

Approval – Public Transportation Program

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

Urban Bus and Facilities Program

Division 2

Project No.	The City of Greenville received approval for a Federal	\$848,041	Total
09-04-	Transit Administration earmark (NC-04-0015-00). The	678,433	Federal
0015	grant provides funding for the purchase of two expansion	84,804	State
	buses. The City of Greenville is requesting a 10% state	84,804	Local
	match to the grant. The effective date for reimbursement		
	of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008, to coincide with the		
	period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit		
	Administration.		

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Division 3

Project No. 09-04-0017	The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Program (Section 5309) capital grant. The grant will be used to design and construct a transfer/administration facility. The authority is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible costs is May 19, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$3,135,446 Total 2,508,357 Federal 313,544 State 313,545 Local
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Division 7

Project No. 09-90-X410	The City of High Point received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used to add space to the existing transit operations center and to improve security for the facility. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible costs is July 1, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$900,000 Total 720,000 Federal 90,000 State 90,000 Local
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Project No. 09-90-X700	Chapel Hill Transit received approval for a Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Program (Section 5309) earmark capital grant. The grant provides funding for purchase of seven (7) hybrid 40' buses to replace standard coaches that have met their useful life. Chapel Hill Transit requests a State match of 10%. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible costs is October 1, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$3,750,000 Total 3,000,000 Federal 375,000 State 375,000 Local
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Divisions 7 and 9

<p>Project No. 09-04-0024</p>	<p>The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Program (Section 5309) capital grant. The grant will be used to purchase land for an intermodal transportation center in the area of the Piedmont Triad Airport. The authority is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible costs is July 1, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.</p>	<p>\$2,979,091 Total 2,383,273 Federal 297,909 State 297,909 Local</p>
<p>09-95-026</p>	<p>The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) received approval from the Federal Transit Administration for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The grant will be used to purchase 6 expansion buses to serve the fast growing region with expanding ridership and development of Park and Ride facilities in the Piedmont Triad Region. The authority is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible cost is July 1, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.</p>	<p>\$3,756,196 Total 3,004,957 Federal 375,619 State 375,620 Local</p>
<p>NC-90-417</p>	<p>The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) received approval from the Federal Transit Administration for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding for the acquisition of six (6) expansion buses for priority service expansion in PART's territorial jurisdiction. PART has expanded its taxing district to implement new express services from rural counties (Randolph and Davidson) into the urban core of the region. New vehicles being added to the fleet will allow for new service to be implemented in a timely manner.</p> <p>PART has continued to see an increase in passenger ridership of more than 18% in FY06. Their planning area includes ten counties, encompasses four MPO's, and two airports in central North Carolina.</p> <p>The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible cost is July 1, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.</p>	<p>\$1,875,000 Total 1,500,000 Federal 187,500 State 187,500 Local</p>

NC-04-0003-02	<p>The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) received approval from the Federal Transit Administration to amend the grant agreement to increase funds for the purchase of six (6) buses for services in the Elon area that were approved in an FY07 earmark.</p>	<p>\$326,040 Total 260,832 Federal 32,604 State 32,604 Local</p>
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Project funding will reimburse PART for vehicle acquisition and a fueling facility that were approved for funding in 2006 under an FTA approved letter of no prejudice for advanced purchase. PART is requesting this amendment and NCDOT participation of 10%. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible cost is April 1, 2006 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.

NC-04-0003-01	<p>The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) received approval from the Federal Transit Administration to amend the grant agreement to increase funds for the purchase of six (6) buses for services in the Elon area that were approved in an FY06 earmark.</p>	<p>\$300,960 Total 240,768 Federal 30,096 State 30,096 Local</p>
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Project funding will reimburse PART for vehicle acquisition and a fueling facility that were approved for funding in 2006 under an FTA approved letter of no prejudice for advanced purchase. PART is requesting this amendment and NCDOT participation of 10%.

Division 10

Project No. 09-04-0014	<p>The City of Charlotte received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Program (Section 5309) capital grant. The grant will be used as a portion of the funding to construct the Eastland Community Transit Center. Other earlier FTA grants fund the remaining portion of the center's construction cost. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is February 28, 2005 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.</p>	<p>\$543,400 Total 434,720 Federal 54,340 State 54,340 Local</p>
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Project No. 09-04- 0021	The City of Charlotte received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Program (Section 5309) capital grant. The grant will be used as a portion of the funding to provide new passenger amenities across the entire system's routes. Other earlier FTA grants fund the remaining portion of the passenger amenities' cost. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$475,000 Total 380,000 Federal 47,500 State 47,500 Local
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Project No. 09-05- 0041	The City of Charlotte received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Fixed Guideway Modernization Program (Section 5309) capital grant. The grant will be used as a portion of the funding to purchase expansion buses to operate in the Independence Avenue Busway. The city is requesting an 8% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is February 1, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$285,601 Total 237,049 Federal 22,848 State 25,704 Local
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Project No. 09-04- 0020	The City of Charlotte received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Program (Section 5309) capital grant. The grant will be used to purchase twelve (12) replacement buses. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is February 01, 2007 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.	\$6,250,000 Total 5,000,000 Federal 625,000 State 625,000 Local
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Project No. 09-04- 0006-01	The City of Charlotte received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant and a subsequent amendment. The grant with amendment will be used to purchase two (2) replacement buses and four (4) expansion buses, and to purchase property and conduct preliminary engineering work for the intermodal transportation center project in uptown Charlotte. The city is requesting an 8% state match to the bus portion of the grant and a 10% state match to intermodal transportation center portion of 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.	\$8,130,905 Total 6,579,365 Federal 763,330 State 788,210 Local
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Project No. 09-90-X450	<p>The City of Concord received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital grant. The grant will be used to construct a transfer/administration center, including cameras and other security equipment. The city is requesting a 10% state match to the grant. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008 to coincide with the period of performance authorized by the Federal Transit Administration.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>\$2,500,000</td> <td>Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2,000,000</td> <td>Federal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>250,000</td> <td>State</td> </tr> <tr> <td>250,000</td> <td>Local</td> </tr> </table>	\$2,500,000	Total	2,000,000	Federal	250,000	State	250,000	Local
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Intercity Bus Program

Divisions 7 and 9

IC-US-52	<p>Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (operating as PART) requests funds to continue to provide 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. 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 08-09, ridership is projected to exceed 45,000 passengers. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>\$535,000</td> <td>Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>237,500</td> <td>Federal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>237,500</td> <td>State</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60,000</td> <td>Local</td> </tr> </table>	\$535,000	Total	237,500	Federal	237,500	State	60,000	Local
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IC-US-421	<p>Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (operating as PART) requests funds to continue to provide 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 08-09 ridership is projected to exceed 16,000 passengers. The recommended effective date for reimbursement of eligible project costs is July 1, 2008.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>\$381,200</td> <td>Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>190,600</td> <td>Federal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>190,600</td> <td>State</td> </tr> <tr> <td>60,000</td> <td>Local</td> </tr> </table>	\$381,200	Total	190,600	Federal	190,600	State	60,000	Local
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The **Job Access and Reverse Commute Program (JARC)** is a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) program that develops transportation services designed to transport welfare recipients and low income individuals to and from jobs. The program develops transportation services for residents of urban centers and rural and suburban areas to suburban employment opportunities. JARC projects implement new transportation services or extend existing services to fill the gaps that exist in many areas between where people live and employment sites

The **New Freedom Program** was created to expand transportation services for the elderly and persons with disabilities beyond what is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The **Elderly and Persons with Disabilities Program** provides funds for operating and capital costs associated with providing services to older adults and people with disabilities; generally accessible vehicles are purchased for non-profit organizations.

The following project applications were incomplete when the grant was submitted to FTA. The department has worked with each of the grantees to complete the application requirements and the projects are ready to be funded. This is a request to enter into contract for the approved list or projects in the amount of \$1,557,581 in federal funds.

Division 7

09-JA-002 Town of Chapel Hill	The town will implement express bus service between Pittsboro in northern Chatham County and Chapel Hill. Intercounty and across county service to connect rural and small urban areas to the larger urban areas was identified as a service gap and priority need in the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro Coordinated Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan. Expanding the public transit network to better connect rural areas, like Chatham County, with its many residents commuting into Chapel Hill daily to work at the University of North Carolina, UNC Hospitals and other locations in the community will be addressed by this project. The use of park and ride lots near the intersection of highway 64 and 15-501 will allow Chatham Transit Network, the Section 5311 provider, to feed passengers to the express route. Express bus service operating three trips in the peak period will carry approximately 230 daily riders, generating 58,000 annual ridership. This service will provide connectivity to routes operated by Triangle Transit, the regional fixed route provider, to allow persons to move throughout the region without dependence on the car.	Total Federal Local	\$345,504 \$176,352 \$176,352
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Town of Chapel Hill 09-JA-003	<p>The town will implement express bus service between rural and small urban Alamance County (Burlington/Graham) and Orange County and Chapel Hill to provide inter county and cross county service to connect rural areas to urban areas. This project addresses this priority need that was identified in the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro Coordinated Transit-Human Service Transportation Plan. Fixed route service initiating in Graham (Alamance County), with final the destination in Chapel Hill, will be made available through a series of park and ride lots to residents of rural Orange and Alamance Counties, as well as Burlington, Graham and Saxapahaw to access transit to travel to work. Three trips operating during the peak hours. The service will be enhanced by feeder service provided by Alamance County Transportation Authority, the rural transportation provider that serves the county, and will complement service provided by the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) to Chapel Hill. Projected ridership from this project is estimated at 250 daily trips (63,750 annual rides), with Alamance County Transportation Authority feeding about 15% of the riders, generating an additional 38 daily trips for the county's system.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$470,416</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Federal</td> <td>\$235,568</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>\$235,568</td> </tr> </table>	Total	\$470,416	Federal	\$235,568	Local	\$235,568
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Division 10

Cabarrus County 09-JA-005	<p>The county will establish connectivity for residents in rural Midland, Mount Pleasant and Harrisburg to Concord Mills to interface with fixed route urban transit systems in Concord-Kannapolis and Charlotte. Service will operate during both peak and nonpeak hours (demand-response) six days per week (Monday through Saturday) to feed passengers to fixed routes operated by CK Rider and to express service offered by CATS. This service will operate from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm utilizing two existing lift equipped 26-foot light transit vehicles. The provider is the designated rural transportation provider for Cabarrus County (Cabarrus County Transportation System) and is also the paratransit provider under contract to CK Rider. Anticipated ridership for the JARC –funded service is 10,430 per year.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$243,670</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Federal</td> <td>\$121,835</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>\$121,835</td> </tr> </table>	Total	\$243,670	Federal	\$121,835	Local	\$121,835
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Cabarrus County 09-NF-001	The county will implement transportation for elderly and disabled veterans to access services provided by the Veterans Administration Hospital located in Salisbury, North Carolina. Service will be provided utilizing two small lift-equipped buses. The county plans to coordinate with the new veteran's facility scheduled to open in Mecklenburg County. The service will operate Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Estimated daily ridership is 50 trips. The service will be provided by the existing community transportation system, Cabarrus County Transportation System. The NCDOT utilizes state funds to support the administrative and capital costs for this provider.	Total Federal Local	\$208,000 \$139,400 \$68,600
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Division 12

Iredell County 09-JA-004	Expansion of a JARC project that was initiated in October 2005 with an earmark provided for NC through CTAA. The project will expand the hours of operation for employment routes provided by the Section 5311 provider from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, and as needed on Sunday. Transportation for third shift workers will also be provided. Both subscription service and demand response trips will be provided to primarily service jobs within the county. The service will feed passengers to an express route park and ride lot operated by Charlotte Area Transit System in Mooresville, located in Iredell County. The system will utilize existing vehicles funded under Section 5311 to operate the service, which is estimated to provide an additional 15,000 trips annually beyond the current level of 12,000 employment trips provided in SFY08.	Total Federal	\$157,280 \$ 78,635
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Iredell County 09-ED-001	The county will implement service to a new community health clinic in Iredell County. The existing Section 5311 provider, Iredell County Area Transportation, will provide subscription and on demand service to individuals in the target population group who rely on public transportation for kidney dialysis treatment. While this will be the focus the service, Iredell County Area Transportation will also provide transportation to mental health centers and area hospitals for the elderly and disabled. The service will operate Monday-Saturday from 5:00 am to 5:00 pm. State funds provided by NCDOT for operating assistance will support the nonfederal project match.
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Division 14

Mountain Projects, Inc. 09-NF-002	Mountain Projects, Inc., the current Section 5311 recipient for Haywood County, will establish a mobility manager position to work with the coordinated transportation system to increase the level of human service and general public transportation provided to elderly and disabled persons. This position will address the fragmentation of services offered by human service and nonprofit agencies in the county by providing services to transit consumers of this population group to increase the flexibility, quality and timeliness of service provided. Vouchers will be provided to assist consumers in purchasing the service. Mountain Projects will utilize state operating assistance provided by NCDOT to Haywood County to assist in providing the nonfederal share of operating costs.	Total Federal Local	\$99,913 \$64,930 \$34,983
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Statewide

NC-37-X018	The Public Transportation Division will sponsor three transportation stakeholder workshops on program requirements and training on the coordinated planning process and provide staff oversight and technical assistance in development of plans for small urban areas and rural areas.	Federal	\$224,975
NC-57-X007	The Public Transportation Division will sponsor three transportation stakeholder workshops on program requirements and training on the coordinated planning process and provide staff oversight and technical assistance in development of plans for small urban areas and rural areas.	Federal	\$145,087
NC-16-0001	The Public Transportation Division will sponsor three transportation stakeholder workshops on program requirements and training on the coordinated planning process and provide staff oversight and technical assistance in development of plans for small urban areas and rural areas.	Federal	\$313,621