

Approval – Public Transportation Program

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

Community Transportation Program

The Community Transportation Program (CTP) is designed to enhance the provision of human service and rural general public transportation in North Carolina. The CTP is consistent with the Department of Transportation's goal to develop an efficient, effective, safe, reliable and convenient rural public transportation program that affords all North Carolinians with mobility choices and the opportunity to improve their quality of life. To achieve this goal, administrative funds will be provided to each community transportation system across the state to manage these services.

State Human Service Transportation Management Program funds and Rural Capital Program funds, state matched with local funds, will be used to cover the administrative and capital costs for community transportation systems that operate in the state's urban counties and those systems that provide only human service transportation. State and federal funds will be used to support the administrative and capital needs of 10 community transportation systems.

This is to request Board of Transportation approval to provide state funds totaling \$1,944,238.00 to the projects as specified below.

Division 1

Project No. 09-SF-005	Albemarle Regional Health Services (operating as Inter-County Public Transportation Authority - ICPTA) currently has a new maintenance facility under construction. They are requesting funding for surveillance equipment for the facility and their fleet parking lot which has been vandalized recently. 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.	Facility Improvement \$15,585 Total 14,026 State 1,559 Local
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Division 4

Project No. 09-SF-001	<p>City of Wilson (operating as Wilson Transit) is requesting replacement of 2 HVAC units for the Wilson Transportation Center. The facility was built twenty years ago and the HVAC units have begun to have major problems. This is the first time these units have been replaced.</p> <p>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.</p>	Facility Improvement \$30,000 27,000 3,000	Total State Local
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Project No. 09-SF-039	<p>Johnston County Council on Aging, Inc. (operating as Johnston County Area Transit System – JCATS) is requesting funding for surveillance equipment for their fenced in fleet parking area. They have experienced some vandalism of their vehicles over the last several months. The system is also requesting replenishment of the gravel parking lot and additional security measures for the gate. 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.</p>	Facility Improvement \$19,590 17,631 1,959	Total State Local
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Division 8

Project No. 09-SF-078	<p>Hoke County (operating as Hoke Area Transit Service-HATS) is requesting funding for surveillance equipment for their 15 vehicle fleet parking area. 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.</p>	Facility Improvement \$6,400 5,760 640	Total State Local
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Project No. 09-SF-071	<p>Scotland County (operating as Scotland County Area Transit System - SCATS) is requesting funding to purchase 2 lights for a vehicle parking area. The system is also requesting funds to lay a concrete pad with drain to wash their vehicles. This will be located near their building. 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.</p>	Facility Improvement \$6,950 6,255 695	Total State Local
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Division 10

Project No. 09-US-042	Cabarrus County (operating as Cabarrus County Transportation Services) provides community transportation services to six human service agencies and to the general public through subscription and dial-a-ride routes. The system operates with 22 vehicles, 14 of which are lift-equipped. Cabarrus County will purchase one minivan and eight 20-FT light transit vehicles to replace similar vehicles that have met their useful service life and two expansion lift-equipped 22-FT light transit vehicles, three mobile radio units, and one replacement printer.	Administration \$292,622 248,728 43,894	Total State Local
09-SC-042		Capital \$579,200 521,280 57,920	Total State Local

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.

Project No. 09-US-051	Mecklenburg County (operating as Mecklenburg Transportation System) provides community transportation services to nine human service agencies and to the general public through subscription, brokerage, and dial-a-ride routes. The system operates with 40 vehicles, 23 of which are lift-equipped.	Administration \$248,498 211,223 37,275	Total State Local
09-SC-051	Mecklenburg County will purchase six lift-equipped 25-FT light transit vehicles to replace similar vehicles that have met their useful service life.	Capital \$393,000 353,700 39,300	Total State Local

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 11

Project No. 09-SF-016	<p>Avery County Transportation Authority has recently completed a new transportation facility. The system is requesting security and other cost restrictive items including: fencing to secure their 10 fleet vehicles, steel insulated doors for the wash bay and trees that will provide a wind break to help protect 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.</p>	<p>Facility Improvement</p> <p>\$31,215 Total 28,093 State 3,122 Local</p>
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Division 12

Project No. 09-US-008	<p>Gaston County (operating as ACCESS Central Transportation) provides community transportation services to six human service agencies and to the general public through subscription, deviated fixed routes and dial-a-ride routes. The system operates with 25 vehicles, 22 of which are lift-equipped. Gaston</p>	<p>Administration</p> <p>\$198,023 Total 168,319 State 29,704 Local</p>
09-SC-008	<p>County will purchase three lift-equipped 25-FT light transit vehicles, one lift-equipped van, one minivan, and two lift-equipped 22-FT light transit vehicles to replace similar vehicles that have met their useful service life.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Capital</p> <p>\$376,100 Total 338,490 State 37,610 Local</p>

Division 13

Project No. 09-SF-068	<p>Rutherford County (operating as Rutherford County Transit) is requesting funding for surveillance equipment for their 23 vehicle fleet parking area. 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.</p>	<p>Facility Improvement</p> <p>\$4,148 Total 3,733 State 415 Local</p>
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Urban Planning

The Federal Transit Administration's Section 5303 Metropolitan Planning Program provides financial assistance to local governments in urbanized areas of over 50,000 population to conduct transportation planning activities. Funds are apportioned to each state on the basis of its total urban population. The goal of the Metropolitan Planning Program is the development of transportation systems that embrace all modes of transportation to maximize the mobility of people and distribution of goods in urban areas in an efficient manner. To meet this goal, each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) submits an annual Planning Work Program (PWP) which identifies the transportation planning tasks to be addressed. Both highway and transit planning tasks are addressed in the PWP, consistent with particular items in individual MPO transportation planning prospectuses. The Public Transportation Division uses the PWPs from each of the seventeen urbanized areas in the state to prepare a composite to be submitted to FTA as North Carolina's Statewide Planning Work Program.

This is to request Board of Transportation approval to submit a Section 5303 application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the amount of \$793,129 in federal funds, enter into agreement and provide the necessary state match. The department will provide federal and state funds for the following projects:

Division 2

Project No. 09-08-011	City of Greenville. The City of Greenville will focus on route expansion design, as well as security enhancements to the transit system.	\$32,710 26,168 3,271 3,271	Total Federal State Local
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Division 3

Project No. 09-08-114	City of Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Urban Area proposes to continue to maintain transit operations management of the city's new fixed-route system.	\$27,230 21,784 2,723 2,723	Total Federal State Local
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Project No. 09-08-116	City of Wilmington. The Wilmington Urbanized Area MPO proposes to continue transit operating and administrative tasks supporting the urban area's transit needs.	\$73,200 58,560 7,320 7,320	Total Federal State Local
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Division 4

Project No. 09-08-110	City of Goldsboro. The Goldsboro Urban Area proposes to continue work on the development of a multimodal center in conjunction with a rail service study.	\$33,650 26,920 3,365 3,365	Total Federal State Local
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Project No. 09-08-115	City of Rocky Mount. The Rocky Mount Urban Area proposes to examine transit service revisions and expansion, as well as continue improving the public involvement process.	\$34,920 27,936 3,492 3,492	Total Federal State Local
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Division 5

Project No. 09-08-103	City of Durham. DCHC will start implementation of recommendations from the STAC study, and will also develop procedures to monitor and report transit data and financial operations and develop on-board transit surveys. Planning for the elderly and handicapped will consist of certification and re-certification of passengers and enhancement of paratransit services.	\$283,400 226,719 28,340 28,340	Total Federal State Local
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Division 6

Project No. 09-08-104	Cumberland County Joint Planning Board. The Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization proposes to develop a coordinated plan for a multimodal facility. The MPO will also develop training systems to enhance transportation planning.	\$63,600 50,880 6,360 6,360	Total Federal State Local
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Division 7

Project No. 09-08-105	City of Greensboro. The Greensboro Urban Area proposes to implement Year 2 of the 5-year plan, including reviewing 30-minute transit headways, transfer reviews, bus stop amenities, and paratransit analysis.	\$96,620 77,296 9,662 9,662	Total Federal State Local
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Project No. 09-08-107	City of Burlington. The Burlington-Graham Urban Area proposes to conduct a transit feasibility study in the urban area, and survey regional and local transit ridership.	\$25,000 20,000 2,500 2,500	Total Federal State Local
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Project No. 09-08-113	City of High Point. The High Point Urban Area proposes to continue efforts to support its transportation planning program, including the collection of transit system data. The High Point Urban Area also will continue evaluation of the transit element of the long-range plan.	\$41,050 32,840 4,105 4,105	Total Federal State Local
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Division 9

Project No. 09-08-106	City of Winston-Salem. The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area proposes to complete the transit element of the 2035 Transportation Plan, as well as	\$103,600 82,880 10,360	Total Federal State
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evaluate elderly/disabled transportation in the urban area. A bus stop inventory and pedestrian study will also be initiated.	10,360	Local
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Division 10

Project No. 09-08-108	City of Concord. The Cabarrus/Rowan Urban Area will evaluate ridership data on local and express services to determine potential expansion of transit services	\$38,742	Total
		30,994	Federal
		3,874	State
		3,874	Local

Division 12

Project No. 09-08-112	Western Piedmont Council of Governments. The Greater Hickory Urban Area proposes to initiate several studies examining local and regional general public and human services transportation. Ongoing GIS improvements will also continue.	\$36,220	Total
		28,976	Federal
		3,622	State
		3,622	Local

Project No. 09-08-109	City of Gastonia. The Gaston Urban Area proposes to evaluate the results of the transit expansion study as well as develop potential new express routes to Charlotte.	\$36,450	Total
		29,160	Federal
		3,645	State
		3,645	Local

Division 13

Project No. 09-08-100	City of Asheville. The Asheville Urban Area proposes to continue to develop marketing strategies for the transit system, as well as increase planning involvement with scheduling and operations of the system. Title VI issues will also be incorporated with planning activities.	\$65,020	Total
		52,016	Federal
		6,502	State
		6,502	Local

Transportation Demand Management Program

Program Overview: The Transportation Demand Management Program, initiated in 2004, provides state funds to cover 50% of the administrative costs of TDM Programs across the State. The four major emphasis areas for work accomplished with the funds are getting employers designated as Best Workplaces for Commuters, conducting commuter challenge campaigns aimed at employees, promoting the on-line rideshare matching program ShareTheRideNC, and promoting the vanpool programs in urban areas. There are currently three TDM Programs located in the Triad, Asheville, and Charlotte in addition to a regional TDM program in the Triangle that encompasses 5 programs. The total amount of state funds requested for TDM is \$1,078,677.

These TDM Programs are a critical component of the NCDOT's compliance with Senate Bill 953, the Ambient Air Quality Act. This legislation directed the NCDOT to reduce the growth of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 25% by 2009, focusing on job related travel. By 2007, the growth of daily commuter VMT had been reduced by 24% and 2,816 tons of NOx had been eliminated. There are currently 187 vanpools in the state and an estimated 995 carpools formed during FY 2007. There are currently 17,135 commuters on file in the on-line rideshare matching database ShareTheRideNC, a 14% increase over 2007 registrations.

Divisions 5 and 7

Project No.:	The Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG) is	1,454,500	Total
09-RS-010	responsible for overall Triangle TDM Program Planning	102,500	State
	and administration under contract to the Public	676,000	State
	Transportation Division. This responsibility is outlined in	676,000	Local
	the Triangle 7-Year TDM Plan which describes specific		
	activities to enable the Triangle Region to reach the state		
	goal of reducing the growth of commute VMT by 25%.		
	TJCOG is requesting \$102,500 in state funds to perform		
	the administrative functions. TJCOG is also requesting a		
	total of \$1,352,000 (\$676,000 in state funds and \$676,000		
	in local match) to provide funding to the TDM Programs at		
	North Carolina State University (NCSU), the University of		
	North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), the Durham and Wake		
	Counties Research and Production Service District		
	(SmartCommute@rtp), the Town of Chapel Hill, and		
	Triangle Transit.		

Division 6

Project No.:	The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation	\$285,412	Total
09-RS-002	(PART) receives financial support from the cities of Greensboro, High-Point, and Winston-Salem. PART promotes a Commuter Services Program to increase the use of alternative transportation in the region.	142,706	State
		142,706	Local

Division 10

Project No.:	The City of Charlotte will continue to provide and promote alternate ways of commuting to the citizens who live and work in or near the Charlotte-Mecklenburg region.	\$206,834	Total
09-RS-009		103,417	State
		103,417	Local

Activities to be undertaken include promoting ShareTheRideNC, Commuter Services Program, Third Annual Commute Challenge and partnering with economic development entities.

Division 13

Project No.:	The City of Asheville implemented a TDM Program in FY 2006. The purpose of the program is to reduce emissions and congestion in the Asheville area by decreasing the number of single occupancy vehicles for commuter traffic into and around the City, thus reducing and distributing travel demand.	\$108,109	Total
09-RS-010		54,054	State
		54,055	Local

Activities to be undertaken include promoting ShareTheRideNC website, the Commuter Challenge and Commuter Club and other public relations efforts like Best Workplace for Commuters that encourage transit ridership.

Public Transportation Grant Program

Division 5 and 7

Project No. 08-DG-010	The Research Triangle Regional Public Transportation Authority (Triangle Transit) is requesting funding for shared bus stop signs, GoTriangle decals to be placed on the exterior of buses, and blue highway signs featuring the new regional call center number with the Go Triangle logo and web address. All six transit agencies in the Triangle are participating in the 10% local match. The project involves purchasing 350 shared bus stop signs, decals to place on 335 buses and 94 demand response vehicles, and 100 blue highway signs to replace the existing signs displaying the TTA logo and the old TTA phone number. Triangle Transit is requesting 90% state funds for the total project cost. The period of performance for the project is June 5, 2008 to December 31, 2008.	\$50,000 45,000 5,000	Total State Local
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Statewide

09-DG-017	The Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) at North Carolina State University will continue to work with staff of the Public Transportation Division and staff of rural, urban and regional transit systems to implement the statewide advanced public transportation technology plan; support local transit system technology training needs before, during and after implementation; evaluate the applicability of different technologies; and develop technology briefs. ITRE staff will also support implementation of statewide and local Transportation Demand Management program initiatives, provide staff training for recent research project findings and recommendations, develop a statewide customer satisfaction program for assessment of existing transit services, and assist with implementation of new intercity bus routes with the goal of developing an integrated intercity bus network. This is to request Board of Transportation approval to enter into an agreement with ITRE in support of FY09 work plan activities. The period of performance is July 1, 2008-September 30, 2009.	\$707,938 649,868 58,070	Total State Federal
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Employment Transportation Program

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. JARC funds may be used for up to fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the service with a 50% local match. An unexpended balance of funds is available from projects funded in FY06. If not used, the funds will revert to the Federal Transit Administration.

Division 8

06-JA-005 Amendment	Chatham Transit Network is requesting Federal Transit Administration Job Access and Reverse Commute grant funds for employment related transportation services. The funds will allow the system to maximize the use of existing funds to support a route from Siler City to Chapel Hill. Many of passengers are disabled and or have part time jobs. Reliable transportation has allowed some of the passengers to move into full time employment. The federal funds will be matched with United Way funding and state operating assistance program funds.	\$75,275 Total 37,637 Federal 37,638 Local
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Item I-1 Summary	32 Projects	Federal \$ 950,889
		State \$ 3,653,979