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**Funding Available to Enhance Mobility of Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities
Proposals due January 27, 2016**

(Columbus – November 24, 2015) The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announces the availability of Section 5310 Program funding to enhance the mobility of older adults and individuals with disabilities. The deadline for requests is January 27, 2016.

The Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program will provide approximately \$1.8 million in Federal funding to improve mobility for seniors and people with disabilities. This program provides grant funds for capital expenses for vehicles and related equipment used to transport seniors and people with disabilities and activities related to mobility management. Funds may also be used for operating projects which specifically serve seniors and people with disabilities, travel training to instruct persons with disabilities on using fixed-route bus services, and capital projects to remove barriers at bus stops for persons with disabilities.

The program is administered by MORPC for the Columbus, Ohio Urbanized Area. Eligible recipients include state or local government authorities, private non-profit organizations, or public or private operators of public transportation services.

“The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is prepared to bring forward this grant opportunity to transportation providers in the region,” states Thea Walsh, MORPC Transportation Systems & Funding Director. “We will be leveraging the relationships with our members to get the word out about the program and how it can be used to improve transportation services in Central Ohio.”

Funds are available each federal fiscal year and are distributed following a MORPC review and approval process. A Section 5310 information session will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 and at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2015 at MORPC, 111 Liberty Street, Suite 100, Columbus.

To register for the information session or for more information visit the following website www.morpc.org/Section5310 or contact Mary Ann Frantz at mafrantz@morpc.org or call 614-233-4156.

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