

Approval – Public Transportation Program

Following the recommendation of Miriam Perry, Director of Public Transportation Division, a motion was made by Board Member Szlosberg, seconded by Board Member Dunn, and the vote was unanimous to allocate funds to the following projects:

Public Transportation Grant Program

Division 5

Project No. 08-90-X416	The City of Durham received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) planning grant. This grant will be used to fund short range transit planning. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2006 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$413,661 330,929 Federal 41,366 State 41,366 Local
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Divisions 5 and 7

Project No. 06-90-X422	The Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority (TTA) received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) planning grant. This grant will be used to fund long range and short range transit planning. The authority is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2006 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$700,000 560,000 Federal 70,000 State 70,000 Local
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Project No.: 08-RS-011	The Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) is assuming responsibility for administration of the Triangle Transportation Demand Management Program. There are four agencies and institutions participating in the TDM program in the Triangle area: NCSU, UNC – Chapel Hill, SmartCommute @ RTP, and TTA. This will result in implementation of one of the recommendations of the 7-year TDM Plan that was recently completed and result in better-coordinated and efficient TDM activities in the Triangle. This plan described specific activities to enable the region to reach the state goal of reducing the expected growth in commuter VMT by 25%. Activities to be undertaken by TJCOG include:	\$50,000 State
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1. Establish and manage technical oversight and partnership committee
2. Finalize administrative contract arrangements
3. Develop and implement application and allocation process for target area basic funding
4. Develop and implement application and allocation process for competitive call for projects funding
5. Develop and implement quarterly and annual reporting process

Urban Bus and Facilities Program

Division 3

Project No.
08-90-X413

The **City of Jacksonville** received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used to purchase five (5) small buses and other transit system start up equipment, such as bus stop signs, bus passenger shelters and office furniture, and renovations to an existing facility for use as an administration/ maintenance facility for the transit system. The city is requesting an 8% state match to the bus portion of the grant and a 10% state match to other capital items in the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible costs is November 21, 2006, to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.

\$446,600	
367,330	Federal
37,960	State
41,310	Local

Rural Capital Program

Division 1

Project No. 04-SF-012	Albemarle Regional Health Services (Inter-County PublicTransportation Authority operating in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotqank and Perquimans) is requesting state funds to award construction of a maintenance facility to serve their fleet of 27 vehicles. The facility will be approximately 4000 square feet and will be adjacent to their administrative/operations center.	\$526,500 473,850 52,650	Total State Local
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Construction bids were opened on October 4, 2007, with the low bid for construction of the vehicle maintenance facility received at \$526,500 from John Bassett of Edenton, NC. The contractor has submitted MBE and WBE subcontractors and while not achieving the goal set, did submit good faith documentation that supported the attempt at reaching the goal. The good faith effort was reviewed and concurred provided by the Construction Unit.

The department's General Services Division has reviewed the bid and found it to be consistent with current market values. This project will be funded in accordance with Senate Bill 1005 that was ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly and authorizes the Department of Transportation to use Trust Fund balances for public transportation projects.

Division 14

03-SF-019 **Clay County** Transportation is currently funded for the construction of a small administrative/operations facility that was awarded on November 2, 2006. It was determined at a later date based upon a review by the county attorney that the site work needed to be re-bid. After two formal bid openings, the bid was awarded to Johnny Burch. Clay County is requesting the additional funds due to the increased cost for the site work and the because of this delay it also caused an increase in the building contract. The total amount for the contract will now be \$568,765. Clay County is using the value of the land, appraised at \$66,000, as in-kind match.

\$41,572	
41,572	State

The department's General Services Administration has reviewed this final bid and found it to be consistent with the current market value. Clay County is requesting state funds to award construction of the facility. This project will be funded in accordance with Senate Bill 1005 that was ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly and authorizes the Department of Transportation to use Trust Fund balances for public transportation projects.

Technology Program

The Technology Program is designed to assist transit systems in providing efficient, effective, safe, reliable and convenient public transportation services through the deployment of various technologies. Three community transportation systems will incorporate mobile data computers and automatic vehicle locator technology into its operations. The in-vehicle equipment will interface with the each system's paratransit software application, utilizing a private data network for the data communication.

Division 1

Project No.	The Albemarle Regional Health Services (operating as Intercounty Public Transportation Authority) requests funding to purchase 26 Mobile Data Computers with Automatic Vehicle Location (MDC/AVL) and 3 spare MDCs for their paratransit fleet.	\$320,003	
08-AT-015		288,003	State
		32,000	Local

Division 5

Project No.	The Kerr Area Regional Transportation requests funding to purchase 38 Mobile Data Computers with Automatic Vehicle Location (MDC/AVL) and 4 spare MDCs for their paratransit fleet.	\$290,050	
08-AT-006		261,045	State
		29,005	Local

Division 12

Project No. 08-AT-040	The County of Iredell requests funding to purchase 21 Mobile Data Computers with Automatic Vehicle Location (MDC/AVL) and 2 spare MDCs for their paratransit fleet.	\$174,471 157,024 State 17,447 Local
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Intercity Bus Program

Divisions 7 and 9

Project No. 08-IC-001	<p>Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (operating as PART) requests funds to continue regional bus service from Mt. Airy to Winston Salem along US 52 with stops at Pilot Mountain, Winston Salem Transportation Center, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Forsyth Hospital, and Hanes Mall. This service will also extend along the US 52 corridor to re-establish a connection to Lexington. The service will consist of three round trips daily Monday through Friday during morning and evening peak hours and two mid-day trips from the Mt. Airy terminus. This route connects with services to Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greyhound/Carolina Trailways, and Winston-Salem Transportation Authority fixed route bus service. In FY 07-08, ridership is projected to exceed 40,000 passengers. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is August 1, 2007.</p>	<p>Operating \$490,000 110,900 Federal 110,900 State 268,200 Local</p>
Project No. 08-IC-002	<p>Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (operating as PART) requests funds to continue regional bus service from Greensboro to Boone along US 421 with stops at Winston Salem Transportation Center, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Forsyth Hospital, Yadkinville, Wilkes Community College, Appalachian State University and Boone Mall. The service will consist of two round trips daily Monday through Sunday between the hours of 5:30 AM and 9:30 PM. This route connects with services to the Douglas Galyon Depot, Piedmont Triad International Airport, Greyhound/Carolina Trailways, and Winston-Salem Transportation Authority fixed route bus service. In FY 07-08, ridership is projected to exceed 13,250 passengers. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is August 24, 2007.</p>	<p>Operating \$403,925 171,962 Federal 171,963 State 60,000 Local</p>

Division 13

Project No. 08-IC-003	The City of Asheville requests funds to continue to provide regional bus service from Asheville to Black Mountain along US 70 with stops at the Greyhound bus station, Asheville Mall, Veterans Administration Hospital, Warren Wilson College, and the Asheville Transit Center. The service will consist of five round trips daily Monday through Saturday between the hours of 5:35 AM and 10:30 PM. Included are funds for the City of Asheville to contract with Buncombe County's Community Transportation System, Mountain Mobility, to provide connector service to this route for residents who reside outside of the city. In FY 07-08, ridership is projected to exceed 17,000 passengers. This service was included as a recommendation in the regional planning project, Transportation Options for Western NC. . The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is November 1, 2007.	Operating	\$233,000	
			98,250	Federal
			98,250	State
			36,500	Local

Project No. 08-IC-004	The City of Asheville requests funds to continue to provide regional bus service from Asheville to Woodfin along Merrimon Avenue with stops at the Greyhound bus station, UNC-Asheville, Food Lion Plaza, SonoPress, Monticello retail area, and the Asheville Transit Center. The fixed route service will focus on employment, education, institutional, and commercial establishments. The service will consist of five round trips daily Monday through Saturday between the hours of 6:15 AM and 12:55 PM and 1:15 PM to 7:55 PM. In FY 07-08, ridership is projected to exceed 12,000 passengers. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is November 1, 2007.	Operating	\$124,604	
			55,302	Federal
			55,302	State
			14,000	Local

Item Summary	13 Projects	\$ 436,414	Federal Funds
		\$1,057,235	State Funds