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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE
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CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

SUBJECT: JARC AND NEW FREEDOM FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

ISSUE

After reviewing applications for funding from agencies countywide, we now are prepared to submit our recommendations and request funding totaling \$684,160 from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for projects eligible under Sections 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and 5317 - New Freedom (NF) programs, as detailed in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND

On May 25, 2006, the Board of Directors by resolution approved Metro to be the Designated Recipient for formula funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and 5317 - New Freedom (NF) programs, as shown in Attachment B. The Board also resolved that the Chief Executive Officer be authorized to select projects, program funding, and file and execute FTA grant applications, agreements and contracts on behalf of Metro to fulfill the responsibilities of Designated Recipient.

In January 2007, we updated the Board on the status of Los Angeles County's JARC and New Freedom application process, including project selection criteria. Following that update, we completed an application package, which we posted on Metro's website and also mailed to an extensive list of prospective eligible agencies. Also, about 40 participants representing a variety of transportation and social services agencies attended a workshop here at Gateway, where we presented the application process and requirements.

Overall, Los Angeles County agencies submitted 22 applications by the February 26, 2007 deadline -- 6 JARC program applications and 16 NF program applications, with one agency submitting the one application for both programs. Excluding the duplicate project, the total amount of JARC and NF programs funding requested for capital and operating expenditures

totaled about \$2.9 million. The total JARC and NF programs funding made available to Los Angeles County for FY 2007 is about \$9.0 million.

Metro staff reviewed the JARC program applications, while an evaluation team of Metro and non-Metro staff reviewed and scored the NF program applications. Projects were evaluated based on the information that each applicant provided. The evaluation criteria included program eligibility and effectiveness, potential in addressing identified needs/gaps, coordination and program outreach, and soundness of the proposed implementation plan, including local funding match. Attachment A summarizes our recommendations, with project descriptions, funding requests and local match. Attachment C provides summary explanations as to why we did not recommend some of the projects for which participants requested funding.

NEXT STEPS

After notifying the applicants and prospective recipients, we will: i) amend Los Angeles County's Transportation Improvement Program to include the approved projects and submit the amendment to the Southern California Association of Governments for approval; ii) prepare and submit the grant request to the FTA; and iii) prepare and negotiate Memoranda of Understanding with the successful sub-recipient agencies. We also intend to start working on a competitive process for the JARC and NF programs that would allocate \$8.3 million in remaining fund balances from previous years and new anticipated FY 2008 funds.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. FY 2007 JARC and New Freedom Programs Award Recommendations
- B. Metro's Board Resolution for the JARC and New Freedom Programs
- C. FY 2007 JARC and New Freedom Programs Projects Not Recommended for Award

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

FY2007 JARC AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENCY	PROJECT SUMMARY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT	
				JARC	New Freedom
Long Beach Transit	Evening service on Route 191	\$350,438	\$175,219	\$175,219	
Long Beach Transit	Villages at Cabrillo/LBT Route 171 extension continuation	\$438,048	\$219,024	\$219,024	
Metro	Tether strap and marking program	\$104,454	\$52,227		\$52,227
City of Inglewood	Service expansion	\$207,000	\$133,500		\$133,500
City of Whittier	Door-to-door expansion service	\$96,570	\$48,285		\$48,285
City of Whittier	Service expansion DAR extended hours	\$19,010	\$9,505		\$9,505
City of Pasadena	Group Ride vehicle purchase	\$58,000	\$46,400		\$46,400
TOTAL		\$1,273,520	\$684,160	\$394,243	\$289,917



Resolution No. _____

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THAT THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO)
BE IDENTIFIED AS THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION (FTA) FORMULA FUNDING UNDER JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE
COMMUTE (JARC) AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), portions of which propose to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older Americans, and individuals with lower incomes, was signed into law in 2005; and

WHEREAS, SAFETEA-LU includes FTA Sections 5316/JARC and 5317/New Freedom Formula Programs that provide federal formula funding; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans, on behalf of the Governor, approves Designated Recipients for the purposes of receiving and dispensing FTA formula funding from Sections 5316/JARC and 5317/New Freedom Programs for urbanized areas over 200,000 in California; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations require that a statewide or regional agency responsible under state law for financing, construction, or operating directly, by lease, contract, or otherwise of public transit services be named as the Designated Recipient for the purposes of receiving and dispensing FTA Sections 5316/JARC and 5317/New Freedom formula funds in accordance with the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5303-5306; and

WHEREAS, Metro has the legal capacity to receive and dispense federal funds for public transit purposes; submit public transit projects for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program; submit project applications to the FTA; enter into formal project agreements with the FTA; and hold and certify public hearings; and

WHEREAS, by naming Metro as the Designated Recipient for FTA Sections 5316/JARC and 5317/New Freedom formula funds for areas of Los Angeles County, it would foster an effective planning process that ensures connectivity between modes, reduces access disadvantages experienced by modal systems, and promotes efficient overall transportation

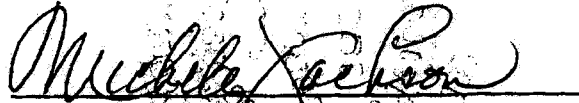
investment strategies for the disabled and disadvantaged residing in the Los Angeles County region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority that:

1. The Board of Directors approves Metro to be declared the Designated Recipient for formula funding from FTA Sections 5316/JARC and 5317/New Freedom Programs.
2. The Chief Executive Officer or the Chief Executive Officer's Designee is authorized to select projects, program funding, and file and execute FTA grant applications, agreements and contracts on behalf of Metro to fulfill the responsibilities of Designated Recipient, hereunder.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting as the Board Secretary of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct representation of the Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority held on Thursday, May 25, 2006.


MICHELE JACKSON
Metro Board Secretary

DATED:

(SEAL)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
 FY 2007 JARC AND NEW FREEDOM PROGRAMS
 PROJECTS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD

AGENCY	PROJECT SUMMARY	TOTAL COST	AMOUNT REQUESTED		COMMENTS
			JARC	New Freedom	
Antelope Valley Transit Authority	Reverse commute pilot and San Fernando Valley/ Los Angeles Safety-Net program	\$272,112	\$166,656		Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.	Pass to Independence program	\$479,030	\$359,929		Program does not meet FTA's goals and objectives.
San Gabriel/ Pomona Regional Center	Securing and installing GPS vehicle tracking devices and software.	\$142,256	\$113,805		Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Adult Day Services and Counseling Center (OPICA)	Door-through-door transportation service	\$256,600	\$132,300		Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	Service expansion across county line	\$333,400		\$192,500	Proposal does not meet FTA's program coordination requirement.
Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	Volunteer escort service	\$348,800		\$200,200	Proposal does not clearly identify program goals and objectives.
City of Pasadena	Interactive voice response system	\$214,073		\$171,284	Proposal does not meet FTA's program coordination requirement.
Access Services	Mobility Management program	\$250,000		\$125,000	Proposal does not meet FTA's program coordination requirement.
Access Services	Service expansion through a transfer fee between Santa Clarita Valley & Southern Los	\$705,200		\$475,600	Proposal does not meet FTA's program coordination requirement.
Whittier Adult Day Health Care Center	Escort service	\$250,000		\$125,000	Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
City of Sierra Madre	Travel training	\$9,870		\$4,935	Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Oldtimers Foundation	Service expansion, door-through-door, and travel	\$49,440		\$24,720	Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Asian Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	New transportation service	\$98,900		\$49,450	Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Community Adult Day Health Care Center	Disability Wheelchair Transportation Plan	\$98,328		\$67,447	Proposal does not meet FTA's program objectives or requirements.
Total		\$3,508,009	\$772,690	\$1,436,136	