Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Spokane Transit Authority (STA) is issuing a call for projects that may be eligible for funding under the Federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. These projects are meant to provide transportation services targeted to benefit the elderly and people with disabilities, when current public transportation service is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable to meet their transportation needs. Eligible organizations may submit applications for projects that are described below for funding.

STA proposes to make up to $974,013 available under the 2026 Section 5310 Call for Projects, including an estimated $721,825 in federal funds and $252,188 in STA local funds. On July 16, 2026, the STA Board approved $252,188 in STA local match contribution which reduces awarded subrecipients local match to 15% for both Traditional and Other projects. All projects will be required to demonstrate that they can meet the local match requirement. Funding awards will be subject to approval by the STA Board of Directors in an open public session. Please note that all funding awards will include federal funding to which federal requirements apply.

Before submitting a preliminary proposal, all new and returning applicants must schedule a meeting with Emilio Bustos, Assistant Transit Planner, to review the proposed project budget, eligibility, and risk. Applications may be submitted electronically to Section5310@spokanetransit.com or by mail to Emilio Bustos, Spokane Transit, 701 W Riverside Ave., Spokane WA 99201. Mailed applications must be postmarked on or before the posted application due date. STA will not consider incomplete applications, or applications received after the applicable deadline. Preliminary proposals must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Final project applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026.

Eligible Projects

Section 5310 funds are available for capital and operating expenses to support the provision of transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible capital projects include the capital cost of contracting services, the purchase or acquisition of ADA vehicles, passenger amenities related to 5310 funded vehicles, and support for mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies. Eligible operating projects include those that exceed the minimum ADA requirements, improve access to fixed route service and decrease reliance on ADA complementary paratransit service, and provide alternatives to public transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities. There are two categories of projects, “Traditional” and “Other” projects, explained below and in STA’s Program Management Plan (PMP). Eligible projects must be located within the Spokane Urbanized Area. View the Spokane Urbanized Area boundary map. (www.spokanetransit.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Spokane-Urbanized-Area-Map.pdf)

Eligible Applicants

Eligible project applicants can be either private, non-profit organizations, local governments, or other providers of public transportation* that provide transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible applicants for the “Traditional” category must either be a private nonprofit organization or a local governmental authority that is approved by the state of Washington to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible applicants to receive funding for the “Other” category include a local governmental authority or a private nonprofit organization. For project eligibility questions, submit questions to Section5310@spokanetransit.com, or contact Emilio Bustos, Assistant Transit Planner, by phone at (509) 344-2609. Project applications, supporting materials, and information about the Section 5310 program are available on the Spokane Transit Section 5310 Program webpage. (www.spokanetransit.com/section-5310-program/)

Informational Meeting

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, from (10am -11am) via Microsoft Teams to provide potential applicants with the opportunity to ask questions about the program and the project eligibility requirements. **All applicants are required to meet with the Assistant Transit Planner, Emilio Bustos, via Microsoft Teams, to review project scope, budget, and risk assessment prior to submitting a preliminary proposal.** Meeting information will be posted on the Spokane Transit Section 5310 Program webpage, (www.spokanetransit.com/section-5310-program/) or applicants may visit the Assistant Transit Planner’s personal booking page to schedule a meeting directly. If you need additional information about the Microsoft Teams informational meeting, please contact Emilio

Bustos, Assistant Transit Planner at (509) 344-2609 or by email at ebustos@spokanetransit.com. People requesting accommodations are encouraged to contact Delana, Combs, Ombudsman & Accessibility Officer at (509) 325-6094 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Regional Planning Requirements

These projects must comply with comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the area and must be consistent with the adopted programming of projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) prepared by Spokane Regional Transportation Council (SRTC). Projects receiving Section 5310 funding must be derived from the locally developed Spokane County Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan prepared by SRTC. View the 2026 Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan. (srtc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/adopted_2026_CPT-HSTP_compressed.pdf)

Non-Discrimination Notice

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Si necesita información en otro idioma, comuníquese al (509) 325-6094.
Для получения информации на другом языке звоните по тел. (509) 325-6094.
Nếu quý vị cần thông tin bằng một ngôn ngữ khác, xin vui lòng gọi số (509) 325-6094.
إذا كنت بحاجة إلى معلومات بلغة أخرى، يُرجى الاتصال *(509) 325-6094*.
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Kung kailangan ang impormasyon sa ibang wika, makipag-ugnayan sa (509) 325-6094.

Upon request, more information, or a copy of the Title VI complaint form will be produced in alternate formats for people who are disabled. Spokane Transit assures nondiscrimination in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information, review Spokane Transit Authority's Title VI non Discrimination Policy (www.spokanetransit.com/projects/title-vi-non-discrimination-policy-and-program/) or contact Delana, Combs, Ombudsman & Accessibility Office at (509) 325-6094 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

*To be considered a provider of public transportation, an agency must provide "shared-ride" transportation, which means that it may transport two or more passengers in the same vehicle who are otherwise not traveling together (as opposed to exclusive-ride taxi services). Providers of public transportation can be either public or private agencies.