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CLAY BRIGHT COMMISSIONER BILL LEE GOVERNOR

May 17, 2021

RE: FTA Section 5307 American Rescue Plan Act Program Allocation

Dear Direct Recipients:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is announcing the full funding allocations for the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act passed by Congress and enacted on March 11, 2021. The legislation provided \$30.5 billion in relief for public transit agencies across the United States, including \$5,698,615 to the Tennessee Section 5307 Small Urban Program, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Allocations were determined using the FFY2021 TDOT 5307 Allocation Formula. TDOT is issuing this allocation letter to enable Tennessee's small urban transit agencies to apply directly to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for 5307 ARP Act funds.

The table below shows the funds allocated to each Direct Recipient:

UZA	Direct Recipient	ARP Act Allocation
Bristol	Bristol Tennessee Transit	\$229,615
	First Tennessee HRA	\$38,442
Clarksville	Clarksville Transit System	\$1,305,786
Cleveland	Cleveland Urban Area Transit System	\$457,789
Jackson	Jackson Transit Authority	\$793,628
Johnson City	Johnson City Transit	\$1,108,611
	First Tennessee HRA	\$92,236
Kingsport	Kingsport Area Transit Service	\$496,995
	First Tennessee HRA	\$87,417
Morristown	Morristown- ETHRA	\$251,639
Murfreesboro	Murfreesboro Rover Transit	\$836,456
	TOTAL	\$5,698,615

FTA Section 5307 ARP Act Allocation

ARP Act funds must be obligated by September 30, 2024. The legislation also stipulates that obligated funds must be disbursed by September 30, 2029. TDOT strongly encourages Small Urban 5307 recipients to obligate these funds expeditiously and to maintain essential, safe public transportation services during and after the COVID-19 pandemic with this relief. TDOT will continue to work with agencies to assess ongoing needs and communicate federal safety protocols.

Tennessee 5307 funds provide high demand public transit service and TDOT wants to ensure that funds are used in Tennessee and that funds discarded back to the FTA are minimized. Direct Recipients must

receive TDOT approval prior to deobligating funds in their active 5307 grants. In the event that funds are deobligated by a direct recipient without TDOT written approval, funds may be deducted from that agency's future 5307 allocations.

As identified in this Split Letter, the Designated Recipient authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5307 to the Direct Recipient(s) named herein. The undersigned agrees to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the FTA to receive Section 5307 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with award for these funds.

If you have questions, please contact Kaitlyn McClanahan, Transit Manager, at <u>kaitlyn.mcclanahan@tn.gov</u> or by phone at (615) 532-5835.

Best regards,

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