



Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

The MPO for the Shreveport/Bossier City Metropolitan Area

May 20th, 2021

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

Re: FFY2019-2022 TIP Amendment #05202021-01: NLCOG (MPO) requests the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to perform the transfer of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) programmatic STP>200K funding, total request amount of \$2,500,000.00, TO the City of Shreveport's FTA designated Large Urban Transit Service Provider **SPORTRAN** (Sect. 5307) in Federal Fiscal Year (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 transfer of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) programmatic Surface Transportation Program Metropolitan Areas Greater than 200,000 Population (STP>200K) funding, total request amount of \$2,500,000.00, TO Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Large Urban Transit Service Provider (Sect. 5307 - **SPORTRAN**) grant assistance funding in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021.

Request Specifications:

Local Sponsor:	MPO
Initial Federal Funding Classification / Code:	FHWA (STP >200K)
Requested Federal Funding Classification / Code:	FTA Grant Assistance/Sect. 5307
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY):	2021

Intent of Funding Assistance		Federal Support	Local Match Support	Total Request (FFY 2021)
Purchase CNG type buses. SPORTAN (Sect. 5307: Large Urban Transit Provider)		\$2,000,000 (80%)	\$500,000 (20%)	\$2,500,000
FFY 2021	Total:	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000

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,



J. Kent Rogers
Exec. Director - Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG)