

MEMORANDUM

TO: DCHC MPO Board

FROM: Meg Scully,
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DATE: June 13, 2018

SUBJECT: FFY 2017 and FFY2018 Section 5339 Grant Bus and Bus Facilities

The Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities program (49 U.S.C. 5339) makes Federal resources available to States and designated recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities. Under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act, the 5339 grant replaced the former Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Program. Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act continues the program.

The 5339 Formula Program allocates funds to urbanized areas (UZAs) by a formula based upon population, vehicle revenue miles, and passenger miles using the same apportionment formula as the Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307). Funds for UZAs with population of 200,000 or more are apportioned directly to one or more designated recipient within each UZA for allocation to eligible projects and recipients within the UZA. DCHC MPO is the designated recipient for the Durham UZA and was awarded \$791,187 in FFY2017 and \$1,077,146 in FFY2018 (Total = \$1,868,333).

As designated recipient for the 5339 funds for the Durham UZA, the DCHC MPO may allocate funding to fixed-route operators. The split letter defines the intended allocation for FFY17 and FFY18. Funds are available for three years after the fiscal year it was apportioned and the Federal share is 80%. A 20% local match is required.