



OUACHITA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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October 4, 2024

Ms. Tina Athalone
Public Transportation Director
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

RE: Monroe Transit System FY24 Projected Financial Plan TIP Amend.

Dear Ms. Athalone:

Please accept this Amendment to the Transit Element of the North Delta Regional Planning and Development Districts' FY24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Monroe UZA for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).

The purpose of this Amendment is to align our allocation in the Transit TIP with the actual FTA total and adhere to regulatory requirements for proper funding distribution of FY24 Section 5307 to FTA's full allocation of \$2,242,646. As you know, these are the total funds for the Monroe Transit System (MTS) FY24 Section 5307.

The need for this amendment is due to Michelle Bloomer identifying the initial funding amount as inaccurate for the MTS Section 5307 FY24 programs and projects totaling \$928,000. Under FTA guidance, MTS has accepted an Amendment as the necessary step to adjust the amount accordingly to the FTA FY24 Section 5307 full allocated amount of \$2,242,646. Please find attached the revised documentation reflecting the correct allocation amount.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please get in touch with me at (318) 387-2572 or doug@northdelta.org.

Sincerely,

Doug Mitchell,
Executive Director

cc: Marc Keenan, MTS

Amendment: September 23, 2024
 FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program
 Monroe Region
 Transit Element - Financially Constrained

Project	Agency	Estimated Cost	Split	5307	Other	Local Match	Comments
Capital	MTS	\$ 750,000	80/20	\$ 600,000		\$ 150,000	FY 2024
Operating		\$ 2,485,292	50/50	\$ 1,242,646		\$ 1,242,646	
Preventative Maintenance		\$ 500,000	80/20	\$ 400,000		\$ 100,000	
TOTAL		\$ 3,735,292		\$ 2,242,646		\$ 1,819,646	

Section 5307-Capital 80/20

MONROE TRANSIT PROJECTED FINANCIAL PLAN FOR FY 2024 - FY 2028						
Section 5307-Capital 80/20						
Project Description	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28	
Bus Rolling Stock		20,000.00		50,000.00		
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals	350,000.00					
Mobile Fare Collection System		60,000.00	60,000.00			
Support Vehicle	400,000.00					
Metropolitan Planning						
Bus Support Equip/Facilities			70,000.00			
Federal Share	600,000.00	64,000.00	104,000.00	40,000.00	-	
City/Local Share	150,000.00	80,000.00	130,000.00	50,000.00	-	
TOTAL PROJECT		16,000.00	26,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	
Section 5307-Operating 50/50						
Federal		1,678,646.00	1,638,646.00	1,602,646.00	1,642,646.00	
City/Local Share	1,242,646.00	1,678,646.00	1,638,646.00	1,602,646.00	1,642,646.00	
Total		3,357,292.00	3,277,292.00	3,205,292.00	3,285,292.00	
Section 5307-Preventative Maintenance 80/20						
Federal		500,000.00	500,000.00	600,000.00	600,000.00	
City/Local Share	400,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	
Total		625,000.00	625,000.00	750,000.00	750,000.00	
Section 5307 TOTALS						
Federal Share	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	2,242,646.00	
Local Share	1,492,646.00	1,819,646.00	1,789,646.00	1,762,646.00	1,792,646.00	
Total Eligible Project	3,735,292.00	4,062,292.00	4,032,292.00	4,005,292.00	4,035,292.00	
Section 5339 Capital						
Project Description	Fed FY 24	Fed FY 25	Fed FY 26	Fed FY 27	Fed FY 28	
Bus Rolling Stock - Electric Bus		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Bus Technology upgrades						
Transit Center Construction	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00			
Electric Charging Station		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Cutaway Bus Procurement		0.00	0.00	0.00		
Totals	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00	-	-	
Federal	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	
City	37,500.00	37,500.00	50,000.00	-	-	

Project Description	Implementing Agency	Federal FY	Funding Statute	Non- Federal Amount	Federal Amount	Obligation Year
Bus Fare Collection System	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 24	5307	\$70,000	\$280,000	2024
Metropolitan Planning - Route Planning for Potential Microtransit Study & Fixed Route Service Revision	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 25	5307	\$80,000	\$320,000	2024
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals - Bus Stop Covered Shelter Purchase	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 25	5307	\$4,000	\$16,000	2026
Support Vehicle Purchase - Replacement of Admin Staff Cars	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 26	5307	\$12,000	\$48,000	2026
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Bus Support Equip/Facilities - Floor Scrubber Replacement	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 27	5307	\$14,000	\$56,000	2026
Bus Stations Stops & Terminals - Bus Stop Covered Shelter Purchase	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 27	5307	\$10,000	\$40,000	2027
Transit Center Construction - Place Holder for Ongoing Project Based on Available Funding	1513 - City of Monroe	FY 24	5339	\$50,000	\$200,000	2024
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Ouachita Council of Governments
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024
DRAFT

Members Present:	Mayor Staci Mitchell City of West Monroe	Thom Hamilton City of West Monroe
	Rodney McFarland Monroe City Council	Shane Smiley Ouachita Parish Police Jury
	Toni Bacon Ouachita Parish Police Jury	
Staff Present:	Doug Mitchell Executive Director	Shelby Rybicki Planner II
	Jeff Maxwell CPA	Susan Mitchell Regional Safety Coord.

A public hearing was held September 23, 2024, at the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza at 11:30 a.m. to hear comments from the public regarding the Monroe Transit System (MTS) Revised Financial Plan introduced at the previous August 26, 2024, OCOG meeting. There were no comments.

The Ouachita Council of Governments meeting was called to order by Staci Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Monroe Government Plaza.

A roll call certified a quorum was present.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Rodney McFarland to approve the August 26, 2024, minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Toni Bacon to recess OCOG and enter into the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Policy Committee

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Toni Bacon to approve the ***MTS Revised Financial Plan TIP Amendment*** for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Shane Smiley and seconded by Toni Bacon to adjourn the Transportation Policy Committee and reconvene OCOG. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Rodney McFarland to ratify the actions of the Transportation Policy Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Toni Bacon and seconded by Shane Smiley to accept the Budget to Actual Report as presented by Jeff Maxwell. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Gentry presented the NELA Destination Zero Deaths Highway Safety Report. In her presentation, she highlighted her participation in several recent conferences and events, including National Seat Check Saturday, the Child Passenger Safety CEU Conference, the Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety

Conference, and Operation Lifesaver Rail Safety Day. She also provided the total number of fatal crashes recorded in Northeast Louisiana for the current year.

Mayor Staci Mitchell informed OCOG that the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant application was denied. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss improvements to the application before the next grant cycle opens.

Ambulance Advisory Board

No report.

Long-Term Recovery Board

No report.

Northeast Delta Human Services Board

No report.

There being no other business a motion was made by Thom Hamilton and seconded by Toni Bacon to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.