

Program Guidance and Background

- On July 7, 2014, the [Final FTA Circular FTA C 9070.1G \(PDF\)](#) was published, incorporating the repealed New Freedom program into the Section 5310 Program. The vehicle projects and related equipment under the previous 5310 program are now called Traditional 5310 Projects (and can include Mobility Management projects) and comprise at minimum 55% of available funding. Expanded 5310 Projects include Operating Assistance and Mobility Management.
- Caltrans is designated by the Governor to administer the Rural Areas (populations under 50,000) Small Urbanized (populations under 199,000) federal apportionments as well as 14 Large Urbanized Area apportionments in California.
- [Assembly Bill 772](#) (Aguiar, Chapter 669, Statutes of 1996) assigned the California Transportation Commission (CTC) oversight responsibility that includes program adoption (Small Urban and Rural Projects only), allocation of funds, establishment of an appeals process, and holding at least one public hearing prior to adopting the program project list.
- The Federal Programs administered by Caltrans are guided by a [State Management Plan](#). This Plan provides an understanding of the FTA's requirements for administration and implementation of the FTA programs in California.
- Project selection follows a competitive application process established by Caltrans and the CTC.
- All FTA 5310 funded projects must be included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (Coordinated Plan). For more information, please contact your local Metropolitan Planning Organization or Regional Transportation Planning Agency.