

RESOLUTION

Resolution Authorizing Applications for and Execution of a FFY2024 and FFY2025 Section 5310 Grant Application for MCRide, MCRide Connect, and Mobility Manager (82)

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Authority (the “RTA”) is authorized to make grants as the designated recipient of the FFY2024 & FFY2025 Section 5310 program for Northeast Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the RTA has the power to expend funds for use in connection with the FFY2024 & FFY2025 Section 5310 project; and

WHEREAS, the RTA has the power to make and execute all contracts and other instruments necessary or convenient to the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, approval of said funds will impose certain financial and reporting obligations upon the recipient; and

WHEREAS, the MCRide Dial-a-Ride Transit Program provided through a contractual arrangement with Pace has been funded since 2012 with federal operating assistance grants from the RTA; and

WHEREAS, MCRide Connect, a rideshare subsidy program, was created in 2024 and is eligible for operating assistance reimbursement from a Section 5310 grant; and

WHEREAS, in order to help administer the two transit programs, the McHenry County Division of Transportation is seeking federal grant support for a Mobility Manager position; and

WHEREAS, the required local match from the County has been budgeted for in County Fiscal Year 2025 and has been programmed in the 2025-2029 Transportation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that it hereby authorizes:

Section 1. That the Chairman of the County Board and his successor is authorized to execute and file applications on behalf of McHenry County with the Regional Transportation Authority for a FFY2025 and FFY2025 Section 5310 grant for the MCRide Program, MCRide Connect Program, and a Mobility Manager totaling \$2,540,000.00.

Section 2. That the Chairman of the County Board and his successor is authorized to furnish such additional information, assurances, certifications and amendments as the Regional Transportation Authority may require in connection with this FFY2024 and FFY2025 Section 5310 grant agreement application.

Section 3. That the Chairman of the County Board and his successor certify that the County of McHenry will provide the required local match from the MCDOT RTA Sales Tax Project Fund, Fund-Dept.-Div.-Main Acct. 260-82-8210-423200 (Transit Services).

Section 4. That the Chairman of the County Board and his successor is authorized and directed on behalf of the County of McHenry to execute and deliver grant agreements and all subsequent amendments thereto between the County of McHenry and the Regional Transportation Authority for FFY2024 and FFY2025 Section 5310 grant, and the County Clerk of the County of McHenry is authorized and directed on behalf of the County of McHenry to attest said agreements and all subsequent amendments thereto.

Section 5. That the Chairman of the County Board and his successor is authorized and directed to take such action as is necessary or appropriate to implement, administer and enforce said agreements and all subsequent amendments thereto on behalf of the County of McHenry

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this resolution to the County Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer, as well as an electronic copy to the Director of Transportation/County Engineer.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 20th day of May, A.D., 2025.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

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SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Applications for and Execution of a FFY2024 and FFY2025 Section 5310 Grant Application for MCRide, MCRide Connect, and Mobility Manager (82)

Board / Committee Action Requested:

To authorize the Chairman of the County Board to apply to the Regional Transportation Authority for \$2,540,000.00 in Federal Section 5310 funding for the MCRide Dial-a-Ride Transit Program, MCRide Connect Program and Mobility Manager.

Background and Discussion:

This application is to continue providing Federal funding to reimburse the County for eligible operating costs. The application requests \$2,540,000.00 in operational grant monies to help fund MCRide, MCRide Connect, and a Mobility Manager for the next two years (\$1,270,000.00 in County FY26 and \$1,270,000.00 in County FY27).

MCRide is a demand response transit service provided through a contractual arrangement between the County and Pace. In January 2021 the MCRide was expanded to a countywide service, the first of its kind in the Chicagoland region. In addition to true borderless countywide service, seven point destinations outside of the County were added to the service to provide riders with additional options for inter-County travel. The hours of operation were also expanded in 2023, with the service operating from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm every day of the week.

Pace subsidizes the MCRide program at 50% of the Operating Deficit. The County was awarded \$600,000 in federal Section 5310 Federal grants in 2014, \$496,291 in 2016, \$840,000 in 2017, \$1,200,000 in 2018, \$1,400,000 in 2021 and \$1,500,000 in 2023.

Section 5310 programs help meet the transportation needs of seniors 60 years and older and individuals with disabilities. This application is for \$2,540,000.00 for Federal fiscal years 2024 (\$1,270,000.00) and 2025 (\$1,270,000.00). This amount is equal to 50% of the estimated operational cost of services on MCRide for individuals with disabilities and for individuals 60 and older.

Historically, 30% of the trips provided on MCRide are taken by individuals over the age of 60; 50% of the trips are taken by individuals under the age of 60 with a disability; and 20% of the trips are taken by individuals considered to be general public. Nearly 80% of MCRide's ridership can therefore seek reimbursement from this federal Section 5310 grant.

Impact on Human Resources: N/A

Impact on Budget (Revenue, Expenses, Fringe Benefits):

Local share of operating costs for MCRide are budgeted annually and programmed in the 2025-2029 Transportation Program. This grant, if awarded, would reimburse the County after payments are made to Pace.

Position Reclassification or Regrade, please address the following: N/A

Impact on Capital Expenditures: N/A

Impact on Physical Space: N/A

Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies: N/A

Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:

Conforms to County policies and the strategic plan.