

Date: July 9, 2007Committee Meeting Date: July 19, 2007Board Meeting Date: August 2, 2007**BOARD MEMORANDUM**ACTION DISCUSSION INFO

TO: Committee of the Whole
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: Donald A. Smith, Jr.
Chief Operating Officer

SUBJECT: FY2006 Transit Security Grant Program

Policy-Related Action: No**Government Code Section 84308 Applies: No****RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the submittal and execution of grant applications and agreements, certifications and assurances and other documents as necessary to obtain federal financial assistance provided by the US Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparedness Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) under the FY2006 Transit Security Grant Program for security enhancements at various locations.

BACKGROUND:

The FY2006 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act provided funds for a discretionary grant program to address security and preparedness enhancements for rail and bus transit systems. The Governor of the State of California designated the Office of Domestic Preparedness as the State Administrative Agency (SAA) to administer the funds for security and preparedness enhancements for bus and rail transit systems. For the FY2006 grant cycle, VTA was identified as a Tier I transit property, eligible for funding for both bus and rail transit. For this grant cycle, funding allocations for bus and rail properties were based upon risk analysis criteria developed at DHS, based on inputs from Federal, State, local and industry partners.

For the FY2006 grant cycle, VTA was eligible to compete with eight transit agencies for \$8.4 million (the Bay Area regional rail allocation) and \$2.1 million (the regional bus allocation). The priority for this grant is to protect critical transit infrastructure from terrorism, especially

explosives and non-conventional threats that would cause major disruption to commerce and significant loss of life.

The FY2006 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) includes a requirement that the eligible transit systems selected for funding adopt a Resolution to authorize the submittal and execution of grant applications and agreements, certifications and assurances and other documents as necessary to obtain federal financial assistance provided by the ODP and participate in a Regional Transit Security Working Group (RTSWG). The purpose of the RTSWG is to develop Regional Transit Security Strategies (RTSS) as well as a regional consensus on the expenditure of FY2006 TSGP funds. VTA staff has actively participated in the RTSWG.

DISCUSSION:

On June 8, 2007 VTA received a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA indicating that VTA’s projects were fully funded in the amount \$1,186,349 (\$880,799 from the regional rail allocation and \$305,550 from the regional bus allocation). The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) approved the following projects:

- National Incident Management System (NIMS) training (NIMS is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that applies to all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines)
- High security fencing at the Guadalupe (Light Rail) Division
- CCTV video on demand at the Cerone (Bus) Division
- CCTV video on demand at the Alum Rock, Great Mall, Hamilton, and Mountain View light rail stations. The light rail station locations were selected based on regional connectivity and also on station design, ridership, and security related activities.

Table I summarizes the projects approved for the FY2006 TSGP funds.

Table I
Summary of OHS Funded VTA Projects (FY2006 TSGP)

Funding Cycle	Mode	Project Description	Grant Amount	VTA Contribution
FY2006 TSGP	Rail	NIMS Training	\$172,577	\$0
FY2006 TSGP	Rail	Security Fencing at Guadalupe Division	\$159,432	\$142,568
FY2006 TSGP	Rail	CCTV Video on Demand at Alum Rock, Great Mall, Hamilton and Mountain View Light Rail Stations	<u>\$548,790</u>	<u>\$436,397</u>
Subtotal Rail			\$880,799	\$578,956
FY2006 TSGP	Bus	CCTV Video on Demand at Cerone Operating Division	<u>\$305,550</u>	<u>\$171,362</u>
Total FY2006 TSGP			\$1,186,349	\$750,327

No local match is required to receive this grant. However, the FY06 TSGP funds cannot be allocated to VTA internal labor. Therefore, an agency commitment of \$750,327 in local funding is required. This amount was included in the FY08 Adopted Budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Directors could choose not to accept the grant or select other qualifying security projects. The Regional Transit Security Working Group and the State of California must approve all changes in project scope and TSA has final approval authority.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The FY06 TSGP grant amount of \$1,186,349 and the local funds of \$750,327 that are required to support these security-related projects are included in the FY08 Adopted Budget. Note the grant amount is net of the 3% that is retained by the State Administrative Agency for grant administration. These grant funds will be used for NIMS training, high security fencing, and to expand the CCTV video on demand program at four light rail stations.

Resolution No. _____

FY06 TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL AND EXECUTION OF
GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND
ASSURANCES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR
THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND SUBGRANTED THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS, the United States (U.S.) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) provides federal financial assistance to eligible grantees, and

WHEREAS, the California Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) is the grantee for U.S. DHS federal funds in the State of California, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an eligible subgrantee for DHS funding through the California OHS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority that the General Manager is hereby authorized to file and execute grant applications and grant agreements, certifications, assurances, and other documents as may be necessary for the purpose of obtaining federal financial assistance provided by the Federal DHS and subgranted through the State of California Governor's OHS.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Board of Directors on August 2, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Dean J. Chu, Chairperson
Board of Directors

I HEREBY CERTIFY AND ATTEST that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, California, at a meeting of said Board of Directors on the date indicated, as set forth above.

Date: _____

MARIA MARINOS, Secretary
Board of Directors

APPROVED AS FORM:

Counsel