

FACT SHEET

FTA Section 5303 Program Metropolitan Transportation Planning

Program Purpose

Provides funding and procedural requirements for multimodal transportation planning in metropolitan areas and states that is cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive, resulting in long-range plans and short-range programs of transportation investment priorities. The planning programs are jointly administered by FTA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), which provides additional planning funding.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5303 / MAP-21 Section 20005 – Metropolitan transportation planning

Eligible Applicants

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)

Eligible Activities

Develop transportation plans and programs, plan, design and evaluate a public transportation project, and conduct technical studies related to public transportation.

Funding

The Federal share is 80% formula-based with a required 10% State and 10% Local match.

What's New?

Beginning with FFY2017 program apportionment, funds will be flexed to FHWA and combined with PL funds to be administered as a Consolidated Planning Grant by TDOT Long Range Planning. TDOT Multimodal will no longer administer and allocate FTA Section 5303 funds beginning with FFY2017 funds. TDOT Multimodal will continue to administer existing contracts with MPOs that include FTA Section 5303 funds. TDOT Multimodal will also continue to monitor and be active with MPOs to ensure metropolitan transit planning activities continue as required by the FTA.