

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Screening Criteria

Inclusion in Plan: Projects must address a question or be included in the Ventura County Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan

Federal Grant Requirements: All successful applicants enter into a project agreement with Caltrans that stipulates the terms and conditions for the equipment use, or the progress of the operating and mobility management projects. The agreement remains in effect until:

- o Vehicle/equipment: the project is terminated and formal disposition of the equipment has been made with the approval of Caltrans in accordance with Federal grant standards;
- o Operating/Mobility Management: The project has been invoiced, satisfactorily completed and reimbursed.

Section 5310 recipients are required to furnish Bi-Annual Reports on the use of their Section 5310 vehicles/equipment or the progress of their operating/mobility management projects. Caltrans also performs triennial inspections of 5310-funded projects to verify the condition and appropriate use of the vehicles/equipment.

Prioritization Criteria

The following criteria established by Caltrans will be used to prioritize projects.

1. **Ability of Applicant to provide efficient and effective transit services (32%):** Points are awarded based upon the applicant's experience and history of providing efficient and effective transit services. Measures include:
 - years of experience,
 - established driver training program,
 - established dispatching plan,
 - established vehicle maintenance plan,
 - History California Highway Patrol (CHP) inspections (if required),
 - Experience with Emergency Operations and Response Planning,
 - Agency Budget
2. **How well the project meets the needs identified in the Coordinated Plan and how well the project improves coordination (18%)**
3. **Proposed Transportation Services (20%):** Determination that requested additional equipment would be fully utilized including usage of vehicle by another agency through a coordination plan.
4. **Service Effectiveness (30%):** Degree to which the application demonstrates a well-developed plan for meeting the goals of the 5310 program.