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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** April 15, 2026

**TO:** Section 5310 Program Statewide Applicants

**FROM:** Bradley B. Lindsey, P.E.  
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**BY:**   
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**RE:** **FY 2027 Section 5310 Program Application (Statewide)**

Enclosed is the annual FY 2027 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Application for federal assistance provided by the Federal Transit Administration. Section 5310 Program funds are available for capital expenses. The application and related documents can be found on the ALTRANS website [here](#). Please read the application in its entirety as there are time-sensitive requirements that need immediate attention.

***Due to funding limitations, the One-Year Sit Out Rule will apply for the FY 2027 Section 5310 Program. Therefore, any eligible applicant that applied for and was approved for Section 5310 funding in FY 2026 for rolling stock, will not be eligible to apply for FY 2027 rolling stock funding. The One-Year Sit Out Rule does not apply to Preventive Maintenance and Purchased Transportation Funding.***

Applications are evaluated based on the following criteria: financial and management capability; need for service; utilization of requested service; proposed service characteristics; service coordination; and asset management. Projects funded through the Section 5310 Program must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (“coordinated transportation plan”).

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the Regional Planning Council (Council of Governments) in the respective areas of the State in which the Section 5310 transportation services are being proposed. Each Regional Planning Council must review and endorse the grant applications prior to submitting them to the Alabama Department of Transportation

(ALDOT) ensuring compliance with federal coordination requirements. Only those grant applications formally submitted to the Regional Planning Councils for review and endorsement will be accepted. **Please note that any application deemed “not complete” by ALDOT will not be accepted and therefore will not be eligible for evaluation.**

The deadline for submitting applications to the Regional Planning Councils (Councils of Governments) for review and endorsement is **5:00 P.M. on June 15, 2026**. Councils of Governments who either apply directly for funding or who are endorsing other applicants must submit applications directly to ALDOT (through their respective Regional Managers) no later than **5:00 P.M. on Friday, June 22, 2026**. **Applications received late will not be accepted.**

The ALDOT Management Team acknowledges the work performed by your Agency to serve the citizens of Alabama and the assistance provided to this office in fulfilling federal requirements related to the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Should you have any questions or need technical assistance with the application development process, please reach out to your respective Regional Manager.

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Enclosures

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