



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

The Reading 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 May 20, 2026. A public hearing will be held regarding the proposed Program of Projects at 4:00 PM on Monday, June 15, 2026 at the SCTA Reading Office, 1700 North Eleventh Street, Reading, PA.

SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
FY 2026-27 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FFY 2025-2026 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS
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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 Reading, PA Urbanized Areas. 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 Reading Urbanized Area, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is requiring SCTA to develop the Program of Projects identifying the proposed projects funded with the Reading apportionment.

In FFY 2026, SCTA is projected to receive an apportionment of \$5,291,305 in federal Section 5307 funds and an apportionment of \$475,819 in federal Section 5339 funds from the Reading Urbanized Area.

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

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1. ADA Services (\$272,000 Federal) (\$340,000 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 Berks County.
As provided for under federal guidelines, an amount up to ten percent (10%) of the annual federal funding allocation to the Reading Urbanized Area is allowable to be used to fund ADA Services.
2. Purchase Eight (8) Shared-Ride Cutaway Buses (\$947,200 Federal) (\$1,184,000 Total)(Sections 5307 & 5310)
SCTA will implement a program providing for the regular replacement of shared-ride vehicles used in its Reading operation. This project provides for the purchase of eight (8) shared-ride cutaway buses. These cutaway buses will replace eight (8) 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 \$406,653 and state 1516 CTC funds in the amount of \$236,800.
3. Public Transportation Agency Incorporating Safety (\$39,685 Federal) (\$49,606 Total)(Section 5307)
As provided for under federal guidelines of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), 0.75% of the annual federal funding allocation to the Reading 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.
4. Facilities/Equipment Rehab, Upgrades & Improvements (\$4,534,892 Federal) (\$5,668,615 Total)(Sections 5307 & 5339)
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 and improvements to the Reading Operations Center in the total amount of \$5,091,115.00 that includes \$4,496,341 Section 5307 funds and \$594,774 Section 5339 funds. These activities include, but not limited to, HVAC replacement; heater burner replacement; foyer renovation; rehab of the Customer Service area and rehab of the Driver Breakroom/Dispatch Office including radio replacements; Shop renovations and associated miscellaneous facility updates and improvements. In addition, rehab and upgrades at the BARTA Transportation Center and at the Park-N-Transit parking garage activities include, but not limited to, elevator car replacement; parking equipment upgrade; Park-N-Transit stairwell roof replacements; and associated miscellaneous facility updates and improvements in the total amount of \$577,500.00.
5. 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 Reading 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.

