

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 Dunn, and the vote was unanimous to allocate funds to the following projects:

Rural Capital Program

Divison 13

Project No.	Madison County Transportation Authority recently	\$5,686	Total
08-AT-010	completed construction of a new administrative/operations facility. This is a request for funding for the telephone equipment that was installed in the facility. The requested effective date for reimbursement of eligible cost is August 23, 2007.	5,117	State
		569	Local

Public Transportation Grant Program

Division 7

Project No.		\$200,000	
08-09-0415	The Town of Chapel Hill received approval for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) capital and planning grant. The grant will be used to purchase two (2) small replacement buses and for planning activities, including program support administration, long term and short range transit planning and comprehensive planning. The town 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.	160,000	
		40,000	
		40,000	

Division 6

Project Nos. 07-09-406 08-09-425	Regionalization of transit systems is being considered in several areas across the state in recognition of the change in travel patterns and the need to address increasing mobility needs. On May 3 and October 3, 2007, the Board of Transportation approved the use of state funds to match Federal Transit Administration funds awarded to the City of Fayetteville to conduct a transit consolidation feasibility study that includes Cumberland County and surrounding community transportation systems. The study will also address the demand for transit services resulting from 1,400 more soldiers and their families that will arrive at Ft. Bragg due to from the Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC). Federal funds in the amount of \$135, 472 are available to the city to conduct the consolidation feasibility study. The City of Fayetteville is requesting a 20% state match versus a 10% match that was previously approved by the board. This funding arrangement is consistent with similar studies conducted in the Triangle and Triad regions. 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.	\$12,703 State
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The **Public Transportation Division** provides training opportunities for rural, urban and regional transit system personnel. This fiscal year more than 1,400 transit system personnel have attended training opportunities provided by the division. Funds to underwrite the workshops come from a combination of Federal Transit Administration and state funds. States receive an annual allocation of federal funds to provide training and technical assistance for rural transit systems; however, there is no such program for urban transit system personnel. Workshops with both rural and urban attendees are underwritten based upon estimates drawn from similar workshops held in the past. Current history shows that classes with mixed attendance averaged seventy-five percent (75%) rural transit system and twenty-five percent (25%) urban attendees.

\$18,075 State

The total estimated cost for the training opportunities for FY09 is \$81,300. Federal funds have been previously approved in the amount of \$63,225. The following workshops will be presented during Fiscal Year 2009: Defensive Driving, Emergency Procedures for Vehicle Operators, Public Involvement in Public Transportation Decision Making, Budgeting and Financial Management, Passenger Service and Safety, and Americans with Disabilities Act Requirements for Transit Operators. One or more sessions of each workshop will be presented, depending upon demand.

This is a request for state funds to support training opportunities provided for urban transit system personnel.

Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program

Division 14

Haywood County has requested additional funds to assist in meeting an urgent demand for elderly residents to access medical services. The county hospital recently lost its Medicare and Medicaid certification, requiring eligible patients to access services at hospitals located in Buncombe and Jackson Counties. An estimated 50% of the county's 11,400 Medicare clients will require transportation assistance. This funding, along with other transportation options including the faith community and neighboring county transportation systems, will allow clients to access medical services during the estimated 8 weeks that it will take for the hospital to regain its Medicare certification. Any unused funds will be returned to the department.

\$160,000 Total
\$80,000 State
\$80,000 Local

Summary

5 Projects

\$317,895 State