



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

January 22nd, 2024

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

Re: FFY2023-2026 TIP Amendment #01052024-01: SPORTRAN (Shreveport/Bossier City’s large urban transit provider) is requesting to update their Sect. 5307 FFY 2022 apportionment. Updating transit grant assistance which was **originally programmed under \$5,000,000** and the **increase does not exceed \$1,250,000** warrants an **Administrative Modification** to the effective TIP (2023-2026). Please refer to the attached TIP/STIP adopted policy concerning Modifications versus Amendment requests.

Dear Secretary Donahue,

Please be advised that the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) will **Modify** the Northwest Louisiana Metropolitan Planning Area FFY2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP – Transit Section) for Fiscal Year 2022.

Grantee (Sponsor):	City of Shreveport for SPORTRAN
FHWA Program Fund Source:	Section 5307 grant assistance funding
Federal Fiscal Year:	2022 (current apportionment)

Project Name	Fund Code	Original 5307 Apportionment	Updated 5307 Apportionment	Amount Increase
SPORTRAN: Sect. 5307 updated apportionment for FFY 2022	Section 5307	\$4,030,000.00	\$5,195,852.00	\$1,165,852.00
FFY 2022:				

CURRENT FFY 2022 SPORTRAN Sect. 5307 Capital Budget (TIP/STIP: FFY2023-2026)

MPO Project ID	Project Name	FTA Grant Assistance	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
5307-2022-01	Preventive Maintenance	5307	\$2,125,000	\$1,700,000	\$425,000
5307-2022-02	Operating Assistance	5307	\$3,600,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
5307-2022-03	Non-Fixed Route ADA Paratransit Service	5307	\$437,500	\$350,000	\$87,500
5307-2022-04	Support Equipment & Service Vehicles	5307	\$225,000	\$180,000	\$45,000
Capital Budget (5307): Sub-total			\$6,387,500	\$4,030,000	\$2,357,500

*FY 2022 is the Base Year

REQUESTED FFY 2022 SPORTRAN Sect. 5307 Capital Budget (TIP/STIP: FFY2023-2026)

MPO Project ID	Project Name	FTA Grant Assistance	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share
5307-2022-01	Preventive Maintenance	5307	\$2,853,657.50	\$2,282,926	\$570,731.50
5307-2022-02	Operating Assistance	5307	\$4,765,852	\$2,382,926	\$2,382,926
5307-2022-03	Non-Fixed Route ADA Paratransit Service	5307	\$437,500	\$350,000	\$87,500
5307-2022-04	Support Equipment & Service Vehicles	5307	\$225,000	\$180,000	\$45,000
Capital Budget (5307): Sub-total			\$8,282,009.50	\$5,195,852	\$3,086,157.50

*FY 2022 is the Base Year

Requested Modification is shown in yellow.

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 and/or modifications 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,



J. Kent Rogers
Secretary - MPO Transportation Policy Committee

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TABLE 4.1 TIP Administrative Modification versus Amendment Thresholds

Administrative Modification	Amendment
Revision to a project description w/o changing the project scope or which do not conflict with the pertinent environmental document;	Major changes to a project, including the addition or deletion of a project or a significant change to the project’s scope (e.g. unexpected drainage requirements or major changes to the design cross-section)
<p>Minor changes to the cost of a project phase (Feasibility, Environmental, R/W, UTIL. RELOCATION, ENG. and CONST.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding changes are limited to \$1,250,000 for project phases ≤ \$5,000,000 • For project phases > \$5,000,000, an administrative modification is limited to budget changes of < 25% in funding. 	<p>Major changes in project cost, project/project phase initiation dates or a major change in design concept or design scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding changes that are greater than \$1,250,000 for projects ≤ \$5,000,000 • Change of 25% or more in funding (project phase greater than \$5,000,000)
Minor changes to funding sources of previously included projects that do not affect fiscal constraint of the TIP or the ability to complete the project as initially described	Major changes to funding sources, such as adding a new federal funding source for a project NOT previously funded with federal funding
Minor changes to project/project phase initiation dates as long as the project stays within the approved TIP timeframe and does not affect fiscal constraint of the TIP or the ability to complete the project as initially described. 23 CFR 450.218(n)	
A change in the project’s implementing agency	
A split or combination of individually listed projects; as long as cost, schedule and scope remain unchanged	
The addition or deletion of projects from grouped project (line item) listings as long as the total funding amount stay within the guidelines in number two above.	