

STAFF REPORT

May 12, 2022 TTC Meeting


**SUBJ: Recommendation on FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment #2 (CORTRAN Capital Assistance)**

Following the release of Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s (DRPT) Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) on April 20th, staff received a request from DRPT to amend the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The request is to include Roanoke County’s new request for FTA 5310 capital assistance funding to operate its CORTRAN service for seniors and people with disabilities next year. This project is recommended for inclusion in the DRPT FY23-28 SYIP.

The currently updated FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program outlines the plan for FTA 5310 funds in the region.

The following tables list what 5310 projects were applied for and are proposed for funding.


Applicant	Project	Requested Amount	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
enCircle	2 replacement minivans	\$130,000	None	N/A
LOA	1 9-passenger van w/lifts	\$70,000	None	N/A
RADAR	2 15-passenger vans	\$134,000	\$140,000	\$112,000 (80% Federal) \$28,000 (20% Local)

 Denotes ongoing projects/services in the current FY21-24 TIP

The enCircle application for vehicles was not originally included for FY23 in the TIP, and the vehicles seeking replacement did not meet the DRPT criteria for replacement; thus, they were not recommended for funding by DRPT. The Local Office on Aging (LOA) application was not recommended for funding because DRPT saw a duplication of portions of the County’s CORTRAN service and had concerns about their budget. Although it is shown in the TIP that operating funding was planned for RADAR in FY23, RADAR did not apply for these funds this fiscal year.

Although not originally planned for FY23 in the TIP, Roanoke County applied for \$613,338 in 5310 capital and operating funds for its CORTRAN service. The Draft SYIP shows funding amounts under the 5310 Rural and Large Urban Programs, due to CORTRAN’s service to portions of Roanoke County which are in both the urban and rural portions of the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region.

Applicant	Project	Funded Amount (Proposed)	Match
Roanoke County (CORTRAN)	Transit vehicles for the CORTRAN program	\$288,000 (Large Urban)	\$230,400 (80% Federal) \$46,080 (16% State) \$11,520 (4% Local)
Roanoke County (CORTRAN)	Operating service for one year	\$250,000 (Rural)	\$200,000 (80% Federal) \$40,000 (16% State) \$10,000 (4% Local)

 Denotes new projects/services in the FY23-28 SYIP and the FY21-24 TIP

For this amendment, \$288,000 in *Large Urban* 5310 funding for CORTRAN transit vehicles is only being considered as it is a new project not originally in the TIP.

The RVTPO apportionment of Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (FFY23) FTA 5310 funding is \$316,565. There is a current carryover amount of \$35,992 from FFY22. Approved projects under the draft SYIP total \$342,400 in federal dollars (state/local match amounts are separate), which leaves a future federal carryover amount of \$10,157.

A 14-day public comment period will occur prior to a public hearing held at the May 26 RVTPO meeting.

TTC Action: Recommend action on FY2021-2024 TIP Amendment #2 to the RVTPO Policy Board adding federal 5310 capital assistance funding for vehicles to operate Roanoke County's CORTTRAN service.