



Section 5307/Section 5311 Allocation Analysis Update

To: Chair and Board of Directors
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SECTION 5307 SUBURBAN TRANSITION UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

At the July committee and Board meetings, IPTC staff provided a detailed update to the Service and Finance Committees regarding the Section 5307/Section 5311 Allocation Plan, which is being led by the Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO), in coordination with IPTC, the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA), and the Central Indiana region's rural providers. RLS & Associates is the lead consultant on the project. The purpose of this plan is to determine how Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funding for the region will be administered and allocated. To date, planning activities have centered around two key components for the plan: sub-allocation of federal dollars generated by the region, and grant administration.

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has informed the region that, effective January 1, 2022, funding for Section 5311 will be reduced to reflect the growth of the urbanized area. The providers in the counties outside of Marion County have already begun reporting trips as urban trips, entitling any of the eligible agencies to receive 5307/5340/5339 funding.

UPDATE:

IPTC has retained the services of RLS & Associates, a consulting firm specializing in providing training, technical assistance, and transportation management and operations for entities working in the transit industry. RLS has helped IPTC staff expand its capabilities to support the transition to Section 5307 funds. The project team has met with representatives from all four counties. Hamilton County is in the procurement and contracting phase. Johnson and Hancock Counties are anticipated to be in the procurement phase in the third quarter. The project team will be attending the July 13th Hendricks County Board of Commissioner's meeting to seek the commissioner's approval for Hendricks County to become the subrecipient.

The project team has developed several templates and a checklist for the counties to use to establish the service. As the project transitions from procurement to implementation, the project team will continue to support the counties. IPTC staff anticipate trainings with the newly procured contractors in the fourth quarter of 2021. In that same quarter, IPTC staff will work with RLS staff to develop oversight documentation for IPTC and for the counties.

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the update.

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