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metro.net**PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 2012****SUBJECT: TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT****ACTION: RECEIVE AND FILE STATUS REPORT****RECOMMENDATION**

Receive and file this status report on the first three funding rounds of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant Program (the "Program").

ISSUE

On February 23 2012, the Board directed us to report back on the expansion of the Program to include additional transit corridors and to increase the available funding by \$10 million in FY12. This report provides an update on the first two funding rounds and provides a timeline for Round 3 and for future rounds of the Program.

DISCUSSION**Overview**

First introduced in the FY12 budget, the Program provides funds to local jurisdictions along our transit corridors to encourage the regulatory changes necessary to foster in-fill and TODs. TOD projects take advantage of the proximity and access to public transit through appropriate density, reduced reliance upon private automobile, and enhanced walkability. Such development is found to increase the accessibility and utilization of public transportation, which leads to transit system improvement. In addition, FTA's recently proposed guidelines for New Starts and Small Starts projects focus on transit supportive land use plans, policies and other economic development indicators along transit corridors.

Eligibility

The FY 12 adopted budget included \$5 million for initial Program funding, which was limited to the next three light rail corridors to become operational; Exposition Phases 1 and 2, Foothill Phase 2A and Crenshaw/LAX. On October 27 2011, the Board approved an additional \$1 million in grant funding to expand program eligibility to include Los Angeles County cities with existing Metrolink stations, the Metro Green Line Extension in the South Bay and the West Santa Ana Branch, making 43 cities and six Council of Governments (COG)/Joint Powers Authorities (JPA) eligible to apply. On February 23, 2012, the Board approved an additional \$10 million to be available to the Blue Line, the Green Line Extension to LAX, the West Santa Ana Branch, the Westside Subway Extension, the Silver Line/Artesia Transit Center and other Transitway Stations and Los Angeles County Metrolink Stations.

Applicant eligibility for Round 1 was limited to jurisdictions with regulatory control over land use, while Round 2 expanded applicant eligibility to JPAs and/or COGs that represent communities along the designated transit corridors. In developing the Round 3 guidelines, we expect to continue this expanded applicant eligibility.

Attachment A contains the list of Round 1, 2 and 3 eligible applicants.

Status

- *Round 1:* Awards were approved by the Board on December 15, 2011. Grant agreements have been transmitted to all five awardees with a due date for executed agreements of April 30, 2012. Work will begin immediately with a 24-month timeline. We expect all deliverables by April 2014.
- *Round 2:* Applications were released on February 24, 2012 with responses due April 6, 2012. We expect to bring award recommendations to the Board in June. Upon Board approval, grant agreements will be transmitted to awardees. Awardees will have 60 days to execute the agreements. Work will begin by September 2012 and be completed by September 2014.
- *Round 3:* We will begin outreach to the 43 eligible cities and nine COGs/JPAs in March. Eligible applicants will receive a letter introducing the Program along with the Round 2 Program Guidelines. We will reach out directly to the COGs and JPAs and attend their relevant committee meetings to share information, and will meet with interested individual city applicants upon their request. Unless the Round 3 outreach suggests appropriate modifications, we intend to use the Round 2 guidelines recently approved by the Board for Round 3. If changes are indicated, we expect to bring the revised Round 3 guidelines to the Board on June 28, 2012 and will release the applications the next day.

Attachment B contains the actual and anticipated timeline for Rounds 1 through 3 of the Program.

NEXT STEPS

Before commencing future rounds of the Program, we propose to form a working group of Countywide Planning Staff and appropriate Board representation to discuss future eligible transit corridors, funding amounts and to provide regular updates on Program implementation. The table below proposes a schedule for Round 4 of the Program:

Meeting/Event	Date	Outcome
Working Group meeting	July 2012	Identify potential Round 4 cities, update on progress for Rounds 1 through 3.
Outreach to identified cities	July – September 2012	Determine if targeted cities have potential projects, identify TOD planning needs.
Working Group meeting	October 2012	Present results of outreach and propose transit corridor eligibility, begin budget discussion for Round 4. Update on progress for Rounds 1 through 3.
Budget recommendation	January 2013	Countywide Planning includes recommended Round 4 budget amount in FY14 budget for Board approval.
Working Group meeting	January 2013	Review Round 4 draft guidelines. Update on progress for Rounds 1 through 3.
Round 4 Guidelines recommended to Board	June 2013	Approval or amendment of Round 4 guidelines
Round 4 Grant released	June 2013	

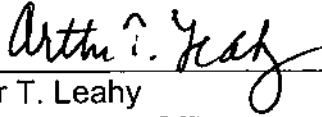
ATTACHMENTS

- A. Cities, COGs and JPAs eligible for Rounds 1-3
- B. TOD Planning Grant Timeline, Rounds 1 through 3

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TOD Planning Grant Eligible Cities

Round 1

Exposition LRT Phase I/II Cities:

- Culver City
- Los Angeles
- Santa Monica

Foothill Phase 2A Cities:

- Arcadia
- Azusa
- Duarte
- Glendora
- Irwindale
- Monrovia

Crenshaw/LAX LRT Cities:

- Inglewood
- Los Angeles

Round 2

LA County Metrolink Cities

- Los Angeles (Chatsworth, Northridge, Van Nuys, Sun Valley, Sylmar)
- Burbank
- Glendale
- Newhall
- San Fernando
- Palmdale
- Lancaster
- Santa Clarita
- Unincorporated LA County (East LA)
- El Monte
- Baldwin Park
- Covina
- Pomona
- Claremont
- Industry
- Montebello
- Commerce
- Norwalk
- Santa Fe Springs
- Diamond Bar

Green Line Expansion to South Bay

- Inglewood
- Hawthorne
- Los Angeles
- El Segundo
- Manhattan Beach
- Redondo Beach
- Lawndale
- Torrance

West Santa Ana Branch Cities

- Artesia
- Bellflower
- Cerritos
- Compton
- Downey
- Hawaiian Gardens
- Lakewood
- Long Beach
- Lynwood
- Norwalk
- Paramount
- Pico Rivera
- South Gate
- Bell
- Bell Gardens
- Cudahy
- Huntington Park
- Los Angeles
- Maywood
- Vernon
- Unincorporated LA County

CITIES, COGs & JPAs ELIGIBLE FOR ROUND 3 TOD PLANNING GRANT FUNDING

CITY	Targeted Transit Lines					
	LA County Metrolink cities	Silverline/Artesia Transit Center and other Transitway Stations	Westside Subway Extension	West Santa Ana Branch	Green Line Extension to LAX	Blue Line
Artesia				X		
Baldwin Park	X					
Bell				X		
Bell Gardens				X		
Bellflower				X		
Beverly Hills			X			
Burbank	X					
Carson		X				X
Cerritos				X		
City of Industry	X					
Claremont	X					
Commerce	X					
Compton				X		X
Covina	X					
Cudahy				X		
Diamond Bar	X					
Downey				X		
El Monte	X	X				
El Segundo					X	
Gardena		X				
Glendale	X					
Hawaiian Gardens				X		
Huntington Park				X		X
Lakewood				X		
Lancaster	X					
Long Beach				X		X
Los Angeles	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lynwood				X		
Maywood				X		
Montebello	X					
Norwalk	X			X		
Palmdale	X					
Paramount				X		
Pico Rivera				X		
Pomona	X					

San Fernando	X					
Santa Clarita	X					
Santa Fe Springs				X		
South Gate				X		
Unincorporated LA County	X	X				X
Vernon				X		X
COGs / JPAs / Other						
Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority	X					
Gateway Cities COG	X			X		X
Los Angeles Work Airports					X	
North LA County COG	X					
Orange Line Development Authority	X			X		
Port of Long Beach						X
San Fernando Valley COG	X					
San Gabriel Valley COG	X	X				
South Bay Cities COG					X	X
Westside Cities COG			X			

TOD Planning Grant Timeline: Rounds 1 through 3

	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>
Funds available	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000
Grant Released	July 11, 2011	February 24, 2012	Anticipated June 2012
Applications Due	September 23, 2011	April 6, 2012	Anticipated August 2012
Award Recommendations to the Board	December 15, 2011	Anticipated June 21, 2012	Anticipated November 2012
Executed Grant Agreements Due	April 30, 2012	Anticipated September 2012	Anticipated January 2013
Project deliverables due	April 2014	Anticipated September 2014	Anticipated January 2015