

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.

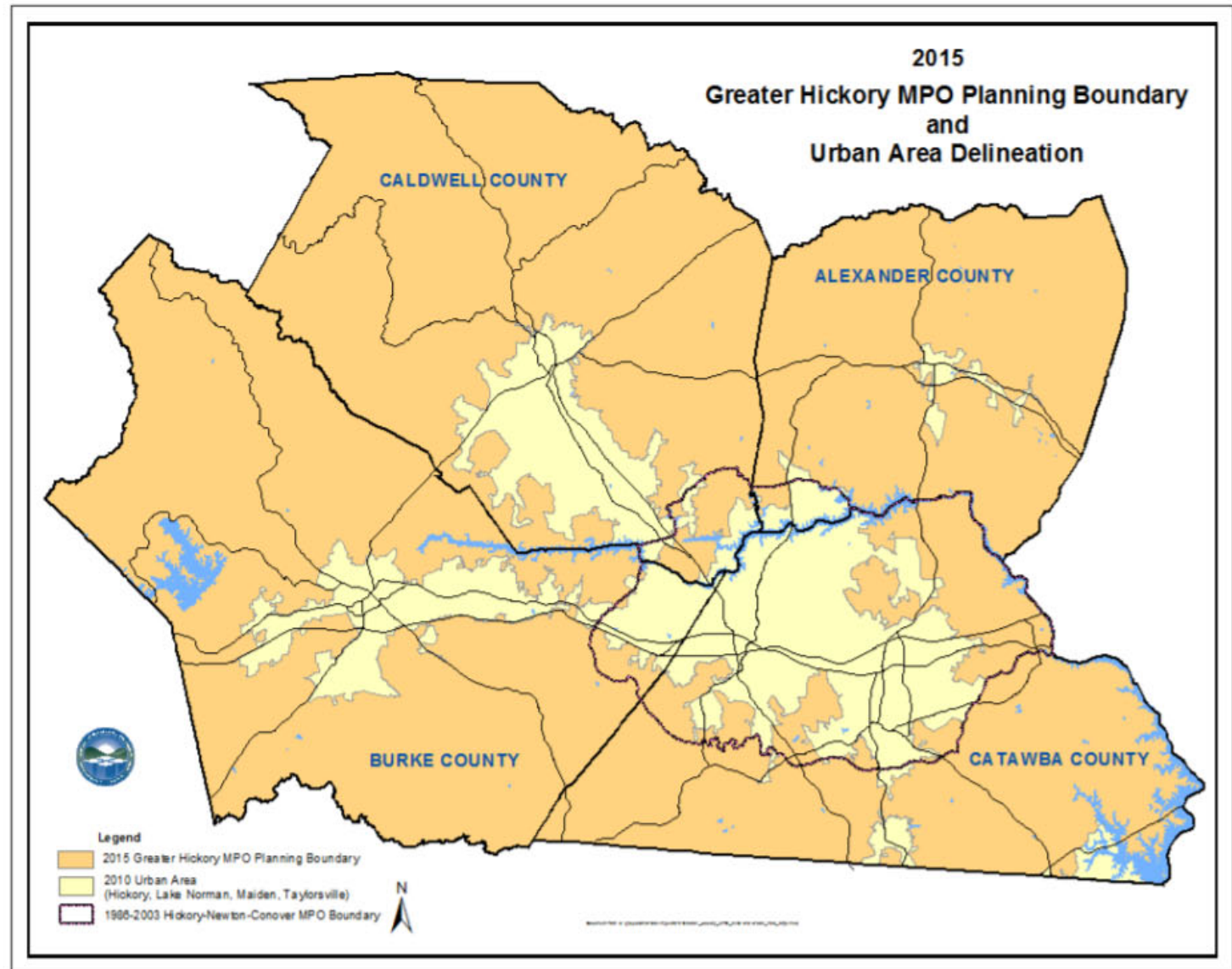
WPCOG/GHMPO Membership

- Cities and Towns:

- Brookford
- Cahaj's Mountain
- Catawba
- Cedar Rock
- Claremont
- Connelly Springs
- Conover
- Drexel
- Gamewell
- Glen Alpine
- Granite Falls
- Hickory
- Hildebran
- Hudson
- Lenoir
- Long View
- Maiden
- Morganton
- Newton
- Rhodhiss
- Rutherford College
- Sawmills
- Taylorsville
- Valdese

- Counties:

- Alexander
- Burke
- Caldwell
- Catawba



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, 2023 – June 30, 2025** (FFY 2023 - FFY 2025)
- 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 December 2, 2022**

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
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 5310 Projects Capital Budget	
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 5310 Projects Operating Budget	
Federal and State Required Documents	5310
<input type="checkbox"/> Governing Body Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Certifications & Assurances Affirmation of the Applicant Lobbying Certification Equivalency of Service Certification Attorney Affirmation <input type="checkbox"/> Title VI Program Report <input type="checkbox"/> DBE Good Faith Efforts Certification <input type="checkbox"/> DBE/MBE/WBE/HUB Anticipated Vendor Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Local Share Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Transportation Providers <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper Copy of Public Hearing Notice <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit of Public Hearing Notice Publication <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Record <input type="checkbox"/> Project Funding Request Form	These documents MUST be included to any budget the applicant completes.
Not-for-Profit Applicants Only	
<input type="checkbox"/> IRS Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Articles of Incorporation (Charter) <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of By-laws <input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Job Descriptions <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Support <input type="checkbox"/> Pictures <input type="checkbox"/> Charts and/or Graphs <input type="checkbox"/> Route Schedules <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Plan	Including these documents to any budget the applicant completes is OPTIONAL

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Questions?