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May 20, 2021

RE: FTA Section 5339 FFY2021 Program Allocation

Dear Direct Recipients:

TDOT has established a formula to allocate the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 5339 Small Urban apportionment. TDOT is issuing this allocation letter to enable Tennessee's small urban agencies to apply directly to the FTA for these 5339 funds.

TDOT Multimodal is pleased to announce the allocation of FTA Section 5339 program funds for FFY2021. Allocations are determined by formula. Formula factors include the UZA Population, Population Density, and Low Income Population, reported by the 2010 US Census and 2019 Five-year American Community Survey, as well as verified 2019 National Transit Database (NTD) data for Revenue Miles, Unlinked Passenger Trips, Ridership by Ridership per Revenue Miles and Local Investment.

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

**FTA Section 5339 FFY2021 Allocation**

| <b>Direct Recipient</b>             | <b>FFY20 Allocation</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bristol Tennessee Transit           | \$43,082                |
| Clarksville Transit System          | \$244,998               |
| Cleveland Urban Area Transit System | \$85,893                |
| Jackson Transit Authority           | \$148,905               |
| Johnson City Transit                | \$208,003               |
| Kingsport Area Transit Service      | \$93,249                |
| Morristown - ETHRA                  | \$47,214                |
| Murfreesboro Rover Transit System   | \$156,940               |
| First Tennessee HRA                 | \$40,920                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$1,069,204</b>      |

Direct Recipients may not suballocate 5339 funds to other agencies. TDOT offers state match on 5339 capital funds. Contracts will have a two year term period at time of request, unless circumstances exist that require a period beyond two years, which will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Funds allocated are subject to redistribution if not obligated by the deadline.

TDOT will make the FFY2021 5339 funds available for obligation through March 31, 2024. Funds allocated are subject to redistribution if not obligated by the deadline.

Tennessee 5339 funds are in high demand across the state and TDOT wants to ensure every \$1 is utilized for public transit service and that discarding any funds back to the FTA is minimized. Direct Recipients must receive approval from TDOT prior to deobligating funds in their active 5339 grants. In the event that funds are deobligated by a direct recipient without TDOT written approval, funds may be deducted from the agency's future 5339 allocations.

The table below indicates the period of availability for all 5339 funds:

| <b>Federal Fiscal Year</b> | <b>Deadline for Obligating Funds in FTA Grants</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| FFY19                      | September 30, 2022                                 |
| FFY20                      | September 30, 2023                                 |
| FFY21                      | September 30, 2024                                 |

As identified in this Split Letter, the Designated Recipient authorizes the assignment/allocation of Section 5339 to the Direct Recipient(s) named herein. The undersigned agree to the Split Letter and the amounts allocated/assigned to each Direct Recipient. Each Direct Recipient is responsible for its application to the Federal Transit Administration to receive Section 5339 funds and assumes the responsibilities associated with any award for these funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cushing, Grants Administration Supervisor, at [matthew.cushing@tn.gov](mailto:matthew.cushing@tn.gov) or by phone at (615) 741-2586.

Best regards,

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