

Memorandum

5311 Statewide Projects | FFY 23-27 STIP Action #15 (Transit)

For FFY23, Massachusetts was apportioned \$5,494,566 in §5311 Rural Formula funding.

FFY23 Apportionment - Full Year	\$5,494,566
Operating Assistance	\$4,008,955
State Administration and Technical Assistance	\$534,527
RTAP	\$149,292
Intercity Bus Projects	\$801,792

This memorandum summarizes the changes made to the 5311 Statewide line for the upcoming Statewide TIP Action.

5311 Rural Operating Assistance

The proposed STIP Action includes \$8,017,910 in 5311 - Rural Operating Assistance. Rural Operating Assistance is awarded to four rural RTAs operating totally or partially in rural areas of the Commonwealth: Berkshire Regional Transit Authority (BRTA), Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA), Martha’s Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) and Nantucket Regional Transit Authority (NRTA).

Rural Operating Assistance is allocated to the RTAs using a historical formula. The allocation is summarized below. Rural Operating Assistance is matched at 50% by State Contract Assistance (SCA), Local Funds (LF) or a combination.

OPERATING ASSISTANCE (50%) FFY23						
1. Berkshire Regional Transit Authority	\$769,720	\$384,860	\$384,860	>>>>	\$384,860	\$ -
2. Franklin Regional Transit Authority	\$3,215,182	\$1,607,591	\$1,607,591		\$383,006	\$1,224,585
3. Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority	\$2,477,534	\$1,238,767	\$1,238,767		\$ -	\$1,238,767
4. Nantucket Regional Transit Authority	\$1,555,474	\$777,737	\$777,737		\$206,823	\$570,914
SUBTOTAL	\$8,017,910	\$4,008,955	\$4,008,955		\$974,689	\$3,034,266

5311(f) Rural Intercity Bus Projects

The proposed STIP Action includes \$3,747,409 in 5311(f) Rural Intercity Bus projects to support intercity bus service in the Commonwealth. Rural Intercity Bus projects are awarded to successful applicants of the biennial 5311(f) Rural Intercity Bus Program. The Intercity Bus operators and routes will be selected from a competitive application process which began in September, 2022. The notice of solicitation was emailed to the Massachusetts's Regional Transit Authorities and Intercity Bus operators. Awards were made in January & February of 2023. MassDOT will issue one-year contracts with the intercity bus operators, with an option to renew for additional terms pending annual performance and compliance reviews. The proposed STIP Action includes projects for four successful applicants: Peter Pan Bus Lines (PPBL), Plymouth & Brockton Bus Lines (P&B), Greyhound Lines and the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA).

The awards are for Year 1 of the two-year solicitation, using both the FFY23 apportionment and FFY22 carryover. Rural Intercity Bus projects are either matched at 50% by Local Funds (LF) or funded at 100% using the intercity bus in-kind match provision. All in-kind matches have been reviewed and approved by FTA Region 1.

INTERCITY BUS PROJECT FFY23	Net Project Cost	Federal Share	Local Share	>>>>>	Local Funds	In-Kind
1. Peter Pan Bus Lines SFY23 Award Year 1	\$1,878,945	\$484,572	\$1,394,373		\$ -	\$1,394,373
2. P&B Bus Lines SFY23 Award Year 1	\$488,072	\$244,036	\$244,036		\$244,036	\$ -
3. PVTA SFY23 Award Year 1	\$146,368	\$73,184	\$73,184		\$73,184	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$2,513,385	\$801,792	\$1,711,593		\$317,220	\$1,394,373

INTERCITY BUS PROJECT FFY22 (Carryover)	Net Project Cost	Federal Share	Local Share	>>>>>	Local Funds	In-Kind
4. Greyhound Lines SFY23 Award Year 1	\$991,814	\$297,584	\$694,230		\$ -	\$694,230
5. P&B Bus Lines SFY23 Award Year 1	\$190,222	\$95,111	\$95,111		\$95,111	\$ -
6. PVTA SFY23 Award Year 1	\$51,988	\$25,994	\$25,994		\$25,994	\$ -
	\$1,234,024	\$418,689	\$815,335		\$121,105	\$694,230

5311(b) RTAP

The proposed STIP Action includes \$149,292 in Rural Transit Assistance Program funding. This funding is used to continue MassDOT's successful Massachusetts Rural Transit Assistance Program (MARTap). Through its MARTap program, MassDOT offers several driver training courses each month such as: Defensive Driving, Accessible Lift Use and Passenger Securement and Disability Awareness. We also offer Specialty Training as needed. For Drug & Alcohol Sensitivity, our 5310/MAP sub-recipients take e-learning classes through the National RTAP website. The MARTap Training Programs are exemplary in that it provides 'no cost' training to hundreds of drivers a year. In addition, the RTAP program offers technical assistance to include scholarships. A Local Match is not required.

5311 State Administration

The Proposed STIP Action includes ten (10%) percent of the FFY'23 apportionment (\$534,527) to be used for State administration and technical assistance. A Local Match is not required.