



**Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments**  
*The MPO for the Shreveport/Bossier City Metropolitan Area*

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

Re: FFY2024 TIP Amendment #10272023-04: **Amendment** to the FFY2023-FFY2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – NLCOG (MPO) to request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) to perform the transfer of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) programmatic STBG>200k funding, total request amount of \$2,875,000.00, TO the City of Shreveport’s FTA designated Large Urban Transit Service Provider **SPORTRAN** (Sect. 5307).

Dear Secretary Kalivoda,

Please be advised that the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) will **Amend** the Northwest Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP – Transit Section) to request LADOTD to initial the transfer of STBG>200k highway funding to FTA Section 5307 funding for SPORTRAN (large urban transit provider).

Request Specifications:

Local Sponsor:	MPO
Initial Federal Funding Classification / Code:	FHWA (STBG >200k)
Requested Federal Funding Classification / Code:	FTA Grant Assistance/Sect. 5307
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY):	2024

Intent of Funding Assistance	Federal Support	Local Match Support	Total Request Amount	Requested Transfer (FFY)
Purchase five (5) CNG type buses. SPORTRAN (Sect. 5307: Large Urban Transit Provider)	\$2,300,000 (80%)	\$575,000 (20%)	<b>\$2,875,000.00</b>	<b>2024</b>

**Summary of TIP Request Impact(s) Upon the MPO's Adopted Transit State of Good Repair (SGR) Performance Targets and/or Environmental Justice (EJ) Responsibilities**

This Amendment will fund improvements to procure five (5) new CNG powered, full size, bus vehicles. In an effort to meet SPORTRAN's responsibilities regarding equitable transit investments within low income and high minority population areas of their Service Area, this grant assistance will be utilized to improve transit facilities within these distressed areas. Further, the purchase of new buses will lower the overall average fleet age in accordance with the performance targets SPORTRAN, with NLCOG concurrence, set out in its current TAMP (2022).

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/trans.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 prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

J. Kent Rogers

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