

***CABARRUS / ROWAN URBAN AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION***



**FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects  
Rider Transit System**

# How to Make Comments

The Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is holding a public comment period on the Draft Program of Projects document from October 27<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>. **Please submit any comments on the documents that you may have by Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> to:**

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Program of Projects  
Cabarrus-Rowan MPO  
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Concord, NC 28025**

For additional information or further assistance, call Phil Conrad at (704) 791-0608 or visit the MPO's website at [www.crmppo.org](http://www.crmppo.org). Comments on the public participation process are also welcome.

## **Locations of Plan Materials:**

The document is also available online at [www.crmppo.org](http://www.crmppo.org).

Copies of the Draft Program of Projects document are also available for public review during the review period at the following locations:

- Cabarrus County Planning Department Office
- Rowan County Planning Department Office
- Rider Transit Center

## **Background**

The annual Program of Projects is a list of projects proposed to be funded in a given fiscal year from Federal Transit Formula Grants, any transit discretionary grants, any Federal Highway Funds flexed to FTA for transit improvements, and state formula grant programs. Such projects must also be identified in the MPO-approved Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program or the Unified Planning Work Program to be eligible for inclusion in the Program of Projects. The Program of Projects provides an additional opportunity for the public to learn about and comment on planned transit grants for the fiscal year.

The Program of Projects may be developed and approved by the designated recipient (the City of Concord - Rider Transit System) or the Metropolitan Planning Organization. The MPO is responsible for the MTIP and the UPWP, and therefore, Rider Transit has elected to use the MPO's public comment process for its program of projects. There are multiple recipients of Federal Transit grants operating in the MPO area (Salisbury Transit and NCDOT for Cabarrus County and Rowan County). The MPO must follow the Public Participation Plan, which for the Program of Projects requires a 28-day public comment period.

## **FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects**

The FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects includes anticipated FTA formula grants under the following programs: Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning, Section 5307 Urbanized Formula, Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, and Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities.

The FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects also includes State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP) funds administered by NCDOT.

The Program of Projects also describes funds made available to subrecipients and grant details such as a description, federal funding amount, and matching funds amounts. The proposed program as identified in the Draft Program of Projects will be the final program unless amended.

The MPO will seek public input on the Program of Projects under the MPO Public Participation Program. This includes a 28-day public comment period and a public review to be held at the January 28 TAC meeting. The Transportation Advisory Committee will be the body to approve the document.

**Recommended Action: MPO Approval at the January 28 meeting.**

## Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants – FY 2025-2026

### TG-5103C      Preventive Maintenance: Contracted Maintenance Capital Costs

The City of Concord will apply for Federal capital assistance for costs associated with using a third-party contractor to provide transit services. Rider Transit provides the vehicles, but the third-party contractor provides drivers and maintenance staff necessary to provide public transportation services in the City of Concord. Under FTA rules this is counted as preventive maintenance. Eligible expenses are eligible for up to 80% federal reimbursement. Eligible expenses are capped at no more than 40% of overall third-party contractor costs. The proposed grant amount falls under the 40% maximum threshold.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>\$1,950,000</b>	\$1,560,000	\$390,000	N/A

### TG-5103A      Routine Capital

The City of Concord will apply for Federal routine capital assistance to support the purchase of bus stop shelters, benches, shop equipment, spare parts, engines, farebox, service vehicles, etc.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>\$625,000</b>	\$500,000	\$125,000	N/A

### TG-5103B      Routine Capital – ADA Service

The City of Concord will apply for Federal operating assistance for Rider’s ADA Paratransit Services. This includes fuel and operator salaries for this service.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>\$700,000</b>	\$560,000	\$140,000	N/A

### TS-5116      Security Enhancements

The City of Concord will utilize at least 1% of 5307 program assistance to enhance security for the Rider Transit system.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>\$100,000</b>	\$100,000	N/A	N/A

### TO-5138      Fixed Route Operating Expenses\*

The City of Concord will apply for Federal operating assistance for Rider’s fixed route services. The proposed project will serve the Concord Urbanized Area and will support public transportation services sponsored by the City of Concord through Rider Transit.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>\$2,713,000</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$325,000

**TA-5173****Replacement Vehicles**

The City of Concord may apply for Federal capital assistance to support the purchase of bus and paratransit vehicles to support increases in service using Section 5307 funds.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>\$500,000</b>	\$425,000	\$75,000	\$0

### **Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities – FY 2025-2026**

The City of Concord will apply for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities funding and consistent with the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.

#### **Section 5310 Operating (TA-5128B)**

Request operating assistance for competitively selected projects to support transportation services to the elderly and disabled for employment, education, and medical trips.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal:</b>	<b>Local:</b>	<b>State:</b>
<b>\$450,000</b>	\$225,000	\$225,000	N/A

#### **Section 5310 Program Administration (TA-5128C)**

Request administrative support to administer the grants, compliance, and reporting program for the City of Concord. Up to 10% of available funds may be used for this purpose.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal:</b>	<b>Local:</b>	<b>State:</b>
<b>\$50,000</b>	\$50,000	N/A	N/A

#### **Section 5310 Capital (TA-5128A)**

Request capital assistance for competitively selected projects to support transportation services to the elderly and disabled for employment, education, and medical trips.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal:</b>	<b>Local:</b>	<b>State:</b>
<b>\$625,000</b>	\$500,000	\$125,000	N/A

### **Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facility Program – FY 2025-2026**

#### **Bus and Bus Facilities – Routine Capital (TA-5130A)**

The City of Concord may apply for Federal capital assistance to support the purchase of routine capital - bus stop shelters, benches, shop equipment, spare parts, engines, farebox, vehicles, etc. using Section 5339 funds.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal:</b>	<b>Local:</b>	<b>State:</b>
<b>\$250,000</b>	\$400,000	\$100,000	N/A

#### **Bus and Bus Facilities - Expansion Buses (TA-5130B)**

The City of Concord may apply for Federal capital assistance to support the purchase of bus and paratransit vehicles to support increases in service using Section 5339 funds.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal:</b>	<b>Local:</b>	<b>State:</b> N/A
\$2,300,000	\$2,000,000	\$300,00	N/A

### Section 5303 Planning Assistance – FY 2025-2026

**Planning Assistance – 5303 (TP-5118)**

The City of Concord may apply for Federal planning assistance to support transit planning by the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO.

<b>Total Costs:</b>	<b>Federal:</b>	<b>Local:</b>	<b>State:</b>
\$157,000	\$125,000	\$16,000	\$16,000

**Specific projects to be considered in FY2025-2026:**

- System Consolidation and Implementation Plan (Rider Transit and CCTS)
- Cabarrus County Long Range Public Transit Master Plan revisioning (Connecting Cabarrus)
- ADA Transition Plan
- Rider Transit Bus Stop Amenity Program (ongoing)
- Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan
- Electronic fare collection system upgrade
- ADA paratransit and revenue service/supervisor flex vehicle replacement procurement
- Evaluation of microtransit opportunities
- Transit operations service provider procurement
- Third-party development of the DBE plan and program goal
- Transportation project(s) to support older adults and people with disabilities (5310 dependent)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY 2025-2026 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE TRANSIT GRANTS FOR THE CABARRUS-ROWAN MPO**

A motion was made by TAC Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by TAC Member \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration provides Federal funds to support public transportation services under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs (IIJA) Act; AND

**WHEREAS**, NCDOT provides matching funds for these grants in some instances and also provides a State Maintenance Assistance Grant; AND

**WHEREAS**, Federal regulations require the designated recipient, the City of Concord, and the Metropolitan Planning Organization to cooperatively develop an annual Program of Projects; AND

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Planning Organization is empowered to conduct the public review and input process and to approve the Program of Projects; AND

**WHEREAS**, the Program of Projects must identify all projects to be funded with federal transit formula funds to include a project description, project costs, and applicable transit agency information; AND

**WHEREAS**, the operating and capital projects listed in the Program of Projects must be consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and planning projects must be consistent with the Unified Planning Work Program; AND

**WHEREAS**, MPO area transit agencies, including the designated recipient City of Concord -- Rider Transit System, as well as the NCDOT will apply for and receive grants from the Federal Transit Administration consistent with the Program of Projects; AND

**WHEREAS**, the MPO and the City of Concord comply with and will ensure compliance to the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; AND

**WHEREAS**, the MPO hereby assures and certifies compliance with the Federal Statutes, regulations, executive orders, the Section 5333(b) Labor Protection requirements, and all administrative requirements which relate to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration; AND

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2023 the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration jointly certified that the MPO substantially meets the federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements, for a period of four years;

**NOW Therefore be it resolved**, by the Cabarrus-Rowan Transportation Advisory Committee, to approve the FY 2025-2026 Program of Projects, dated January 28, 2026, on this, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

I, Meredith Smith, TAC Chair,  
*(Name of Certifying Official)* *(Title of Certifying Official)*

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Cabarrus-Rowan TAC duly held on this, the 28th day of January, 2026.

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Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee