



## **PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

**FFY 2023-2024**

The approved Program of Projects for FFY 2023-2024 is attached. The proposed Program of Projects was introduced to the SCTA Board at its meeting held on May 15, 2024. The SCTA Board approved the Program of Projects at its meeting on June 19, 2024. Two public hearings were held regarding the proposed Program of Projects. One hearing was held at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at the SCTA Lancaster Headquarters Office, 45 Erick Road, Lancaster, PA. A second hearing was held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at the SCTA Reading Office, 1700 North Eleventh Street, Reading, PA. One individual was in attendance virtually for the Lancaster hearing on June 13, 2024 as an observer to hear any comments, but had no comments of their own. One individual arrived to attend the Reading hearing but through miscommunication the individual left minutes prior to the 5:00 PM start of the hearing. No written comments were received in advance of either 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-Manheim, 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-Manheim 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-Manheim 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.

SCTA will be utilizing its apportionment from the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area of federal Section 5307 funds in the amount of \$1,171,402. In FFY 2024, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$538,518 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area.

In FFY 2024, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$5,133,754 in federal Section 5307 funds and an apportionment of \$449,962 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Reading Urbanized Area.

The approved FFY 2023-2024 Program of Projects follows.

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**Lancaster-Manheim, PA Urbanized Area**

1. Purchase One (1) Fixed Route Bus (\$556,753)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Lancaster operation that have met their useful service life of 12 years. This project provides for the purchase of one (1) 35 foot Fixed Route bus. This bus will replace one (1) 2015 Gillig hybrid electric-diesel bus in FY 2028. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses.
2. Facilities/Equipment Upgrades & Improvements (\$200,000)(5307)  
Upgrades and improvements to facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, replacement of the oil and water separator; replacement of the Operations Center's emergency generator; and associated miscellaneous facility updates and improvements.
3. 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.
4. Purchase Shop Equipment (\$50,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of equipment used in its Lancaster operation. This project includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of replacement portable bus lifts and a scissors lift that have met their useful service life of 10 years.
5. Purchase Computer Hardware and Software (\$170,000)(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.
6. Replace Bus Shelters (\$300,000)(5307)  
SCTA is planning to advance a project providing for a targeted investment in the replacement of bus shelters. This project funds the purchase and installation of bus shelters that have met their useful service life of 15 years. The replacement of bus shelters will contribute to retaining current riders and attracting new riders to the bus system.
7. Purchase One (1) Fixed Route Bus (\$673,148)(5339)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Lancaster operation that have met their useful service life of 12 years. This project provides for the purchase of one (1) 35 foot Fixed Route bus. This bus will replace one (1) 2015 Gillig hybrid electric-diesel bus in FY 2028. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses. The Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program is continued under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act federal transportation authorizing legislation.

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**Reading, PA Urbanized Area**

1. ADA Services (\$320,860)(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, up to ten percent (10%) of the annual federal funding allocation to the Reading Urbanized Area is allowable to be used to fund ADA Services.
2. Facilities/Equipment Upgrades and Improvements (\$5,828,204)(5307)  
Upgrades and improvements to facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, Transportation Center passenger waiting area, sales office, driver's breakroom, administrative offices, hallways and restroom updates; repair or replace deteriorated concrete in bus lanes, sidewalks, curbs, step landings and parking garage drive lanes; rehab employee parking lot at the Reading Operations Center; Transportation Center emergency generator replacement; Transportation Center parking garage storm water drainage pipe replacement; and associated miscellaneous facility updates and improvements.
3. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (\$48,129)(5307)  
As provided for under federal guidelines of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 0.75% of the annual federal funding allocation to the Reading Urbanized Area will be used to fund elements of the Agency Safety Plan including but not limited to establishing a risk reduction program; establishing performance targets; purchasing replacement rolling stock; modifications to rolling stock; and preventive maintenance activities that ensure SCTA's fleet is safe and in a state of good repair.
4. Purchase Computer Hardware and Software (\$170,000)(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.
5. Purchase Shop Equipment (\$50,000)(5307)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of equipment used in its Reading operation. This project includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of replacement portable bus lifts and a scissors lift that have met their useful service life of 10 years.
6. Bus Facilities: Facilities/Equipment Upgrades and Improvements (\$562,453)(5339)  
Upgrades and improvements to facilities and equipment including, but not limited to, replacement of the oil and water separator; replacement of the underground unleaded gasoline tank with an above ground unleaded gasoline tank; rehab employee parking lot at the Reading Operations Center; installation of a solar panel field; and associated miscellaneous facility updates and improvements. The Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program is continued under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act federal transportation authorizing legislation.