



**PROGRAM OF PROJECTS - LANCASTER  
FFY 2025-2026**

The Lancaster proposed Program of Projects for FFY 2025-2026 is attached. The proposed Program of Projects was introduced to the SCTA Board at its meeting held on March 18, 2026. A public hearing will be held regarding the proposed Program of Projects at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2026 at the SCTA Lancaster Headquarters Office, 45 Erick Road, Lancaster, PA.

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**Background Information**

On November 12, 2014 and on November 13, 2014, the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners and the Berks County Board of Commissioners, respectively, approved organizing the South Central Transit Authority (SCTA) under the Municipalities Authorities Act of 2001. SCTA was formed as a result of the consolidation of the management and administrative functions of the Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA) in Lancaster County and the Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA) in Berks County. Both RRTA and BARTA remain in existence as operating agencies providing the service in their respective counties. SCTA signed Management, Administrative and Support Services Agreements with both BARTA and RRTA to provide all executive, management, administrative and support services to BARTA and RRTA. SCTA assumed the management and administrative responsibilities for the operation of BARTA and RRTA as of January 1, 2015.

SCTA is the designated recipient of the federal Section 5307 and 5339 funds apportioned to the Lancaster-Manheim, PA Urbanized Area. As the designated recipient and based on federal guidelines, SCTA is required to draft a Program of Projects identifying the proposed projects to be advanced with the apportioned funds. The proposed Program of Projects is publicly advertised and is the subject of a public hearing for the purpose of receiving public input in the development of the Program of Projects.

Since the funds are apportioned to the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is requiring SCTA to develop the Program of Projects identifying the proposed projects funded with the Lancaster-Manheim apportionment.

SCTA will be utilizing its projected apportionment from the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area of federal Section 5307 funds in the amount of \$6,115,795. In FFY 2026, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$534,636 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area.

The proposed FFY 2025-2026 Lancaster Program of Projects follows.

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**Lancaster-Manheim, PA Urbanized Area**

- 1a. Purchase Seven (7) Fixed Route Buses (\$4,800,000 Federal) (\$6,000,000 Total)(CMAQ Flex Funds)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Lancaster operation that have met their useful service life of 12 years. This project provides for the purchase of seven (7) 35 foot Fixed Route buses. These buses will replace one (1) 2012 and six (6) 2015 Gillig hybrid electric-diesel buses in FY 2028. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses.
- 1b. Purchase One (1) Fixed Route Bus (\$534,636 Federal) (\$668,295 Total)(Section 5339)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of buses used in its Lancaster operation that have met their useful service life of 12 years. This project provides for the purchase of one (1) 35 foot Fixed Route bus. This bus will replace one (1) 2016 Gillig hybrid electric-diesel bus in FY 2029. SCTA will continue the program to purchase alternative fueled buses. The Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities program is continued under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act federal transportation authorizing legislation.
- 1c. Purchase Eighteen (18) Shared-Ride Vans (\$2,131,200 Federal) (\$2,664,000 Total)(Sections 5307 & 5310)  
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of shared-ride vehicles used in its Lancaster operation. This project provides for the purchase of eighteen (18) shared-ride cutaway buses. These cutaway buses will replace eighteen (18) 2022 Ford Phoenix cutaways that have met their useful service life of 5 years. This project is funded with state funds received from PennDOT that includes federal section 5310 funds in the amount of \$383,319 and state 1516 CTC funds in the amount of \$532,800.
2. ADA Services (\$611,580 Federal) (\$764,475 Total)(Section 5307)  
This project funds the cost of providing ADA paratransit service for persons with disabilities that complements the existing fixed route service operated in Lancaster County. As provided for under federal guidelines, an amount up to ten percent (10%) of the annual federal funding allocation to the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area is allowable to be used to fund ADA Services.
3. Access to Jobs Program (\$150,000 Federal) (\$300,000 Total)(Section 5307)  
These funds will continue the Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program presently established and successfully operating in the County of Lancaster. The JARC program funds the cost of providing shared ride service to qualified employees who are unable to use fixed route service to complete one leg of their trip to or from their place of employment.
4. Public Transportation Agency Incorporating Safety (\$45,868 Federal) (\$57,335 Total)(Section 5307)  
As provided for under federal guidelines of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, 0.75% of the annual federal funding allocation to the Lancaster-Manheim Urbanized Area will be used to fund elements of the Agency Safety Plan including but not limited to establishing a risk reduction program; establishing performance targets; purchasing replacement rolling stock;

modifications to rolling stock; and preventive maintenance activities that ensure SCTA's fleet is safe and in a state of good repair.

5. Facilities/Equipment Rehab, Upgrades & Improvements (\$3,180,466 Federal) (\$3,975,583 Total)(Section 5307)

SCTA will implement a program providing for the rehab, upgrades and improvements to its facilities and equipment. This project line item provides for rehab, upgrades, improvements and replacements to the Erick Road Operations Center equipment and facility in the total amount of \$3,550,583. These activities include the replacing of an in-ground lift, a gate operator, the dispatch radio system and the lighting system. Rehab and upgrade activities include the shop breakroom, the shop floor, the administration reception area, the driver's breakroom and the dispatcher's office and adjoining money room. In addition, equipment replacement at the Queen Street Station includes the elevator controls and parking equipment in the total amount of \$425,000.

6. Purchase Finance Software (\$380,000 Federal) (\$475,000 Total)(Section 5307)

SCTA will implement a program providing for the upgrading and replacement of equipment and software used in its Lancaster operation. This project includes the purchase of Finance software to replace software that is obsolete and no longer supported and miscellaneous hardware components to ensure the authority is operating at its most efficient.

7. Micro-Transit Implementation (\$3,464,000 Federal) (\$4,330,000 Total)(CMAQ Flex Funds)

Based on the Transit Development Plan, SCTA will implement a program providing for new Micro-Transit Service Area options to increase public transportation user flexibility.

8. Shared-Ride Facility Construction (\$14,598,629 State Total)(State Operating Funds)

This project provides for the design and construction of an operating facility for the Lancaster shared ride system and for the maintenance of the shared ride vehicle fleet. This project is funded with state operating funds received from PennDOT in the total amount of \$14,598,629.00. SCTA previously acquired land for the construction of the shared-ride facility that was finalized on August 21, 2024 utilizing state operating funds received from PennDOT in the amount of \$5,290,000.00.