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Overview of 5310 Requirements—February 11, 2016

- 1. The Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (also known as Section 5310) funds transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable.
- 2. Projects funded with 5310 funds must be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan. Since every 5310 project depends on the regional plan, this is the time to engage with 5310 providers to determine the needs, identify priorities, and consider solutions for seniors and individuals with disabilities for the duration of the plan.
- 3. Successful projects will:
 - a. projects that leverage existing resources and promote innovation;
 - b. projects that are the only public transportation option for the proposed service area;
 - c. projects that are sustainable over time;
 - d. projects that demonstrate efficient use of resources;
 - e. projects that address gaps in service area or times;
 - f. projects that involve partnerships that include non-profit organizations and for- profit transportation providers; or
 - g. projects that provide service continuity.

Performance measures for recipients include:

- a. Gaps in service filled
- b. Ridership (actual or estimated # rides one-way trips for people with disabilities and seniors)
- c. Service improvement in geographic coverage, service quality, service times
- d. Physical improvements
- 4. Traditional 5310 funding recipients are private non-profit organizations and state/local agencies certified to coordinate services for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- 5. In Texas we promote **coordination and partnerships** between non-profit organizations/state or local agencies and transit providers to provide better and more efficient services to the targeted populations
- 6. TxDOT distributes funding to each TxDOT district based on a formula that takes into account district size and population of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Projects are evaluated in each district by a team of local stakeholders who are familiar with the needs of the community.