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PUBLIC NOTICE: 2017-2021 TIP Amendment # 36

FTA Section 5311 Award for FFY 2017 - 2018

The Greater Buffalo-Niagara Regional Transportation Council (GBNRTC), the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Erie and Niagara Counties, is proposing to amend the 2017-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the following five (5) new project:

- 1. PIN 5824.69 NFTA 5311 17/18 Operating Assistance**
 - \$151.5K FTA 5311 (50%) + \$151.5K (Local Match (50%))
- 2. PIN 5824.70 Niagara Falls 5311 17/18 Operating Assistance**
 - \$102K FTA 5311 (50%) + \$102K Local Match (50%)
- 3. PIN 5824.71 Niagara Falls 5311 17/18 Capital Assistance**
 - For bike racks and technology equipment
 - \$38K FTA 5311 (80%) + \$7.6K Local Match (20%)
- 4. PIN 5824.72 Niagara County 5311 17/18 Operating Assistance**
 - \$216K FTA 5311 (50%) + \$216K Local Match (50%)
- 5. PIN 5824.73 Niagara County 5311 17/18 Capital Assistance**
 - For replacement of three transit buses
 - \$366K FTA 5311 (80%) + \$73.2K Local Match (20%)

The Formula Grants for Rural Areas program (FTA Section 5311) provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states to support public transportation in rural areas with populations of less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. The program also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program.

The federal (FTA Section 5311) funding share is limited to 50 percent for operating assistance and 80% for capital assistance.

Public comments will be received through August 12, 2018. If you have any additional questions or comments please email us at staff@gbnrtc.org, or contact us at the address and telephone number above.

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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES \$57.7 MILLION FOR 136 RURAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ACROSS UPSTATE NEW YORK

Projects will Enhance Rural Transit Services and Support Upstate Economies

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced \$57.7 million in state and federal funding for 136 rural public transportation projects statewide. The initiative will support rural public transportation operations; help local communities procure new clean-fuel, ADA accessible buses and related equipment; enhance coordination between local transportation agencies through mobility management and employment services; and construct new transit-related infrastructure, including facilities, passenger shelters and technology enhancements.

"Transportation infrastructure is the lifeblood of our economy and the key to future growth," **Governor Cuomo said.** "This funding will bolster upstate mobility operations and help ensure that all New Yorkers, regardless of their location, will have a transportation infrastructure they can rely on."

"As Chair of the Regional Economic Development Councils, I have seen how New York's investment in infrastructure has transformed our Upstate economy," **said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.** "This latest infusion of funding for new buses and transportation-related projects in communities across the state will go a long way toward modernizing transit systems and ensuring all New Yorkers have easy access to public transportation."

The funding will be administered by the New York State Department of Transportation and supported through grants from the Federal Transit Administration. In all, funds will be awarded to 51 program participants including, 39 municipalities, three transportation authorities, one tribal nation, and eight intercity bus operators serving rural areas throughout the state. Collectively, these services support more than five million passenger trips annually and provide a vital role in the rejuvenation of the state's upstate towns and villages.

Recipients of this funding will receive \$34.3 million for vehicle replacement and infrastructure renewal projects and \$23.4 million to support service operations. This \$57.7 million in new state and federal investments will leverage nearly \$85 million in rural transportation improvements across the state.

The capital funds awarded under this initiative will accelerate the deployment of 162 new clean-fuel ADA accessible vehicles, replacing and modernizing approximately 19 percent of the total rural transit fleet. In addition, this funding will support vehicle maintenance and storage facility rehabilitation and modernization; enhanced passenger amenities such as shelters, communication systems and security; and provide mobility management services.

New York State Department of Transportation Acting Commissioner Paul A. Karas said, "With today's investment, we are able to support essential public transportation services that enhance mobility and strengthen communities by modernizing buses, facilities and other related capital equipment and improving services. Public transportation investment is a key component of a strong local economies throughout New York."

Senator Joe Robach, Chair of the Transportation Committee said, "Today's announcement ensures that funding will be available to rural communities across the state for critically important infrastructure and transportation improvements. Public transportation is vital to the economic well-being of communities and this funding will help to make certain that New York State is continuing to work towards a modern, 21st century infrastructure and transit system for all its residents."

Assemblyman David Gantt, Chair of the Committee on Transportation said, "Transportation is the life blood of local communities across New York State. These grants will bolster local transportation networks, while breathing new life into the state's economy and helping its citizens reach their destinations safely every day."

A full list of projects by region is available below:

Capital Region

\$1 million in funding to support operating assistance; fleet renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Columbia, Greene and Rensselaer counties:

- \$148,000 in operating assistance in Columbia County.
- \$239,000 in operating assistance, \$267,000 to purchase four transit buses to expand services and \$256,000 for projects that support mobility in Greene County.
- \$127,000 in operating assistance in Rensselaer County.

Mohawk Valley

\$9.9 million in funding to support operating assistance; transit capital projects; fleet, facility, and equipment renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, and Schoharie counties, and in the cities of Gloversville and Oneonta:

- \$606,000 in operating assistance, \$189,000 for transit technology equipment and facility maintenance, and \$145,000 for projects that support mobility management in the city of Gloversville.
- \$125,000 in operating assistance to Fulton County.
- \$53,000 in operating assistance to Herkimer County.
- \$575,000 in operating assistance and \$75,000 to purchase communications equipment in Montgomery County.
- \$339,000 in operating assistance and \$281,000 for projects that support mobility in Oneida County.
- \$262,000 in operating assistance and \$3.79 million to construct a transit hub, upgrade fareboxes, and replace dispatch equipment in the City of Oneonta.
- \$325,000 in operating assistance, \$1.96 million to replace nine transit buses and one electric trolley, and \$121,000 for technology projects in Otsego County.
- \$585,000 in operating assistance, \$344,000 to replace four transit buses, and \$149,000 for projects that support mobility in Schoharie County.

Central New York

\$4.3 million in funding to support operating assistance; transit capital projects; fleet, facility, and equipment renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego Counties:

- \$447,000 in operating assistance, and \$203,000 for a backup generator and facility maintenance for CENTRO in Cayuga County.
- \$504,000 in operating assistance, \$716,000 to replace nine transit buses, \$18,000 for two bus shelters, and \$326,000 for projects that support mobility in Cortland County.
- \$246,000 in operating assistance, \$236,000 to purchase two transit buses to expand services, and \$142,000 for projects that support mobility in Madison County.
- \$156,000 in operating assistance for CENTRO in Onondaga County.
- \$500,000 in operating assistance, and \$220,000 for a backup generator and maintenance equipment and facility maintenance for CENTRO in Oswego.
- \$160,000 in operating assistance, and \$117,000 to replace one transit bus, \$85,000 for technology and diagnostic equipment, and \$178,000 for projects that support mobility in Oswego County.

Finger Lakes

\$13.9 million in funding to support operating assistance; transit capital projects; fleet, facility, and equipment renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates Counties:

- \$240,000 in operating assistance, \$177,000 to replace three transit buses, and \$3.44 million for one bus shelter, facility maintenance and construction for Rural Transit Service (RTS) in Genesee County.
- \$275,000 in operating assistance, \$923,000 to replace four transit buses and to purchase four transit buses to expand services, and \$18,000 for one bus shelter for RTS in Livingston County.
- \$124,000 in operating assistance for RTS in Monroe County.
- \$743,000 in operating assistance, \$845,000 to replace eleven transit buses and \$231,000 for three bus shelters, backup equipment, facility maintenance and construction for RTS in Ontario County.
- \$160,000 in operating assistance, \$59,000 to purchase one transit bus to expand services, and \$290,000 for one bus shelter, facility maintenance and construction for RTS in Orleans County.
- \$150,000 in operating assistance, \$393,000 to purchase five transit buses to expand services, and \$18,000 for one bus shelter for RTS in Seneca County.
- \$475,000 in operating assistance, \$1.46 million to replace thirteen transit buses, and \$315,000 for five bus shelters and facility design for RTS in Wayne County.
- \$247,000 in operating assistance, \$295,000 to replace four transit buses, and \$2.89 million for facility renovation and construction for RTS in Wyoming County.
- \$86,000 in operating assistance, and \$4,000 for new bus signs in Yates County.

Western New York

\$7 million in funding to support operating assistance; transit capital projects; fleet, facility, and equipment renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Niagara Counties, the cities of Niagara Falls and Olean, and to the Seneca Nation of Indians:

- \$576,000 in operating assistance, \$323,000 to replace five transit buses, \$144,000 for a charging station and communication equipment and \$602,000 for projects that support mobility in Allegany County.
- \$895,000 in operating assistance, and \$428,000 to replace one transit bus for Butler/Blue Bird bus lines across Western New York.
- \$617,000 in operating assistance, and \$116,000 to replace one transit bus for the City of Olean.
- \$822,000 in operating assistance, \$851,000 to replace twelve transit buses, \$138,000 for communications and technology equipment, and \$132,000 for projects that support mobility in Chautauqua County.
- \$102,000 in operating assistance, and \$38,000 for bike racks and technology equipment for the City of Niagara Falls;
- \$216,000 in operating assistance, and \$366,000 to replace three transit buses in Niagara County.
- \$152,000 in operating assistance to Niagara Frontier Transit Authority.
- \$229,000 in operating assistance, \$191,000 to replace three transit buses, and \$90,000 for facility maintenance for the Seneca Nation of Indians.

North Country

\$6 million in funding to support operating assistance; fleet and equipment renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties:

- \$351,000 in operating assistance, \$581,000 to replace four transit buses and to purchase two transit buses expand services, \$41,000 for a vehicle lift and communications equipment, and \$22,000 for projects that support mobility in Clinton County.
- \$889,000 in operating assistance, \$380,000 to replace four transit buses and to purchase one transit bus to expand services, and \$302,000 for projects that support mobility in Essex County.
- \$770,000 in operating assistance, and \$963,000 to replace twelve transit buses in Franklin County.
- \$181,000 in operating assistance, and \$124,000 to purchase one transit bus to expand service in Lewis County.
- \$473,000 in operating assistance to North Country-First Transit across the North Country.
- \$204,000 in operating assistance, \$588,000 to purchase five transit buses to expand services, \$14,000 for technology equipment, and \$159,000 for projects that support mobility in St. Lawrence County.

Mid-Hudson Valley

\$2.2 million in funding to support operating assistance; and fleet renewal and modernization in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan and Ulster counties:

- \$223,000 in operating assistance to Dutchess County.
- \$637,000 in operating assistance, and \$116,000 to replace two transit buses in Orange County.
- \$185,000 in operating assistance to Putnam County.
- \$47,000 in operating assistance, and \$78,000 to purchase one transit bus to expand service in Sullivan County.
- \$362,000 in operating assistance, and \$522,000 to replace four transit buses in Ulster County.

Southern Tier

\$8.9 million in funding to support operating assistance; fleet, facility, and equipment renewal and modernization; and mobility management services in Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins counties, and the cities of Hornell and Corning:

- \$237,000 in operating assistance, and \$118,000 to replace two transit buses in Broome County.
- \$407,000 in operating assistance, and \$109,000 for projects that support mobility in Chemung County.
- \$234,000 in operating assistance, and \$882,000 to replace fourteen transit buses in Chenango County.
- \$485,000 in operating assistance, \$124,000 to replace two transit buses, \$91,000 for technology equipment, and \$269,000 for projects that support mobility in Schuyler County.
- \$214,000 in operating assistance to the city of Corning.
- \$536,000 in operating assistance, \$274,000 to replace four transit buses, and \$7,000 to maintain a vehicle lift in the city of Hornell;
- \$403,000 in operating assistance, \$41,000 for technology equipment, and \$578,000 for projects that support mobility in Steuben County.
- \$18,000 in operating assistance, and \$712,000 for projects that support mobility in Tioga County.
- \$525,000 in operating assistance, \$1.68 million to replace four transit buses, \$420,000 for sixteen bus shelters, technology equipment, facility maintenance and construction, and \$490,000 for projects that support mobility in Tompkins County.

Intercity

- \$4.5 million in operating assistance to Intercity bus operators, including Adirondack Trailways, Birnie Bus, Fullington Trailways, Hudson Transit Lines, Passenger Bus and Pine Hills-Kingston.



Department of Transportation

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

PAUL A. KARAS
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June 27, 2018

Ms. Kimberley Minkel
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Minkel:

I am pleased to inform you that the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is recommending that Federal Transit Administration (FTA) fund projects from your 2017-2018 FTA Section 5311 Grant Application as indicated on the attached program of projects.

Contingent upon FTA approval of the grant recommendation, capital projects will be added as a supplemental agreement to the existing contract agreement. The supplemental agreement will be sent via email to your grant manager for processing in the upcoming weeks.

Operating assistance funding payments are made pending NYSDOT approval of your annual report.

Questions regarding this award recommendation or the status of current projects should be directed to Erika Bacher at (518) 549-0486 or Erika.Bacher@dot.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Epstein
Executive Deputy Commissioner/CFO

Attachment

cc: John Cox, Chief Financial Officer, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority
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Attachment 1 - 2017-18 FTA Section 5311 Award Listing

NFTA

Year	Type	Project Description	Federal Amount Awarded	Total Project Cost
2017	Operating	5311 Annual Apportionment	\$74,500	\$149,000
2018	Operating	5311 Annual Apportionment	\$77,000	\$154,000
TOTAL			\$151,500	\$303,000