



## **PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

**FFY 2018-19**

The approved Program of Projects for FFY 2018-19 is attached. The proposed Program of Projects was introduced at the SCTA Board at its meeting on April 17, 2019. The SCTA Board approved the Program of Projects at its meeting on May 15, 2019. Two public hearings were held regarding the proposed Program of Projects. One hearing was held at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the SCTA Lancaster Headquarters Office, 45 Erick Road, Lancaster, PA. A second hearing was held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at the SCTA Reading Office, 1700 North Eleventh Street, Reading, PA. No comments were received in writing in advance for either hearing and no individuals attended either public hearing.

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**Background Information**

On November 12, 2014 and on November 13, 2014, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Berks County Board of Commissioners, respectively, approved organizing the South Central Transit Authority (SCTA) under the Municipalities Authorities Act of 2001. SCTA was formed as a result of the consolidation of the management and administrative functions of the Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA) in Lancaster County and the Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA) in Berks County. Both RRTA and BARTA remain in existence as operating agencies providing the service in their respective counties. SCTA signed Management, Administrative and Support Services Agreements with both BARTA and RRTA to provide all executive, management, administrative and support services to BARTA and RRTA. SCTA assumed the management and administrative responsibilities for the operation of BARTA and RRTA as of January 1, 2015.

SCTA is the designated recipient of the federal Section 5307 and 5339 funds apportioned to the Lancaster, PA and Reading, PA Urbanized Areas. As the designated recipient and based on federal guidelines, SCTA is required to draft a Program of Projects identifying the proposed projects to be advanced with the apportioned funds. The proposed Program of Projects is publicly advertised and is the subject of a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input in the development of the Program of Projects.

Since the funds are apportioned to the Lancaster and Reading Urbanized Areas, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is requiring SCTA to develop the Program of Projects identifying the proposed projects funded with the Lancaster apportionment and the proposed projects funded with the Reading apportionment. Funds from one urbanized area cannot be used on a project in the other urbanized area.

In FFY 2019, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$4,558,940 in federal Section 5307 funds and an apportionment of \$549,885 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Lancaster Urbanized Area.

In FFY 2019, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$3,642,483 in federal Section 5307 funds and an apportionment of \$441,946 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Reading Urbanized Area.

The approved FFY 2018-19 Program of Projects follows.

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**Lancaster, PA Urbanized Area**

1. Purchase Maintenance Software (\$375,000)(5307)  
SCTA is proposing to purchase replacement Maintenance Software. The software will track and provide reports on the maintenance of vehicles and facilities.
2. Construction of a Shared Ride Facility (\$3,690,000)(5307)  
This project provides for land acquisition and the design and construction of an operating facility for the Lancaster shared ride system and for the maintenance and enclosed storage of the shared ride fleet.
3. ADA Services (\$569,868)(5307)  
This project funds the cost of providing ADA paratransit service for persons with disabilities that complements the existing fixed route service operated in Lancaster County. As provided for under federal guidelines, ten percent (10%) of the annual federal funding allocation to the Lancaster Urbanized Area will be used to fund ADA Services.
4. Purchase Hybrid Electric Buses (\$750,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Lancaster operation that have reached the end of their service life. This project provides for the purchase of 35 foot hybrid electric buses. These buses will replace buses that have exceeded their 12-year useful life. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses to replace diesel buses.
5. Purchase Finance Software/Upgrades (\$97,558)(5307)  
SCTA is proposing to procure replacement financial reporting software. The software will allow for more intelligent financial reporting and forecasting, and introduce the Authority to dashboard reporting and custom financial inquiring for multiple users.
6. Access to Jobs Program (\$250,000)(5307)  
These funds will continue the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program presently established and successfully operating in the County of Lancaster. The JARC program funds the cost of providing shared ride service to qualified employees who are unable to use fixed route service to complete one leg of their trip to or from their place of employment.
7. Purchase Two (2) Service Vehicles (\$60,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of service vehicles used in its Lancaster operation. This project provides for the purchase of two (2) service vehicles. These vehicles will replace vehicles that have exceeded their 5-year useful life.
8. Purchase One (1) Hybrid Bus (\$687,356)(5339)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Lancaster operation that have reached the end of their service life. This project provides for the purchase of one (1) 35 foot hybrid electric bus. This bus will replace one 2010 Gillig diesel bus in FY 2022. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled



buses to replace diesel buses. The Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program is continued under the FAST Act federal transportation authorizing legislation

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**Reading, PA Urbanized Area**

1. BTC Upgrades (\$1,125,294)(5307)  
The BARTA Transportation Center (BTC) opened for service in the spring of 2001. Upgrading the existing lighting and security infrastructure will better serve the customers. The replacement of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing components of the facility are intended to ensure that the BTC reaches its 30 year useful life.
2. Purchase Maintenance Software (\$375,000)(5307)  
SCTA is proposing to purchase replacement Maintenance Software. The software will track and provide reports on the maintenance of vehicles and facilities.
3. Purchase Four (4) Hybrid Electric Buses (\$2,500,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Reading operation that have reached the end of their service life. This project provides for the purchase of four (4) 35 foot hybrid electric buses. These buses will replace four (4) 2008 Gillig diesel buses in FY 2021. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses to replace diesel buses.
4. ADA Services (\$455,310)(5307)  
This project funds the cost of providing ADA paratransit service for persons with disabilities that complements the existing fixed route service operated in Berks County. As provided for under federal guidelines, ten percent (10%) of the annual federal funding allocation to the Reading Urbanized Area will be used to fund ADA Services.
5. Purchase Two (2) Service Vehicles (\$60,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of service vehicles used in its Reading operation. This project provides for the purchase of two (2) service vehicles. These vehicles will replace vehicles that have exceeded their 5-year useful life.
6. Purchase Forklift (\$37,500)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of equipment used in its Reading operation. This project provides for the purchase of one forklift. This forklift will replace a forklift purchased in 1995 that has exceeded its 10-year useful life.
7. Purchase One (1) Hybrid Bus (\$552,433)(5339)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Reading operation that have reached the end of their service life. This project provides for the purchase of one (1) 35 foot hybrid electric bus. This bus will replace one 2008 Gillig diesel bus in FY 2021. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses to replace diesel buses. The Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program is continued under the FAST Act federal transportation authorizing legislation.