

Council Meeting
October 17, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members
Of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: Transit- Authorize the Submittal of the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Federal Transit Administration Urbanized Formula Grant Application.
Expenditure: \$3,028,750**

RECOMMENDATION

The Transit Director recommends that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to apply for and the Transit Department to submit on his behalf Torrance Transit System's Fiscal Year FY 2006-2007 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Formula Grant Application for an amount not to exceed \$3,028,750.

FUNDING

The total cost for the Transit Department's FY 2006-07 capital program is \$3,028,750.

The FTA provides the Transit Department with capital funding from an annual urbanized area formula (Section 5307 funds). The amount of Section 5307 federal assistance for FY 2006-07 is \$2,423,000. Use of these funds requires a local match in the ratio of eighty percent (80%) Section 5307/ twenty percent (20%) local. On August 1, 2006, your Honorable Body approved the programming of \$605,750 in Municipal Operators Service Improvement Program (MOSIP)/Proposition C Discretionary 40% monies for the local match as part of our FY 2006-07 Claim for Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance Funds.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

This grant application will be submitted online using FTA's Transportation Electronic Award and Management (TEAM) system and will include seven projects:

1. Engines and Transmissions
Purchase replacement engines and transmissions for the bus fleet.
2. Preventive Maintenance
In compliance with federal guidelines, staff will use a portion of capital funds to defray the cost of maintaining the bus fleet.

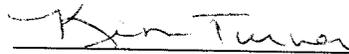
3. Transit Enhancements (FEAP-405)
Under FTA guidelines, Transit is required to dedicate at least 1% of its annual allocation to projects that provide enhanced transit amenities for transit customers. Funds will be used to replace bus benches, sign poles, and improve rider information and disabled access at bus stops throughout the City.
4. Remodel Administration/Operations Divisions (FEAP-581)
Remodel Transit Administration and Operations Divisions: replace carpets, overhead lighting, Administration Division office furniture; paint Administration Division; upgrade/replace kitchenette; re-layout Administration workstations.
5. Replacement of four (4) Supervisor Vehicles (FEAP-625)
Supervisor vehicles are used to monitor the fixed route service on the Torrance Transit System's eight (8) service lines. The four (4) replacement vehicles qualify for replacement under the FTA vehicle service life guidelines.
6. Replacement of three (3) Relief Vehicles (FEAP-626)
Relief vehicles are used on a daily basis by bus operators to make bus relief changes. The three (3) relief vehicles qualify for replacement under the FTA vehicle service life guidelines.
7. Replacement of Bus Tires
Purchase replacement bus tires for the 52 fixed route vehicles. Each vehicle requires six (6) tires.

The following table details the funding for each project. The federal share provides 80% of the funding and requires a twenty percent (20%) local match.

Project	\$, Federal Share	\$, Local Share	\$, Total
Engines and Transmission	160,000	40,000	200,000
Preventive Maintenance	1,712,000	428,000	2,140,000
Transit Enhancements	146,000	36,500	182,500
Remodel Administration/Operation Divisions	160,000	40,000	200,000
Replacement of four (4) Supervisor Vehicles	80,000	20,000	100,000
Replacement of three (3) Relief Vehicles	45,000	11,250	56,250
Replacement of Bus Tires	120,000	30,000	150,000
TOTAL:	2,423,000	605,750	3,028,750

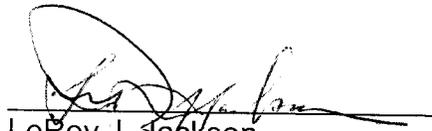
The funding amounts in the FTA grant application are consistent with the funding marks allocated by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. As also required by the FTA, all proposed projects are included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan and the FY 2007 – 2009 Short Range Transit Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Turner
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CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

