



## **PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

### **FFY 2019-2020**

The proposed Program of Projects for FFY 2019-2020 is attached. The proposed Program of Projects was introduced at the SCTA Board at its meeting on March 18, 2020. Two public hearings will be held regarding the proposed Program of Projects. One hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2020 at the SCTA Lancaster Headquarters Office, 45 Erick Road, Lancaster, PA. A second hearing is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the SCTA Reading Office, 1700 North Eleventh Street, Reading, PA.

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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 2020, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$4,697,917 in federal Section 5307 funds and an apportionment of \$578,462 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Lancaster Urbanized Area.

In FFY 2020, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$3,716,144 in federal Section 5307 funds and an apportionment of \$459,135 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Reading Urbanized Area.

The proposed FFY 2019-2020 Program of Projects follows.

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**Lancaster, PA Urbanized Area**

1. Queen Street Parking Garage (\$500,000)(5307)  
The Queen Street Parking Garage opened for service in 2012. Routine preventive maintenance type of construction including expansion joint replacement and upgrades to the facility are intended to ensure that the parking garage reaches its 30-year useful life.
2. Construction of a Shared Ride Facility (\$4,103,796)(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 (\$587,240)(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 Computer Hardware and Software (\$125,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of miscellaneous computer hardware components and software to ensure the authority is operating at its most efficient. SCTA is also proposing to implement performance measuring tracking software.
5. Purchase Office Equipment (\$15,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of miscellaneous office equipment components to ensure the authority is operating at its most efficient.
6. Purchase Mobile Bus Operator Simulator (\$200,000)(5307)  
SCTA is proposing to purchase a mobile bus operator simulator for training SCTA fixed route bus operators and subcontractor demand response operators in basic skills development, refresher activities and remedial lessons for improved safety performance.
7. Access to Jobs Program (\$300,000)(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.
8. Purchase Two (2) Shared-Ride Van (\$153,860)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of shared-ride vehicles used in its Lancaster operation. This project provides for the purchase of two (2) shared-ride vans. These vans will replace two 2015 Ford Challenger vans that have exceeded their five-year useful life.



9. Purchase One (1) Hybrid Bus (\$723,078)(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 2012 Gillig diesel bus in FY 2025. 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, Phase III; Park-N-Transit Preventive Maintenance (\$1,184,163)(5307)  
The BARTA Transportation Center (BTC) opened for service in the spring of 2001. Phase III consists of repairs including refurbishing bus drive lanes, removing ceiling tiles, improve interior and exterior lighting and replacing generator roof radiator.  
The Park-N-Transit Parking Garage (P-N-T) opened in 2005. Routine preventive maintenance type of construction includes the replacement of the expansion joints. The routine maintenance and improvements to these two facilities are intended to ensure that the BTC and P-N-T reaches their 30-year useful life.
2. Preventive Maintenance (\$1,143,176)(5307)  
As provided for under federal guidelines, this project included in the federal Program of Projects funds eligible Vehicle Maintenance and Non-Vehicle Maintenance costs incurred for maintaining vehicles, support facilities, structures and equipment.
3. Purchase Two (2) Hybrid Electric Buses (\$1,202,568)(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 one (1) 35 foot hybrid electric bus and one (1) 40 foot hybrid electric bus. These buses will replace one (1) 2008 Gillig diesel bus and one (1) 2009 Gillig diesel bus in FY 2021. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses to replace diesel buses.
4. ADA Services (\$464,518)(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 In-Ground Shop Lifts (\$200,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of equipment

used in its Reading operation. This project provides for the replacement of the in-ground lifts that were installed in 2006 and have exceeded their 12-year useful life.

7. Purchase Four (4) Shared-Ride Vans (\$300,756)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of shared-ride vehicles used in its Reading operation. This project provides for the purchase of four (4) shared-ride vans. These vans will replace four 2015 Ford Challenger vans that have exceeded their five-year useful life.
8. Purchase Computer Hardware and Software (\$75,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of miscellaneous computer hardware components and software to ensure the authority is operating at its most efficient.
9. Purchase Office Equipment (\$15,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of miscellaneous office equipment components to ensure the authority is operating at its most efficient.
10. Purchase One (1) Hybrid Bus (\$573,919)(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.

