

## **Public Notice**

## **2015 Call For Projects**

Laredo Transit Management Inc.-El Metro administers the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Grant Program for the Laredo Urbanized Area. The goal of the program is to enhance mobility for senior citizens and individuals with disabilities by providing federal funds for programs and expanding the transportation mobility options available.

The Section 5310 program was established by the Federal Transit Authority as a discretionary capital and operating grant assistance program. In cases where public transit is inadequate or inappropriate, the program awards grants to private non-profit organizations to serve the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options.

Laredo Transit Management Inc. - El Metro is now accepting funding applications from organizations (State or local governmental authority, a private non-profit organization, or an operator of public transportation that receives a Section 5310 grant indirectly through a recipient) who wish to apply for grant funds for capital and operating expenses for approved projects. The list of approved projects and the funding application can be found at www.elmetrotransit.com web site.

It is a competitive grant process. If an application is selected and the FTA approves the grant then the successful applicant will enter into a contractual agreement with the City of Laredo and Laredo Transit Management Inc. - El Metro.

For those agencies that cannot access the internet please request an application by writing to the address below:

Laredo Transit Management Inc.-El Metro
1301 Farragut, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor West
Laredo, Texas 78040
Attn: Eddie Bernal, Planning Manager or
Sandy Esparza, Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator

Interested organizations may also request an application by telephone by calling (956) 795-2280 ext. 259 or email at transitfeedback@ci.laredo.tx.us.

The closing date to return completed applications is February 9, 2016. Please mail or deliver the funding application to the City of Laredo, City Secretary's Office, 1110 Houston St. Laredo TX 78040.