with Disabilities



Greater Hickory MPO

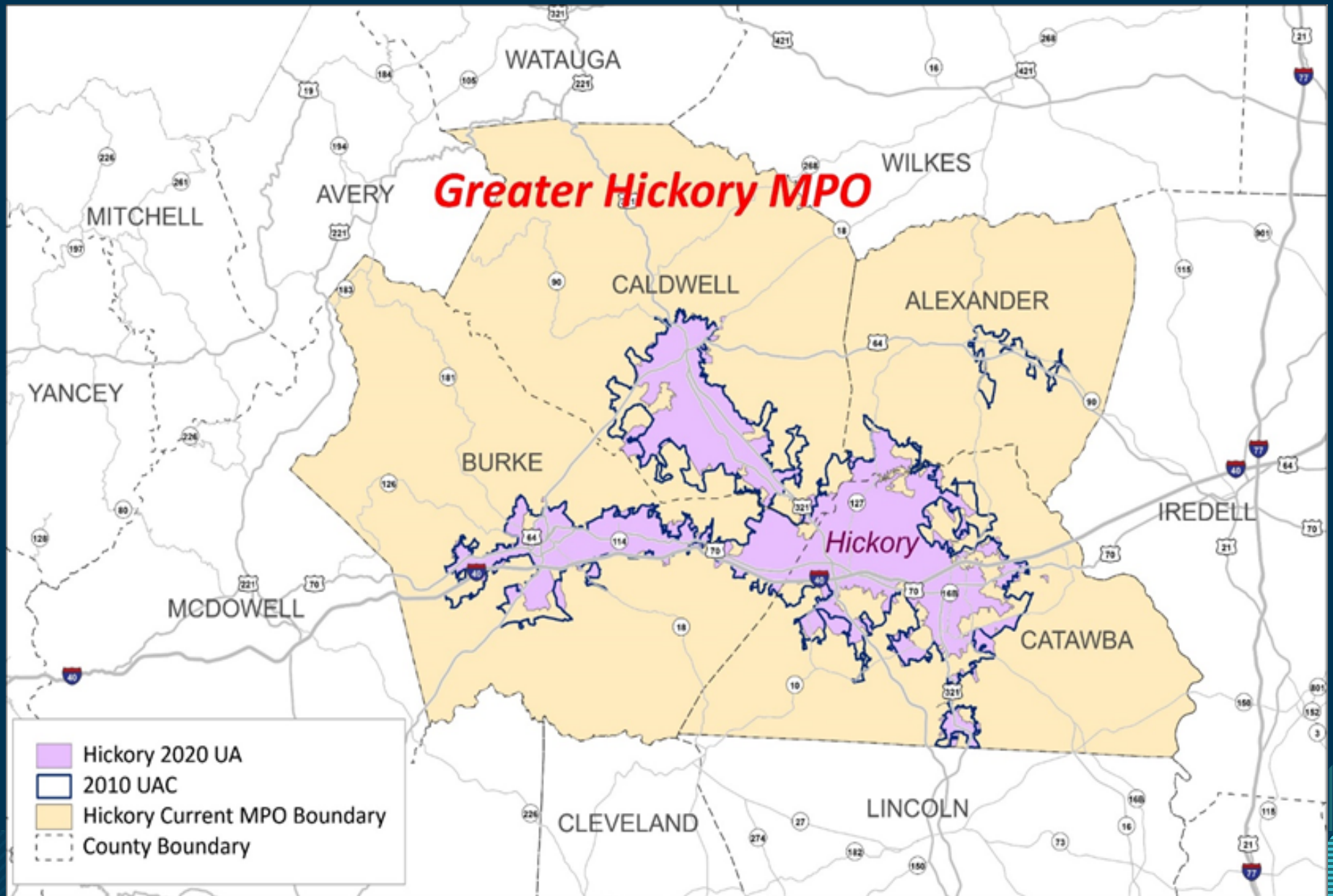
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- The Metropolitan Planning Process (MPO) process is required in urbanized areas over 50,000 in population in order to receive federal funding for transportation.
- The MPO process is a partnership between local and state government to make decisions about transportation planning in urbanized areas and to meet planning requirements established by federal authorizing legislation for transportation funding.

WPCOG/GHMPO Membership



Western Piedmont Regional Transit Authority

- As the designated recipient of the 5310 grant program, WPRTA has legal authority to enter into contractual agreement with private, nonprofit and public entities for capital, administrative, operations, planning and technical assistance projects on behalf of the state.

Responsibilities

- WPRTA Recipient of 5310 Program Funds
 - Approving claims
 - Monitoring the Projects
 - On-site Visits
 - Evaluating Project Performance
- GHMPO Selection Process for Applicants
 - Developing Project Selection Criteria
 - Selection Process and Reviewing Applications
 - Certifying Eligible Projects
 - Recommending Projects to NCDOT
 - Work with WPRTA in Quarterly Reviews

Application Information

- Duplicate projects within a Service Area will not be funded
- Applications are for for two years of funding: **July 1, 2027– June 30, 2029** (FY 2028 - FY 2029)
- Recommend reviewing Federal Certifications and Assurances
- Check project consistency with Local Coordinated Plan (unmet needs)
- Projects must be addressed to WPRTA
- **Grant Application – Due to GHMPO by August 14, 2026**

5310 Grant Funding

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation

Local Matches

- ◉ Federal Share for capital projects - 80%
- ◉ Federal Share for projects aiding in operating costs - 50%
- ◉ A local match will be required for the remainder
 - ◉ Eligible Local Match
 - local or state appropriations
 - dedicated tax revenues
 - Federal funds – non-DOT
 - private donations
 - revenue from human services contracts and net income generated from advertising and concessions

Traditional/Other Projects

- Not Less than 55% must be available for traditional projects which are capital projects planned, designed and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, unavailable or inappropriate
 - Private Nonprofit Organizations
 - State or Local Governmental Authorities
- Up to 45% may be available for other than traditional projects which are public transportation projects
 - Private Nonprofit Organizations
 - Local Government Authorities
 - Private Operators of Public Transportation that Receives a 5310 Grant Indirectly

Project Requirements

- ◉ Federal and State Compliance
- ◉ Public Notice and Public Hearing Required
- ◉ Local Share Certification
- ◉ Title VI Certification
- ◉ Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification
- ◉ DBE Anticipated Vendor Awards
- ◉ List of Surface Transportation Providers
- ◉ Tax Exempt Documentation
- ◉ Request Addition to Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Reporting Requirements

- This program has specific federally mandated reporting requirements. Sub-recipients will be required to report on their project each time they make a claim for reimbursement from their funded grant. **Quarterly reports will be required regardless of financial activity.**

Evaluation

Statement of Need

Project Planning and Implementation

Project Budget

Program Effectiveness and Evaluation

Organization Preparedness

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Section 5310 Application, Project Information and Project Description	Including these documents to any budget the applicant completes is required
Page references to the Local Coordinated Plan	
Project Budgets - Partner Connect Grants System Which budgets the applicant completes will depend on the funding program and the funding needs of the project or service.	5310
☐ Section 5310 Projects Capital Budget	
☐ Section 5310 Projects Operating Budget	
Federal and State Required Documents	5310
☐ Governing Body Resolution ☐ Federal Certifications & Assurances Affirmation of the Applicant Lobbying Certification Equivalency of Service Certification Attorney Affirmation ☐ Title VI Program Report ☐ DBE Good Faith Efforts Certification ☐ DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Anticipated Vendor Awards ☐ Local Share Certification ☐ Surface Transportation Providers ☐ Newspaper Copy of Public Hearing Notice ☐ Affidavit of Public Hearing Notice Publication ☐ Public Hearing Record ☐ Project Funding Request Form	These documents MUST be included to any budget the applicant completes.
Not-for-Profit Applicants Only	
☐ IRS Letter ☐ Copy of Articles of Incorporation (Charter) ☐ Copy of By-laws ☐ Members of Board of Directors	These documents MUST be included to any budget the applicant completes if the applicant is a not-for-profit.
Supporting Documentation (Optional)	5310
☐ Job Descriptions ☐ Letters of Support ☐ Pictures ☐ Charts and/or Graphs ☐ Route Schedules ☐ Marketing Plan	Inlcuding these documents to any budget the applicant completes is OPTIONAL



Questions?