Special Agenda

Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

BUS OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Gateway Plaza Conference Room — 3rd Floor

1. FY2006 Appropriations of FTA Sec. 5307 15% Discretionary Capital Funds 30 minutes
   Action
   David Reyno

2. FY2006 Appropriations of FTA Sec. 5307 1% Transit Enhancement Funds 30 minutes
   Action
   David Reyno

3. New Business
   Discussion

4. Adjournment

Please call Desirée Portillo-Rabinov at 213-922-3039 if you have questions regarding the agenda or meeting. The next BOS meeting will be held April 19, 2005 at 9:30am in the Gateway Plaza Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Gateway Building.

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**TOTAL** | $13,210,003 | $4,146,960 | $1,672,897 | $1,707,810 | $1,955,363 | $1,782,713 | $1,944,260 | $1,994,699
To: BOS Members  
From: David Reyno  
Date: March 8, 2005  

RE: FY2006 Appropriations of Section 5307 – 15% Discretionary Capital Funds and Section 5307 – 1% Transit Enhancement Funds

The BOS has determined that the best and most equitable way of distributing Section 5307 15% Discretionary Capital and 1% Transit Enhancement Funds is through a competitive process and the following principles:

1. No one agency is eligible to claim more than 50% of the available funding.  
2. Encourage multi-agency procurements.  
3. Encourage overmatching on projects.  
4. BOS shall set its priorities on an annual basis.  
5. If an agency receives funding from another source for the same project, the agency must return equal funds to the “pot” for reallocation (no double dipping).  
6. If an agency sold or traded any transit specific funds for non—transit funds resulting in an overall loss of transit funds to the agency in the last two fiscal years, that agency would be ineligible to apply for these Federal transit dollars.  
7. If an agency is not a current FTA grantee, the agency will not be eligible to apply for these Federal transit dollars.  
8. The agency will not be eligible to apply for these Federal transit dollars if the agency has outstanding or lapsing RTAA project CMAQ funds, unless the 15% / 1% project is ineligible for the RTAA CMAQ funds. This does not apply to agencies which have CMAQ funds in obligated grants, programmed in the TIP, or in a TIP project already submitted to the LACMTA.  
9. The agency will not be eligible to apply for these Federal transit dollars if the agency has outstanding or lapsing 15% and 1% funds. This does not apply to agencies which have these funds in obligated grants, programmed in the TIP, or in a TIP project already submitted to LACMTA.  
10. Discretionary capital funds originating from federal urbanized area formula funds for Urbanized Area 2 (UZA 2) shall be recommended for allocation only for projects that are located within, operate within and/or generate National Transit Data (NTD) data, and therefore federal revenues for, UZA 2. Projects located or operated outside of UZA2, that also provide direct service to operations within UZA 2 will be considered for funding only in proportion to their UZA 2 operations.¹  
11. Agencies that do not file NTD reports with the federal government will not be recommended for the allocation of these discretionary funds.

¹ For example, if a commuter bus reports 50% of its NTD data in UZA 2 and 50% of its NTD data in another UZA, an applicant may only request 50% of the needed funding from UZA 2’s discretionary funds. Similarly, UZA 2 discretionary funds cannot be used to build/expand facilities in support of local fixed route services operating outside UZA 2, but may be used to build/expand facilities in proportion to their need to support operations within UZA 2.
The following priorities for the Section 5307 – 15% Discretionary Capital Funds were used to determine how projects are evaluated:

**Primary Priorities:**
- Bus Operation, Maintenance, & Administration Facility – New or Replacing existing facility of at least 50 years old.
- Structural rehabilitation or expansion of existing facility in order to extend the life expectancy at least another 25 years.
- Replacement of existing buses that are at least 12 years old or have exceeded their life expectancy; and
- Mechanical rehabilitation of existing buses in order to extend the life of the bus for at least another 6 years.

**Other Priorities:**
- Buses for service expansion, Transit Center, and Others. However, if projects submitted in any category are not deemed worthwhile, they may not be funded.

The official funds estimate is not currently available pending SCAG FY05 actual amounts. However, an estimate of available FY06 allocation based on the Countywide Financial Forecasting Model is $28.1 million in 15% Disc. funds, and $1.9 million in TE 1% funds.

Operators are requested to submit projects in accordance with federal guidelines. The proposed projects will then be discussed at a special BOS meeting on **Wednesday, April 12, 2005** from 1:30 – 3 p.m. at Metro in the Gateway Plaza Conference Room, during which BOS members will allocate available funds to the proposed projects based on the principles and project priorities (or any changes made to them during the meeting) as listed above.

In order to be considered, your project proposal should be submitted to me by **4pm Monday, April 4, 2005**. Please try to limit proposals to one page while concisely addressing the following issues:

1. Project Description
2. Project Justification / Need (age, condition, capacity)
3. Project Readiness (long term planning of project, design readiness, land/environment, TIP status)
4. Cost Effectiveness & Leveraging (cost savings to the region)
5. Benefit to Transit Users
6. Project Cost & Funding (use of other funding source & local match)

Please submit projects by mail, fax or e-mail (preferred) to:

David Reyno  
Foothill Transit  
100 North Barranca Ave., Ste. 100  
West Covina, CA  91791-1600  
626 967 2274 ext. 275  
626 915 1143 (Fax)  
dreyno@foothilltransit.org
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