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JULY 30, 2008

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ROGER SNOBLE 
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FROM: CAROL INGE 
CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

**SUBJECT: JOBS ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE AND NEW FREEDOM
FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

ISSUE

We have completed our review of 2008 applications for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects eligible under Sections 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and 5317 - New Freedom (NF) programs. After reviewing grant applications from agencies countywide, we now are prepared to submit our funding request to the FTA. We have received proposals totaling \$7.6 million for JARC funds and \$19.5 million for New Freedom funds.

BACKGROUND

On May 25, 2006, the Board of Directors by resolution approved the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) to be the Designated Recipient for formula funding from FTA Sections 5316 - Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and 5317 - New Freedom (NF) programs. The Board also authorized that the Chief Executive Officer select projects, program funding, and file and execute FTA grant applications, agreements and contracts on behalf of LACMTA to fulfill the responsibilities of Designated Recipient.

In January 2008, we informed the Board of the availability of \$24 million in FTA funding for JARC through FY 2009, and \$10 million in New Freedom funds for the same time period. During our selection process, we received applications totaling over \$27 million for JARC and New Freedom funds.

FTA Guidelines Compliance

As the designated recipient, LACMTA has conducted a competitive selection process that satisfies all FTA requirements. All selected projects have been derived from the Locally Developed Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County and meet the intent of the JARC/New Freedom programs.

We publicly advertised the availability of the funds by posting grant announcements on the LACMTA web site and sending announcements to approximately 1,000 local community human services and municipal transit organizations. We also developed and sponsored grant workshops to assist all potential recipients in understanding the grant goals and guidelines and assisting them in the development and submittal of an application. In Spring 2008, we held two workshops, conducted jointly with Caltrans, attracting over 40 participants who represented a variety of transportation and social services agencies. During the workshops, we presented the application process, program requirements, and selection criteria to the participants.

Using FTA guidelines for JARC and New Freedom programs, we developed a selection and evaluation criteria and managed the application review and selection process. To score the applications, we created a review committee made up of both LACMTA staff and staff from local regional community and municipal organizations, including Community Rehabilitation Services, Antelope Valley Transit Authority, City of Covina, Los Angeles Department of Transportation, and the Southern California Association of Governments. The review committee considered the effectiveness of the projects, the needs addressed by the projects, and the effectiveness of coordination with other local providers, in scoring and selecting projects for grant funding. Each project was reviewed by multiple committee members with each developing a number score. Our final recommendations are based on the eligibility of the project, the evaluation scores of the committee, and the total funds available.

Award Recommendations

We recommend awarding **\$7,136,678** in New Freedom grant funds and **\$6,684,000** in JARC funds as shown in Attachment A. In addition, Caltrans will grant **\$533,524** in Small Urban New Freedom grant money to fund the project submitted by the City of Santa Clarita.

Under the New Freedom program, we received a total request of \$16.4 million (not including Santa Clarita) for 12 projects. Four projects were recommended for funding for less than the requested amount for one of the reasons listed below:

1. Unclear or ineligible costs were not funded,
2. Funds were recommended for a feasibility study or implementation plan and, based on the results and funds availability, we will consider future funding for implementation,
3. Due to funds availability, we recommended funding for a one-year pilot program as opposed to a longer implementation period.

If our recommendation is approved, we will have a balance of \$3 million in New Freedom funds (including \$273,347 for Palmdale/Lancaster area) and \$17.6 million in JARC funds (including \$355,461 for Palmdale/Lancaster area) unprogrammed.

To program the remaining funds, we propose to re-evaluate projects submitted but not recommended for funding during the current and previous selection processes. We also will consider successful projects for additional funding in the future. Projects selected for funding were derived from the Locally Developed Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County within the guidelines of the JARC/New Freedom programs.

NEXT STEPS

The following are our proposed activities for the remainder of the calendar year:

- Early July 2008 - Finalize grant applications and submit to FTA
- August 2008 - Update the Locally Developed Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Los Angeles County
- August 2008 - Prepare and distribute award notification letter to sub-grantees
- September 2008 - Execute grant agreements with FTA
- September 2008 - Kick-off meeting with sub-grantees
- October 2008 - Post Award notification on LACMTA website
- December 2008 - Execute MOU's with subgrantees

ATTACHMENTS

- A. FY 2008 JARC and New Freedom Programs Award Recommendations
- B. FY 2008 JARC and New Freedom Programs Projects Not Recommended for Award

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ATTACHMENT A

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

ATTACHMENT A

UZA 02 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2008 New Freedom Program Award Recommendations

	Agency	Project Information	Estimated Costs ²	Agency's Federal Request ³	TOTAL AWARD ⁴	Unfunded ⁵
APPORTIONED FEDERAL AMOUNT FY06-FY09¹					\$ 9,958,722	
1	Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	One Step Over The Line - Expanded Area Services for the Disabled	\$ 574,000	\$ 299,600	\$ 299,600	\$ -
2	City of L.A.D.O.T.	Fleet Expansion for 50 Accessible Taxicabs to Service the Disabled	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -
3	City of Whittier	Expansion of Door-to-Door Services	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ -
4	Jewish Family Svc. Of L.A.	Volunteer Driver Program to provide Door-Thru-Door	\$ 344,797	\$ 172,399	\$ 172,399	\$ -
5	Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	Get About Ready - Shared Ride Taxi Program	\$ 792,000	\$ 396,000	\$ 396,000	\$ -
6	City of Whittier	Out-of-City Expansion for Dial-A-Ride Program	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -
7	Peer Mentor Lifestyle Coach Agency	Peer Mentor Mobility Training Additional funds subject to clarification of proposed budget.	\$ 400,000	\$ 200,280	\$ 200,000	\$ 280
8	Disabled Resources Center, Inc.	Information and Mobility Management Training <i>More information needed regarding budget as match is not clearly disclosed. "Expanded" staff hours not clearly described. "In-Kind" hours not clear about where pay will come from. Office equipment described needs more detail regarding use towards proposal.</i>	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 716,701	\$ 600,000	\$ 116,701
9	City of L.A. Dept. of Aging	New & Expanded Door-Thru-Door Service with "Escort Aides" <i>Same funds requested for 3 years. Recommend funding for a pilot (1year)</i>	\$ 5,034,758	\$ 5,051,424	\$ 2,830,879	\$ 2,220,545
10	Access Services	New Mobility Management Resource Center. <i>Agency requested capital funds for relocation expenses. Funds are provided for a feasibility study that includes lease vs. purchase cost analysis and implementation plan of a Regional Resource Center for disabled services.</i>	\$ 250,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 3,800,000

¹ Includes FY06-09. FY09 is estimated.

² May differ from agency's proposal if the project was not fully funded.

³ Federal funds requested by Agency.

⁴ Funds awarded.

⁵ Difference between the agency's request and award.

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2008 New Freedom Program Award Recommendations**

	Agency	Project Information	Estimated Costs ²	Agency's Federal Request ³	TOTAL AWARD ⁴	Unfunded ⁵
11	Fiesta Taxi Coop. Inc.	Purchase Six Accessible Taxi Vehicles	\$ 216,000	\$ 172,800	\$ 172,800	\$ -
12	Los Angeles County Agency on Aging	Door To Door with Door Thru Door Program. Agency requested funds for a 3 year implementation. Funds are recommended to prepare the implementation plan.	\$ 187,500	\$ 3,239,150	\$ 150,000	\$ 3,089,150
TOTALS			\$ 11,729,055	\$ 16,363,354	\$ 7,136,678	\$ 9,226,676
BALANCE					\$ 2,822,044	

Funded Through CALTRANS

	City of Santa Clarita Transit	Expansion to the Transit Service for Disabled	\$ 913,448	\$ 545,524	\$ 533,524	\$ 12,000
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**UZA 02 LOS ANGELES COUNTY
2008 JARC Program Award Recommendation**

	Agency	Project Information	Estimated Costs ²	Agency's Federal Request ³	TOTAL AWARD ⁴	Unfunded ⁵
	APPORTIONED FEDERAL AMOUNT FY06-FY09¹				\$ 23,669,063	
1	City of Norwalk	Travel Training Program <i>Proposal requesting funds for purchase of tokens and TAP cards. A cost which is not eligible. Proposal needs concurrence with "In-Kind" donation from Social Services. Budget needs to be revised.</i>	\$ 400,000	\$ 269,545	\$ 200,000	\$ 69,545
2	City of L.A. Dept. of Aging	Alternative Work-Related Transportation Services <i>Project implementation dates are not clear. Budget needs clarification and revised. Project Narrative regarding objective is not clear.</i>	\$ 6,805,000	\$ 4,488,347	\$ 3,644,000	\$ 844,347
3	211 L.A. County	211/Access/Subregional Mobility Management Center Funding also requested through New Freedom	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000	\$ -
4	City of Whittier	Bus Stop Shelters Purchase and Installation	\$ 675,000	\$ 540,000	\$ 540,000	\$ -
5	North Los Angeles County Regional Center	Mobility Management Services in San Fernando Valley	\$ 509,000	\$ 407,827	\$ 407,000	\$ 827
		TOTALS	\$ 10,389,000	\$ 7,305,719	\$ 6,391,000	\$ 914,719
		BALANCE			\$ 17,278,063	

¹ Includes FY06-09. FY09 is estimated.

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³ Federal funds requested by Agency.

⁴ Funds awarded.

⁵ Difference between request and award.

**UZA 123 Palmdale-Lancaster
2008 JARC and New Freedom Program Award Recommendation**

	Agency	Project Title	Estimated Costs	Federal Request	JARC Award	New Freedom Award	Unfunded
		APPORTIONED AMOUNTS FY06-FY09¹			\$ 648,461	\$ 273,347	
1	Antelope Valley Transit Authority	Mobility Management Services in Antelope Valley	\$ 586,000	337,200	\$ 293,000	\$ -	\$ 44,200
		TOTALS			\$ 293,000	\$ -	\$ 44,200
		BALANCE			\$ 355,461	\$ 273,347	

¹ Includes FY06-09. FY09 is estimated.

ATTACHMENT B

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2008 JARC/NF PROGRAMS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD

	Agency	Project Information	Estimated Costs	Agency's Federal Request	TOTAL AWARD	Unfunded
1	City of L.A.D.O.T.	Installation of card readers and MDTs in 3500 cabs and vans. <i>Proposal needs additional information to determine eligibility.</i>	\$3,530,487	\$2,559,001	\$0	\$2,559,001