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U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Transit Administration

Application

Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN)	TX-2025-044-00
Temporary Application Number	1567-2025-1
Award Name	TxDOT FY24/25 Section 5311 FHWA flex for Capital Expenses - Facility Construction and Fleet Replacement
Application Status	Final Concurrence / Reservation
Application Budget Number	0

Period of Performance Start Date	N/A		
Original Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2027		
Current Period of Performance End Date	12/31/2027	Revision #: 0	Approved?: No

Budget Period Start Date	N/A
Budget Period End Date	12/31/2027

Part 1: Recipient Information

Name: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Recipient ID	Recipient OST Type	Recipient Alias	UEI	DUNS
1567	Multi State Group	TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION	KXKDXF9XV5T3	806782553

Location Type	Address	City	State	Zip
Physical Address	125 E 11TH ST	AUSTIN	TX	78701
Mailing Address	125 EAST 11TH STREET	AUSTIN	TX	78701

Union Information

Union Name	NO UNION
Address 1	
Address 2	
City	
State	
Zipcode	
Contact Name	NO UNION
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Website	

Part 2: Application Information

Title: TxDOT FY24/25 Section 5311 FHWA flex for Capital Expenses - Facility Construction and Fleet Replacement

FAIN	Application Status	Award Type	Application Cost Center	Date Created	Last Updated Date	From TEAM?
TX-2025-044-00	Final Concurrence / Reservation	Grant	Region 6	1/28/2025	1/28/2025	No

Application Executive Summary

This application from Texas Department of Transportation is to request 5311 funds \$8,000,000 transferred from the FHWA Carbon Reduction Program, FY 2024/2025. This initial application only includes 1 subrecipient Rural Economic Assistance League (REAL) - constructing a new Maintenance Facility - Alice, TX.

Additional fleet replacement funds will be applied for in a future amendment.

Funding includes:

TOTAL 5311 AWARD: \$18,000,000. This application awards \$8,000,000. \$10,000,000 to be applied for in future amendment.

TOTAL TDC: 3,100,000. This application includes 1,600,000. 1,500,000 to be included in future amendments.

TDC Match Ratio: 80/20

Construction materials used in projects under this grant are subject to the domestic preference requirement of the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. 117-58, div. G, tit. IX, 70911 70927 (2021), as implemented by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and FTA. The Recipient acknowledges that this agreement is neither a waiver of 70914(a) nor a finding under 70914(b).

Project 1: \$8,000,000 5311 funds transferred from the FHWA Carbon Reduction Program.
Construction facility - Rural Economic Assistance League (REAL) - Maintenance Facility - Alice, TX

Match: 1,600,000 TDC

The funds will be used by 5311 eligible subrecipients to support capital projects such as fleet replacement and the construction of a facility project. However, at this time we are only applying for the facility construction funding.

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Frequency of Milestone Progress Reports (MPR)

Annual

Frequency of Federal Financial Reports (FFR)

Annual

Does this application include funds for research and/or development activities?

This award does not include research and development activities.

Pre-Award Authority

This award is not using Pre-Award Authority.

Does this application include suballocation funds?

Recipient organization is the Designated Recipient and can apply for and receive these apportioned funds.

Will this Grant be using Lapsing Funds?

No, this Grant does not use Lapsing Funds.

Will indirect costs be applied to this application?

This award does not include an indirect cost rate.

Indirect Rate Details: N/A

Requires E.O. 12372 Review

No, this application does not require E.O. 12372 Review.

Delinquent Federal Debt

No, my organization does not have delinquent federal debt.

Award Description

Purpose

5311 funding will enable the Texas rural transit providers to keep their facilities and fleet in a state of good repair for use in rural portions of Texas.

Activities to be performed:

Purchase of replacement vehicles and facility work.

Expected outcomes:

Transit providers will be able to keep their capital items in a state of good repair by replacing older fleet and facilities.

Intended beneficiaries:

The proposed projects will benefit Texans living in rural areas, rural communities, transit riders and

providers.

Subrecipient Activities:

The rural transit districts that receive these funds will use the funds to benefit the general public by ensuring the capital items they interact with are in a good state of repair and in condition to serve their purpose.

Application Point of Contact Information

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Application Budget Control Totals

Funding Source	Section of Statute	CFDA Number	Amount
FHWA Transfer to 5311Rural Area Formula	5311-2	20509	\$8,000,000
Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$1,600,000
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$8,000,000

Application Budget

Project Number	Budget Item	FTA Amount	Non-FTA Amount	Total Eligible Amount	Quantity
TX-2025-044-01-00	600-00 (600-A1) OTHER PROGRAM COSTS	\$8,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000,000.00	0
TX-2025-044-01-00	CONSTRUCT - 11.43.02 MAINTENANCE FACILITY	\$8,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000,000.00	0

Discretionary Allocations

This application does not contain discretionary allocations.

Part 3: Project Information

Project Title: FY24 5311 Facility

Project Number	Temporary Project Number	Date Created	Start Date	End Date
TX-2025-044-01-00	1567-2025-1-P1	1/31/2025	6/2/2025	12/31/2026

Project Description

5311 funds transferred from the FHWA Carbon Reduction Program, FY 2024. For distribution to Rural Economic Assistance League (REAL) to be used on a maintenance facility project in Alice, TX.

Construction materials used in projects under this grant are subject to the domestic preference requirement of the Build America, Buy America Act, Pub. L. 117-58, div. G, tit. IX, 70911 70927 (2021), as implemented by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and FTA. The Recipient acknowledges that this agreement is neither a waiver of 70914(a) nor a finding under 70914(b).

Project Benefits

Establish a facility to support in-house maintenance operations, allowing REAL to reduce costs, enhance quality, and implement agency policies and best practices for maintaining SGR. This facility will also enable REAL to improve safety, manage risks, and conduct mid-life rehabilitations and overhauls to meet the lifecycle needs of transit vehicle assets.

Additional Information

REAL Maintenance Facility is located in Alice, Texas. It is on FM 1554, Alice, TX 78332.

Location Description

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Project Location (Urbanized Areas)

UZA Code	Area Name
480000	Texas

Congressional District Information

District	State
15	Texas

Program Plan Information

STIP/TIP

Date: 11/22/2024

Description: 2025-2028 STIP Page 632.

UPWP

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

Long Range Plan

Date: N/A

Description: N/A

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TX-2025-044-01-00	11.43.02 CONSTRUCT - MAINTENANCE FACILITY	\$8,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000,000.00	0

Project Budget Activity Line Items

Budget Activity Line Item: 11.43.02 - CONSTRUCT - MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Scope Name / Code	Line Item #	Line Item Name	Activity	Quantity
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.43.02	CONSTRUCT - MAINTENANCE FACILITY	CONSTRUCTION OF BUS SUPPORT EQUIP/FACIL	0

Extended Budget Description

Original Budget

\$8,000,000 5311 funds, 1,600,000 TDC

TDC match ratio: 80/20

Useful Life: 40 years for new construction

Rural Economic Assistance League, Inc. (REAL)

Scope:

Construct a maintenance facility to support in-house maintenance operations, allowing REAL to reduce costs, enhance quality, and implement agency policies and best practices for maintaining SGR. This facility will also enable REAL to improve safety, manage risks, and conduct mid-life rehabilitations and overhauls to meet the lifecycle needs of transit vehicle assets. Maintenance facility will include a wash bay and fuel station. REAL is concurrently constructing an Administration and Operations building on the same site; however, these funds will be allocated solely for the maintenance building's construction.

Facility Location:

FM 1554, Alice, TX 78332

Schedule:

I. Design (July 2022 - April 2024)

II. Procurement (May 2024 - May 2025)

III. Construction - Maintenance Building (June 2025 - September 2026)

IV. Certificate of Occupancy (December 2026)

Cost Estimate:

Total estimated project cost (construction) is \$6M for the maintenance facility. The eligible amount funded by TxDOT is \$8M. No other FTA funds are being used for this project.

CE Approval:

CE approved by FTA on 4/19/2021

Will 3rd Party contractors be used to fulfill this activity line item?

Yes, 3rd Party Contractors will be used for this line item.

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Local			\$0
Local/In-Kind			\$0
State			\$0
State/In-Kind			\$0
Other Federal			\$0
Transportation Development Credit			\$1,600,000
Adjustment			\$0
Total Eligible Cost			\$8,000,000

Milestone Name	Est. Completion Date	Description
Contract Award Date	6/2/2025	3rd party contractor awarded
Construction Start Date	6/12/2025	Construction begins on Maintenance facility
Construction Ends	9/30/2026	Construction estimated to be complete
End Date	12/31/2026	Certificate of Occupancy awarded/Project finished.

Project Environmental Findings

Finding: Class II(c) - Categorical Exclusions (C-List)

Class Level Description

Class II(c) consists of projects that do not have a significant environmental impact on the human or natural environment and are therefore categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. FTA requires a sufficient project description to support a CE determination. The project may require additional documentation to comply with other environmental laws.

Categorical Exclusion Description

Type 09: Assembly or construction of facilities that is consistent with existing land use and zoning requirements (including floodplain regulations) and uses primarily land disturbed for transportation use, such as: buildings and associated structures; bus transfer stations or intermodal centers; busways and streetcar lines or other transit investments within areas of the right-of-way occupied by the physical footprint of the existing facility or otherwise maintained or used for transportation operations; and parking facilities.

Date Description	Date
Class IIc CE Approved	

Scope Name / Code	Line Item Number	Line Item Name	Quantity	FTA Amount	Total Eligible Cost
OTHER PROGRAM COSTS (600-00)	11.43.02	CONSTRUCT - MAINTENANCE FACILITY	0	\$8,000,000.00	\$8,000,000.00

Part 4: Fleet Details

No fleet data exists for this application.

Part 5: FTA Review Comments

FTA Comments for DOL

Comment By Eduardo Machuca

Comment Type DOL Review for Information

Date 4/2/2025

Comment

Application Review Comments

Comment By Margaret Griffin

Comment Type Application Details

Date 3/25/2025

Comment Transit Vehicle Manufacturers (TVM) must have an approved FTA DBE Goal prior to bidding on contract. For a current listing, see <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and->

guidance/civil-rights-ada/eligible-tvms-list. Recipient must ensure that all vehicles purchased are accessible and purchased from an FTA approved TVM.

Recipient must comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations related to this project, including the ADA Standards for Transportation Facilities, based on the U.S. Access Boards ADA Accessibility Guidelines found here: <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/transportation/facilities/ada-standards-for-transportation-facilities>. The following is a non-exhaustive list of ADA standards that Recipient must comply with. The information provided below is intended as technical assistance and applies only to the project as described. Should the project scope change or new information on the project be provided, FTA may require a re-evaluation of the project information as it relates to ADA and require additional information. This confirmation is not an express or implied promise of project compliance with the ADA.

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As required under DOT ADA Standard 206.4.1, Recipient must ensure that 60 percent of all public entrances to the facility will be accessible. If a station has only two entrances, then both must be accessible.

As required under DOT ADA Standard 206.3, Recipient must ensure that accessible routes coincide with or are located in the same area as general circulation paths, and elements such as ramps, elevators, and fare vending and collection areas are placed to minimize the distance that wheelchair users and other persons who cannot climb steps must travel in comparison to the general public.

As required under DOT ADA Standard 406.8, Recipient must ensure that curb ramps will have detectable warnings.

As required under DOT ADA Standard 810.2, Recipient must ensure that bus boarding and alighting areas are in compliance with the ADA-ABA Guidelines (Section 810.2), which address surfaces (sturdy); dimensions (96 long x 60 wide); connection to sidewalks, streets, and pedestrian paths; slope (not steeper than 1:48); signs; and public address systems.

For Bus Shelters: As required under DOT ADA Standard 810.3, Recipient must ensure bus shelters shall provide a minimum clear floor or ground space complying with Standard 305 entirely within the shelter. Bus shelters shall be connected by an accessible route complying with Standard 402 to a boarding and alighting area complying with 810.2. As required under DOT ADA Standard 810.2, new, altered, or relocated bus stops must have a firm, stable surface and must provide a clear length of 96 inches (2,440 mm), measured perpendicular to the curb or vehicle roadway edge, and a clear width of 60 inches (1,525 mm), measured parallel to the vehicle roadway. As required under DOT ADA Standard 810.2, the slope of the bus boarding and alighting area in the direction parallel to the roadway must be the same as that of the roadway to the maximum extent practicable. Perpendicular to the roadway, the slope must not exceed 1:48, that is, not more than 1 inch of rise over a horizontal distance of 48 inches.

Per the current Title VI Circular, Transit providers that have implemented or will implement a New Start, Small Start, or other new fixed guideway capital project shall conduct a service and fare equity analysis. The service and fare equity analysis will be conducted six months prior to the beginning of revenue operations, whether or not the proposed changes to existing service rise to the level of major service change as defined

by the transit provider. All proposed changes to parallel or connecting service will be examined. If the entity that builds the project is different from the transit provider that will operate the project, the transit provider operating the project shall conduct the analysis. The service equity analysis shall include a comparative analysis of service levels pre-and post- the New Starts/Small Starts/new fixed guideway capital project. The analysis shall be depicted in tabular format and shall determine whether the service changes proposed (including both reductions and increases) due to the capital project will result in a disparate impact on minority populations. The transit provider shall also conduct a fare equity analysis for any and all fares that will change as a result of the capital project.

ADD FOR STORAGE, MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS FACILITIES (not shelters or transit stations)

Per the current Title VI Circular, Title 49 CFR Section 21.9(b)(3) states, In determining the site or location of facilities, a recipient or applicant may not make selections with the purpose or effect of excluding persons from, denying them the benefits of, or subjecting them to discrimination under any program to which this regulation applies, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin; or with the purpose or effect of defeating or substantially impairing the accomplishment of the objectives of the Act or this part. Title 49 CFR part 21, Appendix C, Section (3)(iv) provides, The location of projects requiring land acquisition and the displacement of persons from their residences and businesses may not be determined on the basis of race, color, or national origin. In order to comply with the regulations:

- a. The recipient shall complete a Title VI equity analysis during the planning stage with regard to where a project is located or sited to ensure the location is selected without regard to race, color, or national origin. Recipients shall engage in outreach to persons potentially impacted by the siting of facilities. The Title VI equity analysis must compare the equity impacts of various siting alternatives, and the analysis must occur before the selection of the preferred site.
- b. When evaluating locations of facilities, recipients should give attention to other facilities with similar impacts in the area to determine if any cumulative adverse impacts might result. Analysis should be done at the Census tract or block group where appropriate to ensure that proper perspective is given to localized impacts.
- c. If the recipient determines that the location of the project will result in a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, or national origin, the recipient may only locate the project in that location if there is a substantial legitimate justification for locating the project there, and where there are no alternative locations that would have a less disparate impact on the basis of race, color, or national origin. The recipient must show how both tests are met; it is important to understand that in order to make this showing, the recipient must consider and analyze alternatives to determine whether those alternatives would have less of a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, or national origin, and then implement the least discriminatory alternative.