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March 16, 2023

Ms. Michelle Horne  
Public Transportation Administrator  
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
P.O. Box 94245  
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Re: STIP Amendment #2 - Transit Element

Dear Ms. Horne:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has reviewed the request dated March 13, 2023 for changes and/or updates to the FY 2023-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). We approve the updates and revisions to the Transit Element of the FY 2023-2026 STIP with the attached and updated STIP Amendment #2 summary recap pages.

Per the letter dated February 13, 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FTA provided conditional approval of the Louisiana 2023-2026 STIP. The corrective actions outlined in the Federal Planning Findings report must be addressed by the specific due dates. FHWA and FTA will not allow revisions to the STIP if a due date lapses without adequate action taken by LaDOTD.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Bloomer, Community Planner, at (817) 978- 0570 or via email at [Michelle.Bloomer@dot.gov](mailto:Michelle.Bloomer@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

David E. Bartels  
Director of Planning and Program Development

cc: Laura Phillips, FHWA  
Tina Athalone, LaDOTD



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March 13, 2023

Mr. David Bartels  
Director of Planning and Program Development  
Federal Transit Administration, Region VI  
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Fort Worth, Texas 76102

**RE: LA DOTD STIP AMENDMENT # 2  
Transit Element for Federal FY2023 – FY26**

Dear Mr. Bartels:

We are requesting that you amend the FY2023–FY2026 Transit Element of the Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the attached updates and/or revisions as reflected below. For identification purposes, we have noted the amended projects in red with the letter “A” on the Transit Element Summary Re-cap pages. Further clarifications reflected have been as “Explanation Notes” on the Summary Re-cap pages.

**Please make the following changes and/or updates:**

- **Transit Element - Summary Recap Pages:** Please discard the previous submitted STIP Re-cap Summary page(s) for FY 2023 – FY2026 and replace with the attached updated Amendment #2 Summary Re-cap pages.
- **State LADOTD:** Attached are the Program of Projects for the FTA’s Section 5303 Metropolitan Transportation Planning and Statewide Planning programs for grant amendments.
- **Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC):** The TIP amendment for the Baton Rouge UZA has been outlined in the attached letters from CRPC dated January 30, 2023. Please discard the previous submitted 2023 Transit Element TIP pages and replace with the attached updated TIP pages.

We appreciate your usual prompt attention with the attached Transit STIP amendment. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tina Athalone at (225) 379-3054.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Horne*

Michelle Horne  
Public Transportation Director

Attachments

Cc: Louisiana MPOs  
Louisiana Urban Transit Systems  
FTA Region VI Staff

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

**STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP)**

**TRANSIT ELEMENT**

**Summary Re-cap Pages**

**Fiscal Years 2023 thru 2026**

**Louisiana Transit STIP - Federal FY 2023**  
**Transit Summary ReCap**  
**Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program - STIP**

2023 Federal Programs	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Amount	MPO / STATE Request Amt	Notes
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**Sec 5307 - Urban Program** (Capital/Operating/Planning)

<b>UZA 200,000 to 999,999</b>			
Baton Rouge (CATS)	\$ 8,115,705	\$ 8,220,961	2
Lafayette (LTS)	\$ 3,685,670	\$ 3,336,700	2
Orleans (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, & St. Charles)	\$ 20,723,528	\$ 20,615,200	2
Shreveport (SPORTRAN)	\$ 5,291,505	\$ 5,416,600	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,816,408</b>	<b>\$ 37,589,461</b>	

<b>UZA 50,000 to 200,000</b>			
Alexandria (ATRANS)	\$ 1,495,266	\$ 2,307,981	2
Hammond	\$ 1,142,371	\$ 1,092,000	2
Houma (GET)	\$ 2,826,241	\$ 2,069,978	2
Lake Charles (LCT)	\$ 2,484,870	\$ 1,654,490	2
Monroe (MTS)	\$ 2,242,225	\$ 1,188,000	2
St. Tammany (Slidell & Mandeville/Covington )	\$ 3,290,262	\$ 3,230,000	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,481,235</b>	<b>\$ 11,542,449</b>	

**Louisiana State DOTD Programs**

Sec 5303 - Metropolitan Transportation Planning	\$ 1,477,231	\$ 1,113,613	2,3	A
Sec 5304 - Statewide and Nonmetropolitan Transportation Planning	\$ 385,761	\$ 311,698	2,3	A
Sec 5310 - Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Rural)	\$ 1,575,422	\$ 1,093,220	3	
Sec 5310 - Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Small Urban)	\$ 2,046,775	\$ 1,385,862	3	
Sec 5311 - Rural Transit (Operate/Capital/Planning)	\$ 16,828,040	\$ 26,818,930	3	
Sec 5311 - Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP)	\$ 297,721	\$ 475,238	3	
CARES - Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security	\$ -	\$ 6,567,510	2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,610,950</b>	<b>\$ 37,766,071</b>		

**Sec 5310 - Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities (Capital/Operating)**

Baton Rouge	\$ 800,242	\$ 543,178	3
Lafayette	\$ 334,396	\$ 238,106	3
New Orleans	\$ 1,366,319	\$ 923,091	3
Shreveport	\$ 411,165	\$ 288,763	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,912,122</b>	<b>\$ 1,993,138</b>	

**Louisiana Transit STIP - Federal FY 2023**  
**Transit Summary ReCap**  
 Louisiana State Transportation Improvement Program - STIP

**Flexible Funds - Other**

Lafayette - Low or No Emissions Grant (LTS)	\$	-	\$	1,260,000	2	
Baton Rouge - STP>200K (CATS)	\$		\$	2,310,000	6	A
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	\$	-	\$	3,570,000		

**Funds - Other**

Orleans (RTA) American Rescue Plan Act	\$	-	\$	59,483,654	10	
Baton Rouge (CATS) American Rescue Plan Act	\$	-	\$	514,045	3	A
Baton Rouge (CATS) Area of Persistent Poverty Grant	\$		\$	670,000	3	A
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	\$	-	\$	60,667,699		

**Sec 5309 - Capital Investment Grants**

\$	-	\$	-
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\$	-	\$	-

**Sec 5337 - State of Good Repair**

New Orleans (Rail)	\$	6,896,036	\$	5,785,000	2
New Orleans (HOV)	\$	572,426	\$	470,600	2
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Total	\$	7,468,462	\$	6,255,600	

**Sec 5339 - Bus & Bus Facilities Program**

Baton Rouge (CATS)	\$	667,151	\$	668,124	2
Lafayette (capital assistance, bus replacment, parking facility, substation)	\$	301,153	\$	4,150,000	2
Orleans (NORTA)	\$	1,576,759	\$	2,220,222	2
Shreveport (SPORTRAN bus replacments )	\$	442,687	\$	477,000	2
Louisiana (DOTD) Urbans Areas 50,000 to 199,999	\$	1,086,951	\$	-	
Louisiana (DOTD)	\$	4,000,000	\$	-	
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	\$	8,074,701	\$	7,515,346	

**Explanation Notes**

**A = Amendment**

1. FY 2023 estimated - apportionments are unknown at this time
2. Request amounts will be adjusted later to reflect the FY 2023 apportionment and/or clarified further
3. MPO and or LADOTD request amounts ( see MPO TIP/LADOTD POP page for detailed information)
4. Amount includes funding from previous year(s) - See MPO TIP / LADOTD POP page for detailed information
5. Ferry Preventative Maintenance funding in the amount of \$650K, from Ferry Operating
6. STPFLEX Fund transfers (Funds transferred from FHWA to FTA)
7. Amount includes funding transferred from Louisiana FY FTA Rural 5339 funds
8. Amount includes funding from sale of FTA capital assets to be used back in transit
9. CRRSAA funds (Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 100% share)
10. American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)
11. CARES funds at 100% federal share

# **LADOTD**

**FTA Transit Programs**

**LADOTD Transit STIP 2023-2026**

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**SECTION 5303 & 5304  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING (49 U.S.C. 5303)  
STATE PLANNING AND RESEARCH (49 U.S.C. 5304)  
FEDERAL GRANT NO. *New Application Spring 2023***

	Section 5303 (80% Federal Share)	Section 5304 (80% Federal Share)				
Full Apportionment FFY 2021	\$1,113,613.00	\$ 311,698.00				
Full Apportionment FFY 2022						
Full Apportionment FFY 2023						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,113,613.00</b>	<b>\$311,698.00</b>				
<b>80%</b>						
MPO	Urbanized Area	Federal Share awarded at 80%	Local Share at 20%	Total Cost	Expended	DATE CLOSED
<b>5303 Projects State FY 2024</b>						
Rapides Planning Commission PL80-40-24	Alexandria	\$ 36,942.00	\$ 9,235.50	\$ 46,177.50		
Capital Region Planning Commission PL80-17-24	Baton Rouge	\$ 177,092.00	\$ 44,273.00	\$ 221,365.00		
Regional Planning Commission PL80-53-24	Hammond	\$ 35,692.00	\$ 8,923.00	\$ 44,615.00		
South Central Planning & Development Commission PL80-55-24	Houma	\$ 51,476.00	\$ 12,869.00	\$ 64,345.00		
Acadiana Planning Commission PL80-28-24	Lafayette	\$ 69,181.00	\$ 17,295.25	\$ 86,476.25		
Imperial Calcasieu Planning PL80-10-24	Lake Charles	\$ 55,158.00	\$ 13,789.50	\$ 68,947.50		
Regional Planning Commission PL80-52-24	Mandeville/Coving ton & Slidell	\$ 84,429.00	\$ 21,107.25	\$ 105,536.25		
Ouachita Council of Governments PL80-37-24	Monroe	\$ 45,955.00	\$ 11,488.75	\$ 57,443.75		
Regional Planning Commission PL80-36-24	New Orleans	\$ 464,565.00	\$ 116,141.25	\$ 580,706.25		
Northwest LA Council of Government PL80-09-24	Shreveport	\$ 93,123.00	\$ 23,280.75	\$ 116,403.75		
<b>5303 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,113,613.00</b>	<b>\$ 278,403.25</b>	<b>\$ 1,392,016.25</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
State Planning and Research (49 U.S.C. 5304)		Federal Share (80%)	TTF State Share (20%)	TOTAL COST	Expended	
Program Support/Administration	FFY 2021	\$ 311,698.00	\$ 77,924.50	\$ 389,622.50		
Program Support/Administration	FFY 2022					
Program Support/Administration	FFY 2023					
<b>5304 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 311,698.00</b>	<b>\$ 77,924.50</b>	<b>\$ 389,622.50</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	

# **Baton Rouge Urban Area**

**Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC)**

**LADOTD Transit STIP 2023-2026**



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January 30, 2023

Ms. Michelle Horne  
Public Transportation Administrator  
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
PO Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

## RE: FY 2023-2026 Transit TIP Amendment

Dear Ms. Horne:

Please accept the most recently amended Transit Element of the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization's FY 2023 – FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The changes below were approved by the Capital Region MPO Policy Committee on January 25, 2023.

### Amendments for FY 2023 (Other Grant Funding)

- Adding: Areas of Persistent Poverty program, General Development/Comprehensive Planning, \$744,444 @ 90/10 match
- Adding: American Rescue Plan Route Planning Discretionary Grant, General Development/Comprehensive Planning, \$514,045 @ 100% federal

### Amendments for FY 2023 (STP>200k Funds)

- Adding \$2,310,000 in STP>200K federal funds (\$2,888,000 total with \$578,000 in local funds) to the TIP as three electric buses.

Please also see attached the FY 2023-2026 Transit TIP projects, which will replace the previous version in its entirety. The new amendments will support the regional TAM targets set by CRPC (MPO) in coordination with LADOTD and CATS. The percent of revenue vehicles and equipment that have met or exceeded their useful life will decrease there by making the operations more efficient. Timely processing by your office will be, as always, greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

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# CATS

CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM

Connecting you to what matters.

November 17, 2022

Jamie Setze  
Executive Director  
Capital Region Planning Commission  
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Der Mr. Setze,

Capital Area Transit System (CATS) requests \$4,088,000 be transferred from the FHWA STP funds to FTA for use in the construction of the North Transit Center and partially fund the 35' electric buses for the Plank-Nicholson Bus Rapid Transit project.

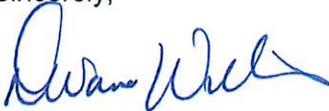
The buses to be purchased with these funds are 35' Gillig Electric buses that are \$845,948 each and two additional charging stations at \$144,000 each. The funding for the North Transfer Center will be used for construction. The project is currently out for bid and the bids close on December 20, 2022.

The STP funds in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are categorized as such:

Year	Funding	Project	Total	Federal Share	Local Share (CATS)
2020	STP>200K	North Transfer Center	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000	\$200,000
2022	STP>200K	35' Electric Buses	\$2,888,000	\$2,310,000	\$578,000
Total			\$4,088,000	\$3,310,000	\$778,000

If you need further information or have any questions, please contact me at [dwilliams@brcats.com](mailto:dwilliams@brcats.com) or 225-806-1522

Sincerely,



Dwana Williams  
Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Capital Area Transit System

Apportionment Year	TIP Year	Funding Source	Entity	Project Description	Line Item Description	Total Cost (\$000)	Federal Share (\$000)	Local Share (\$000)	Comments
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Security	Support facilities/equipment for rolling stock and fixed facilities	\$500	\$400	\$100	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Rolling Stock	(2) 35-ft Diesel Buses	\$985	\$837	\$148	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	Bus Shelters	\$250	\$200	\$50	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Associated Transit Enhancements	Bus Shelters	\$250	\$200	\$50	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	Support Vehicle	\$75	\$60	\$15	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Preventative Maintenance	Capital Cost of Preventive Maintenance	\$4,700	\$3,760	\$940	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	System Planning	Short - and Long-Range Planning	\$300	\$240	\$60	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Rolling Stock	ADA Vans	\$400	\$320	\$80	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	Transit Center/Hub-Improvements (North Transit Center)	\$1,817	\$1,454	\$363	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5307	CATS	Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$1,500	\$750	\$750	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5339	CATS	Rolling Stock	Bus Lease Payments	\$656	\$558	\$98	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	FTA 5339	CATS	Rolling Stock	Transit Vehicles with Power Package	\$130	\$111	\$20	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2023	2023	Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant	CATS	System Planning	General Development/Comprehensive Planning	\$744	\$670	\$74	Amended 01/25/2023
2023	2023	American Rescue Plan Grant	CATS	System Planning	General Development/Comprehensive Planning	\$514	\$514	\$0	Amended 01/25/2023
2023	2023	STP>200K	CATS	Rolling Stock	3 Electric Buses	\$2,888	\$2,310	\$578	Amended 01/25/2023
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Security	Support facilities/equipment for rolling stock and fixed facilities	\$500	\$400	\$100	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Rolling Stock	(3) 35-ft Diesel Buses	\$1,520	\$1,292	\$228	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	Bus Shelters	\$150	\$120	\$30	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Associated Transit Enhancements	Signage	\$100	\$80	\$20	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	Support Vehicle	\$70	\$56	\$14	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Preventative Maintenance	Capital Cost of Preventive Maintenance	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	System Planning	Short - and Long-Range Planning	\$400	\$320	\$80	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	Transit Center/Hub-Improvements (North Transit Center)	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$250	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$1,278	\$639	\$639	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	ADP Hardware	\$350	\$280	\$70	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	ADP Software	\$350	\$280	\$70	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5339	CATS	Rolling Stock	Bus Lease Payments	\$656	\$558	\$98	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2024	2024	FTA 5339	CATS	Rolling Stock	Transit Vehicles with Power Package	\$153	\$130	\$23	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Security	Support facilities/equipment for rolling stock and fixed facilities	\$400	\$320	\$80	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Rolling Stock	(3) 30-ft Electric Buses with Charging Stations	\$1,610	\$1,369	\$242	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	Support Vehicle	\$70	\$56	\$14	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Preventative Maintenance	Capital Cost of Preventive Maintenance	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	System Planning	Short - and Long-Range Planning	\$400	\$320	\$80	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$400	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$994	\$497	\$497	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	ADP Hardware	\$350	\$280	\$70	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5307	CATS	Bus Support Equipment	ADP Software	\$350	\$280	\$70	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5339	CATS	Rolling Stock	Bus Lease Payments	\$656	\$558	\$98	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2025	2025	FTA 5339	CATS	Rolling Stock	Transit Vehicles with Power Package	\$177	\$150	\$27	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Security	Support facilities/equipment for rolling stock and fixed facilities	\$300	\$240	\$60	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	Rolling Stock	(3) 30-ft Electric Buses with Charging Stations	\$1,610	\$1,369	\$242	POP September 2022 TPC Approval

2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	Preventative Maintenance	Capital Cost of Preventive Maintenance	\$5,500	\$4,400	\$1,100	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	System Planning	Short - and Long-Range Planning	\$300	\$240	\$60	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	Transit Center/Hub Improvements	\$2,000	\$1,600	\$400	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$1,588	\$794	\$794	POP September 2022 TPC Approval
2026	2026	FTA 5307	CATS	Rolling Stock	ADA Vans	\$400	\$320	\$80	POP September 2022 TPC Approval