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BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: Administration and Finance Committee
 Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
 Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns *Michael T. Burns*
 General Manager

FROM: Carolyn M. Gonon *Carolyn M. Gonon*
 Chief Development Officer

SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year 2007 Federal Transit Administration Grant Applications

RECOMMENDATION:

Policy-Related Action: No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No

Authorize the General Manager to submit federal Fiscal Year 2007 grant applications and execute grant agreements with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula; and Section 5309 New Starts, Fixed Guideway, and Bus/Bus Facility funds.

BACKGROUND:

Congress appropriates funds for the FTA grant programs through the enactment of the annual Department of Transportation Appropriations Act. This year, the "Revised Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007" (Public Law 110-5), signed into law by President Bush on February 15, 2007, makes funds available for all of the surface transportation programs of the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. The amounts available for FTA programs were published in the Federal Register of March 23, 2007.

VTA staff have defined a set of projects for grant application in the federal Fiscal Year 2007 process. The effort was part of the development of the VTA Budget for FY 08 and FY 09.

DISCUSSION:

A summary of VTA's proposed grant projects for FFY 2007 is provided below. For the formula programs, which include the Section 5307 Urbanized Area (UZA) Formula Program and the Section 5309 Fixed Guideway programs, the amounts shown are based on the FFY 2007 appropriations for these programs. It is anticipated that minor adjustments to the formula program may be required. For the discretionary grant programs, which include the Section 5309 Bus/Bus Facilities and Section 5309 New Starts, the amounts reflected below are the actual dollars earmarked for the projects in the FFY 2007 appropriations bill.

Proposed FFY 2007 Grant Program Summary

VTA's proposed FFY 2007 FTA Grant program is summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1
FFY 2007 Federal Transit Grant Program Summary

GRANT PROGRAM	FEDERAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
FTA Section 5307			
FFY 2007 Preventive Maintenance	\$31,492,825	\$7,873,206	\$39,366,031
FFY 2007 ADA Operating Set Aside	3,397,568	849,392	4,246,960
CCTV/Laser Intrusion Detection System	366,410	91,603	458,013
De Anza Transit Center Enhancements	<u>467,363</u>	<u>116,841</u>	<u>584,204</u>
<i>Subtotal Section 5307</i>	\$35,724,166	\$8,931,042	\$44,655,208
FTA Section 5309 - FG/Bus/ New Starts			
BART - Warm Springs to San Jose	\$8,850,650	\$2,212,663	\$11,063,313
ZEB Demonstration Program	396,000	99,000	495,000
Bus Signal Priority Project	728,834	182,209	911,043
Guadalupe LRT Platform Retrofit	1,246,132	311,533	1,557,665
Rail Replacement Program	1,890,000	472,500	2,362,500
Rail Substation Rehab/Replacement	<u>110,000</u>	<u>27,500</u>	<u>137,500</u>
<i>Subtotal Section 5309</i>	\$13,221,616	\$3,305,404	\$16,527,020
Total FY 2007 FTA Grant Program	<u>\$48,945,782</u>	<u>\$12,236,446</u>	<u>\$61,182,228</u>

FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program

Of the available Section 5307 UZA Program funds, VTA proposes to use \$34,890,393 towards Preventive Maintenance costs to help meet operating and capital needs in FY 2007. VTA will program \$366,410 to the Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)/Laser Detection capital project and \$467,363 for the De Anza Transit Center enhancement project.

FTA Section 5309 Fixed Guideway, New Start Rail Programs, Bus and Bus Facilities

Under the Section 5309 Program, Fixed Guideway funds in the amount of \$3,246,132 will be available to VTA in FFY 2007. \$1,246,132 is programmed for Guadalupe Light Rail Corridor Platform Retrofit project, \$1,890,000 is programmed for the Rail Replacement Program, and \$110,000 is programmed for Rail Substation Rehab/Replacement.

In the Bus and Bus Facilities Program, congressional earmarks for two projects are programmed: 1) \$396,000 for the Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Demonstration program; and 2) \$728,834 for the Bus Signal Priority project.

New Starts earmarks totaling \$8,850,650 are programmed for the Silicon Valley Rapid Transit (BART) project.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no other practical alternatives. The federal transit grants will provide funding for important capital and maintenance projects for VTA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The current fund estimates for the grant formula programs indicate that VTA will receive an estimated \$35,724,166 in federal Section 5307 UZA Formula funds and \$3,246,132 in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway funds. In addition, VTA has received approval of congressional earmarks including \$1,124,834 in Section 5309 Bus/Bus Facility Funds and \$8,850,650 in Section 5309 New Starts Funds.

The required local match for Preventive Maintenance is \$8,722,598. The required local match for VTA's capital program projects is \$3,513,848. The local matches are included in the VTA FY 2007 budget.

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