



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization **Meeting Date:** August 12, 2026

Staff Contact: Darren Schulz, Public Works Director

Agenda Title: For Possible Action - Discussion and possible action regarding applications received for the award and distribution of \$203,924 in available Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) Section 5310 Program funds and whether to award all or a portion of the funding to either the Carson City Regional Transportation Commission (“RTC”) to fund capital operating expenses of the Jump Around Carson (“JAC”) JAC Assist Paratransit program, or the Rural Center for Independent Living (“RCIL”) to fund a Transit Ambassador program. (Kelly Norman, Senior Transportation Planner)

Agenda Action: Formal Action / Motion **Time Requested:** 5 minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to award \$203,924 in FTA Section 5310 Program funds to the RTC.

Board's Strategic Goal

N/A

Previous Action

N/A

Background/Issues & Analysis

On May 28, 2026, the Carson Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (“CAMPO”) advertised a call for projects and accepted grant applications for the distribution of Federal Fiscal Year (“FFY”) 2026 formula-based funding from the FTA Section 5310 Program. The FTA Section 5310 Program aims to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options. The program supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Two applications were received from the RCIL (Exhibit 2) and the RTC (Exhibit 3).

RCIL’s application is seeking \$115,400 in FTA funding to staff and to manage a Transit Ambassador program. This program is a nontraditional service designed to improve the accessibility of the Carson City transit network and increase ridership of vulnerable populations by stationing volunteers on each bus route to provide navigational support, ensuring riders board the correct buses and understand their transfer points.

RTC's application is seeking all \$203,924 in FTA funding to offset operating expenses for its JAC Assist Paratransit program. Based on the proposed use of funds, the applicant must provide a 20% local match. The RTC has identified sufficient local match funding within its application.

Both applications are included as exhibits. Staff has reviewed all applicable criteria and eligible activities in relation to the application. In assisting with the determination of the award, staff utilized the checklist included in Exhibit 1. The FTA Section 5310 Program is the best funding source known to CAMPO staff that allows grant reimbursement, with only a 20% local match, for capitalized operating expenses related to enhancing mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Based on staff's review of the applications, the RTC best meets the eligibility requirements required by CAMPO to receive FTA Section 5310 Program funding. CAMPO staff recommend awarding the full amount to the RTC.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

49 U.S.C. Section 5310

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: This pass-through grant does not impact CAMPO's budget.

Alternatives

Decline to award FTA Section 5310 funding to the RTC and provide an alternative direction to staff.

Attachment(s):

[5A_Exhibit 1_Application Eligibility Checklists.pdf](#)

[5A_Exhibit 2_Rural Center for Independent Living CAMPO Section 5310 Program for FFY 2026 Application.pdf](#)

[5A_Exhibit 3_Regional Transportation Commission CAMPO Section 5310 Program for FFY 2026 Application.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)