

Memorandum

To: Kari Ruse, Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)

From: The Coordinated Transit Committee of the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency

Date: 06/27/2023

Re: MAPA Section 5310 Program and Coordination with NDOT

Ms. Ruse,

The MAPA Coordinated Transit Committee met on June 21, 2023 to discuss the state of the 5310 program within the jurisdictions served by the committee. The conversation focused primarily on vehicle procurement and general communication with NDOT. We invite you to attend our next meeting on July 19, 2023 in order to discuss the following topics:

- Vehicle Contract Options & Flexibility
 - Are there specific items holding up production that can be waived if desired?
 - Does the state contract provide for trading out vehicles at end of life?
- General Recommendations from NDOT
 - We heard from MAPA staff that there are vehicle models that may be available sooner than some of the buses we would traditionally use. Is there a way we can view these models and/or have the options explained to us?
 - Are there any other options for agencies waiting for vehicles?
- Nebraska Statewide Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transp Plan
 - Would you be able to provide additional information on the development of the plan and explain the process to us?
 - Do you think it would be best for us to participate on a per-member basis, or collectively as the CTC?
- Communication & Coordination
 - Members expressed a desire to improve communication between the CTC and NDOT at both the individual member level and as a group. Is NDOT willing and able to attend more CTC meetings, at least once or twice per year?

Please contact Court Barber and Travis Halm with any questions or clarifications deemed necessary prior to the meeting.

