

Information for the El Paso MPO FTA 5310 Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Request for Proposal (RFP) announcement:

The EPMPO Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Funds are for the El Paso urbanized area. This program provides formula funding to increase the mobility of seniors and persons with disabilities. Proposals are being solicited for capital and operating assistance projects for mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities that provide services within the El Paso urbanized area.

FFY 2024 allocated funds of \$923,650 are to be programmed in FY 2025 (Capital: \$564,453; Operations: \$359,197). FFY 2025 ***estimated*** funds of \$923,650 are to be programmed in FY 2026 (Capital: \$564,453; Operations: \$359,197).

Important Dates:

- July 8, 2024 Release and announcement of the 5310 Request for Proposals (RFP) to the public. 5310 Program RFP documents are available online in the **FTA Section 5310 Request for Proposal Information** at <https://www.elpasompo.org/FTASection5310Program>
- July 17, August 2, 2024 Virtual public meetings to provide information and answer questions. Virtual meeting information can be found at <https://www.elpasompo.org/FTASection5310Program>. Also, an on-demand virtual meeting is available for viewing online from July 8 to October 4, 2024 at <https://www.elpasompo.org/FTASection5310Program>
- August 8, 2024 Agencies shall present proposals to Far West Texas/El Paso Regional Transportation Coordination Committee (WTEP) at the August WTEP meeting (please contact Celia Garcia, cgarcia@projectamistad.org, for WTEP meeting information) to obtain a required letter of endorsement/support for projects that are responsive to the regional plan objectives for the targeted population. This letter will need to be included in RFP packet submittal to EPMPO.
- August 15, 2024 Deadline to submit draft application to El Paso MPO for review.
- August 26-September 26, 2024* El Paso MPO staff review. This review of agency proposals is mandatory and will assist the applicants in ensuring their proposal addresses gaps in regional transportation plan, answers one of the objectives/strategies listed in the EPMPO Congestion Management Process document as well as the FTA Section 5310 RFP and FTA Section 5310 Circular 9070.1G requirements.
- October 4, 2024 5310 RFP Submittals (and TDC request letters) are due to the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization (EPMPO) office by 3:00 PM MDT.
- October 14-25, 2024 Transportation Project Advisory Committee (TPAC) Ad Hoc Committee review of submittals for recommendation to TPAC.
- November 6, 2024 TPAC Meeting review of recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee for recommendation to the Transportation Policy Board (TPB)
- November 15, 2024 TPB Meeting for review of recommendations from TPAC for approval of project programming and amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Early 2025 MPO submits project amendments for the TIP and MTP for inclusion in the Statewide TIP. Grant applications for approved projects will also be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Detailed information of this RFP is available for downloading at the EPMPO website at <https://www.elpasompo.org/FTASection5310Program> and/or is available at the EPMPO office, 211 N. Florence, Suite 202, El Paso, TX 79901. EPMPO staff contact: Moraima Cervantes, mzcervantes@elpasompo.org

**Mandatory meeting*