

Date: April 18, 2008

Committee Meeting Date: April 17, 2008

Board Meeting Date: May 1, 2008

BOARD MEMORANDUM

ACTION ITEM

TO: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Board of Directors

THROUGH: Michael T. Burns
General Manager

FROM: John H. Ristow
Chief CMA Officer

SUBJECT: Federal Fiscal Year 2008 Federal Transit Administration Grant Applications

Policy-Related Action: No
No

Government Code Section 84308 Applies:

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the General Manager to submit federal Fiscal Year 2008 grant applications and execute grant agreements with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula, Section 5309 Fixed Guideway, and Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis funds.

BACKGROUND:

Congress appropriates funds for the FTA grant programs through the enactment of the annual Department of Transportation Appropriations Act. This year, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008" (Public Law 110-161), signed into law by President Bush on December 26, 2007, makes funds available for all of the surface transportation programs of the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008. The amounts available for FTA programs were published in the Federal Register of January 28, 2008.

DISCUSSION:

A summary of VTA's proposed grant projects for FFY 2008 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 2008 appropriations for these programs. It is anticipated that minor adjustments to the formula program may be required.

For the discretionary grant programs, which includes the Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis Program, the amount reflected below are the actual dollars earmarked for the project in the FFY 2007 appropriations bill.

FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Program

Of the available Section 5307 UZA Program funds, VTA proposes to use \$12,568,505 towards Preventive Maintenance costs and \$3,499,495 for ADA Operating Set Aside to help meet its operating needs in FY 2008. VTA will program the remaining \$29,998,356 to various projects in its capital program including: De Anza Transit Center Enhancements, Rail Replacement, Bus Farebox Replacement, Guadalupe Corridor LRT Platform Rehab & Retrofit, Rail Substation Rehab/Replacement, ADA Bus Stop Improvements, CCTV & Laser Intrusion Detection System, Chaboya Bus Wash, and Upgrade LR Station Public Address System. See Table 1 for a complete listing of projects and programmed amounts.

FTA Section 5309 Fixed Guideway Formula Grant Program

Under the Section 5309 Program, Fixed Guideway funds in the amount of \$5,716,085 will be available to VTA in FFY 2008. The funds are programmed for Guadalupe Light Rail Corridor Platform Retrofit project.

FTA Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis Discretionary Grant Program

VTA has obtained an FTA Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis earmark for \$480,000 to be used for the preparation of VTA's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Strategic Plan.

Proposed FFY 2008 Grant Program Summary

VTA's proposed FFY 2008 FTA Grant program is summarized in Table 1 below.

Table 1
FFY 2008 Federal Transit Grant Program Summary

GRANT PROGRAM	FEDERAL	LOCAL	TOTAL
FTA Section 5307			
FFY 2008 Preventive Maintenance	\$ 12,568,505	\$ 3,142,127	\$ 15,710,632
FFY 2008 ADA Operating Set Aside	3,499,495	874,874	4,374,369
Zero Emission Bus Exchange (PM fund)	6,248,000	1,562,000	7,810,000
De Anza Transit Center Enhancements	398,787	99,697	498,484
VTA Rail Replacement	1,086,400	271,600	1,358,000
Replace Bus Fareboxes	2,377,973	594,493	2,972,466
Guadalupe LRT Platform Retrofit	16,408,123	4,102,031	20,510,154
Rail Substation Rehab/Replacement	522,282	130,571	652,853
ADA Bus Stop Improvements	542,913	135,728	678,641
CCTV/Laser Intrusion Detection System	412,730	103,183	515,913
Chaboya Bus Wash	796,294	199,074	995,368
Upgrade LR Station Public Address	<u>1,204,854</u>	<u>301,214</u>	<u>1,506,068</u>
<i>Subtotal Section 5307</i>	<u>\$ 46,066,356</u>	<u>\$ 11,516,592</u>	<u>\$ 57,582,948</u>
FTA Section 5309 – Fixed Guideway			
Guadalupe LRT Platform Retrofit	<u>\$ 5,716,085</u>	<u>\$ 1,429,021</u>	<u>\$ 7,145,106</u>
FTA Section 5339 – Alternatives Analysis			
BRT Strategic Plan	<u>\$ 480,000</u>	<u>\$ 120,000</u>	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
Total FY 2008 FTA Grant Program	<u>\$ 52,262,441</u>	<u>\$ 13,065,613</u>	<u>\$ 65,328,054</u>

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 \$46,066,356 in federal Section 5307 UZA Formula funds and \$5,716,085 in Section 5309 Fixed Guideway funds. In addition, VTA has received a congressional earmark of \$480,000 in Section 5339 Alternatives Analysis Funds.

The required local match for Preventive Maintenance and the ADA Operating Set Aside is \$4,017,001. The required local match for VTA's capital program projects is \$7,486,612. The local matches are included in the VTA FY 2008 Operating Budget.

STANDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

The Transit Planning and Operations Committee considered this item on April 17, 2008 and unanimously recommended that the Board approve this item as part of the consent calendar.

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