



## Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

*The MPO for the Shreveport/Bossier City Metropolitan Area*

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Mr. Shawn Wilson, Secretary  
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
PO Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

Re: FFY2019-2022 TIP Amendment #05202021-02: SPORTRAN's (FTA Section 5307 large urban transit provider) purchase of 7 new CNG type buses utilizing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding in FFY 2021.

Dear Secretary Wilson,

The intent of this transfer request is to supplement SPORTRAN's efforts to replace aging fleet buses with new CNG type, bus replacements SPORTRAN (City of Shreveport – fiscal agent). Further, this funding request will reduce SPORTRAN's Fleet Average Vehicle Age (a Performance Measure specified in SPORTRAN's Transit Asset Management Plan; TAMP – effective 10.2020). Additionally, the grant assistance will allow SPORTRAN to purchase more cost effective CNG Type buses as compared to Electric propulsion type buses (e.g., in 2021 dollars, nearly a \$500,000 cost differential between CNG v. Electric propulsion vehicles).

Please be advised that the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) will **Amend** the Northwest Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area FFY2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP – Transit Section) for Fiscal Year 2021 concerning SPORTRAN's request to purchase 7 new CNG buses through FHWA/LADOTD's CMAQ eligible funding.

Grantee (Sponsor):	Shreveport Transit - SPORTRAN
FHWA Program Fund Source:	CMAQ
Federal Fiscal Year:	2021

Project Name	Project Description	Fund Code	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
Buy 7 New CNG Buses (w/CMAQ funding FFY 2021)	Capital	Transfer	\$3,484,442	\$2,787,553.60	\$696,888.40
<b>FFY 2021:</b>			<b>\$3,484,442.00</b>	<b>\$2,787,553.60</b>	<b>\$696,888.40</b>

In order to enhance public involvement in the MPO's transportation planning process, an electronic copy of the current TIP, as well as the listing of amendments brought before the MPO Transportation Policy Committee can be tracked through NLCOG's online presence:  
<http://www.nlcog.org/MPO/TIP/Default.html>

If you have any further questions, regarding this TIP amendment, feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Kent Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "R".

J. Kent Rogers  
Secretary - MPO Transportation Policy Committee