

Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area

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Dear Interested Party:

The three Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) of the Mid-Hudson Valley Transportation Management Area (TMA) – the [Dutchess County Transportation Council](#), [Orange County Transportation Council](#), and [Ulster County Transportation Council](#) – are excited to announce a competitive call for transit projects in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Over \$15 million in [Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\) Section 5307 funds](#) are available to support a mix of transit activities such as capital purchases, facility improvements, and operating assistance in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties. The federal funds have been apportioned to our area based on population and transit operating statistics.

The MPOs, with assistance from the New York State Department of Transportation, will evaluate proposals based on the project selection criteria included with the application packet. In general, this call for projects seeks to support transit projects that meet one or more of the following objectives:

- Implement recommendations from [Connect Mid-Hudson](#), the new regional transit plan, such as establishing a single application for transit routes and schedules, improving customer service oversight, carrying out microtransit pilot projects, and improving intermodal connections.
- Maintain existing transit services and operations, and promoting a state of good repair.
- Improve the safety and security of transit passengers and workers.
- Promote the use of technology to improve operations and passenger experiences
- Improve access between transit systems and other modes such as walking and biking.
- Support local land use, economic development, and climate resiliency goals.

Proposals must first meet the initial screening criteria established for this program, including the identification of a Designated Recipient to receive and process FTA funds (a list of Designated Recipients is included with the application packet). Eligible proposals are limited to projects that can be implemented within 1-3 years, as the available funds will expire. All applications will be reviewed by staff for initial eligibility and completeness, after which projects will be rated by the review committee using the included evaluation criteria.

Applicants may download the application and selection criteria from their respective MPO's website. Applications are due by the close of business on **April 16, 2021** and must be submitted electronically to all three MPOs, regardless of location: Ms. Julie Richmond at JRichmond@orangecountygov.com, Mr. Brian Slack at bsla@co.ulster.ny.us, and Mr. Mark Debalda at mdebald@dutchessny.gov. For questions about this call for projects, please contact your respective MPO representative.