



Transportation Planning Board
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RE: 2020 Application Cycle for 2021 Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program – COVID-19 Addendum

Applications for 2021 funding through the Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program may include up to ONE additional page describing how the program or vehicle purchase goals will or may be affected by COVID-19.

For example, if the program for which 5310 funding is sought will transition from meal or grocery delivery to transporting people after a vaccine is developed (we all hope this happens sooner rather than later), you may use this extra page to describe the goals in terms of number of meals/groceries delivered pre-vaccine, and the goals for providing rides post-vaccine.

If the application is for funding for a vehicle purchase, you may use this space to describe how/if the vehicle will be used pre-vaccine in addition to your goals for rides provided post-vaccine. Please note that the inability to use a vehicle to transport individuals in high-risk groups due to COVID-19 will not preclude that application from being considered or awarded, although it may result in that application not scoring as well as another application which has a plan for interim use of a vehicle.

We recognize that the timeline of the development of a vaccine and its administration to individuals is entirely out of all of our control, and that none of us know how the situation will change during the rest of 2020 or in 2021. This extra application space is being provided in order for applicants to describe their best estimate of what their program or vehicle use would look like in the current situation, and in what is essentially a COVID-19-free world.

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