## **Program Guidance and Background**

- On November 1, 2024, the Final FTA <u>Circular C 9070.1H</u> was published. This
  federal circular provides recipients of FTA financial assistance with instructions and
  guidance on program administration and the grant application process relative to
  the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (FTA
  Section 5310)
- The Federal Programs administered by Caltrans are guided by a <u>State Management Plan</u>. This Plan provides an understanding of the FTA's requirements for administration and implementation of the FTA programs in California.
- 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 13 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.
- 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.