

# FTA SECTION 5310 'NEW FREEDOM' GRANT

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## History

MAP-21 consolidates two former programs:

FTA Section 5310 + FTA Section 5316 (Former New Freedom Program) =

New Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program)

AKA the FTA Section 5310 'New Freedom' Program

## Purpose

The purpose of the FTA Section 5310 'New Freedom' Program is to enhance the mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds for programs to serve the special needs of transit-dependent populations beyond traditional public transportation services and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

## Goals

The Atlanta Regional Commission's overarching goal in the FTA Section 5310 'New Freedom' Program is to improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities in the metro region through innovative activities and projects that remove barriers to transportation services and expand mobility options.

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## Eligible Projects

Projects that improve mobility for older adults and individuals with disabilities in the metro region are eligible for FTA Section 5310 'New Freedom' funding. This can include capital mobility management, operations, and capital for infrastructure projects.

Sample eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

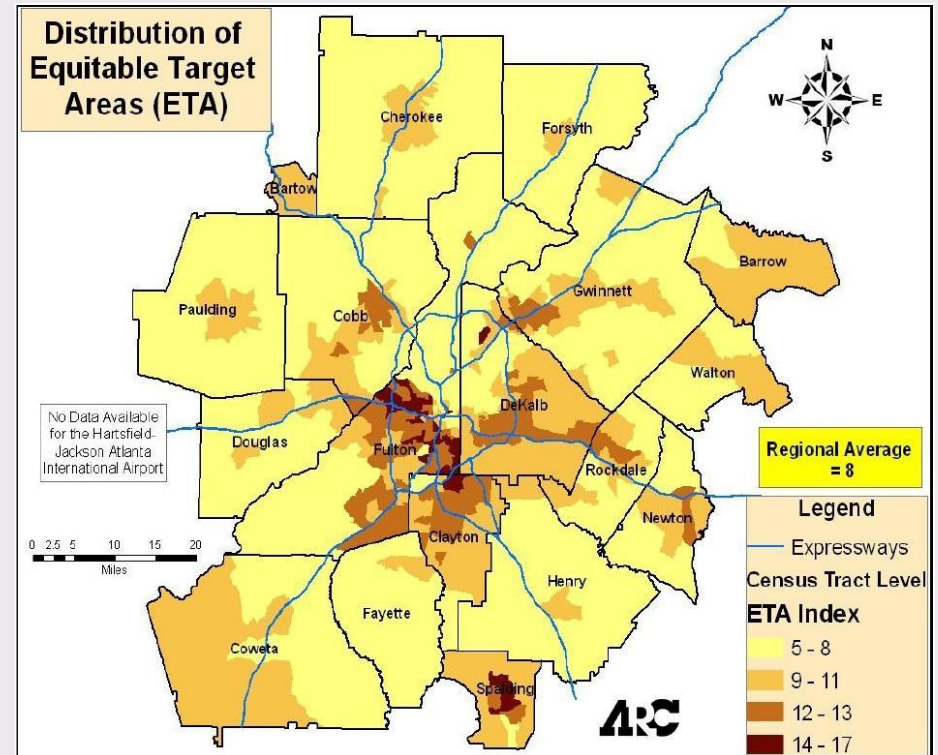
- Paratransit improvements
- Door through Door services
- Voucher programs
- Travel Training programs
- Regional/Cross-jurisdictional trip programs
- Volunteer Driver programs

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## Funding Priorities

Higher priority will be given to applicants who demonstrate coordination and partnership with other eligible agencies (including public-private partnerships), as well as projects serving one or more areas with highest level of need such as:

- Equitable Target Areas
- Individuals with Disabilities
- Seniors
- Seniors with Disabilities
- Transit Dependent Individuals
- Low-income Individuals



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## Results of Previous New Freedom Funds in the Atlanta Region

- **10 Transportation Voucher Programs**
  - 800 + active participants per year
  - 12,500 + trips taken per year
- **10 - 12 Mobility Managers**
  - Dialysis Transportation Working Group and Advocacy
  - Regional Transportation Voucher Working Group
  - Participation in 'Design Thinking' Training
  - Peer to Peer Assistance and Referrals
  - Outreach and Marketing to 5,000+
  - Interface with 30+ Transportation Providers
- **7 Travel Training, Navigation and Transit Orientation/Safety Programs**
  - 1,000 + participants since 2008

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## Program Funding

Table 1.1 - FFY 2013 FTA Section 5310 Atlanta UZA Apportionment			
	'Traditional' 5310 Capital (Mobility Management)	'New Freedom' 5310 Capital & Operations	TOTAL
<b>FFY 2013 Federal Funds</b>	\$297,184	\$697,500	\$994,684
<b>FFY 2013 Local Match Requirement</b>	\$74,125	\$697,500	\$771,625
<b>FFY 2013 Total in Project and Program Funds</b>	\$371,480	\$1,395,000	\$1,766,309



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## Current FTA Section 5310 Funding Recipients in the Atlanta Region

- **7 Transportation Voucher Programs**
  - Cobb County, Douglas County, Fayette Senior Services, Gwinnett County, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, Rockdale County, Senior Services North Fulton
- **3 Volunteer Driver Programs**
  - Gwinnett County, I CARE, and Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta
- **2 Shuttle/Hired Driver Programs**
  - CPACS and Jewish Family & Career Services
- **14 Mobility Management Positions/Projects**
  - Cobb County, CPACS, Douglas County, Fayette Senior Services, Gwinnett County, I CARE, Jewish Family & Career Services, Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, MARTA, Rockdale County, Senior Services North Fulton