



Agenda Item No. 3.a.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of May 25, 2006

From: Joseph M. Wire, Auditor-Controller
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Subject: **AUTHORIZE FILING A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL
TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 05/06 SECTION 5307 CAPITAL
ASSISTANCE**

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to file Section 5307 grant application with the Federal Transit Administration for Fiscal Year 2005/2006 federal grant funds available to support various capital projects.

This recommendation will be presented to the Board of Directors at its May 26, 2006, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

Federal Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) in the amount of \$26,108,616 has been programmed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in FY 05/06 to support implementation of five new and ongoing District transit capital projects. These include Bus Replacements, Santa Rosa Fuel Tanks Replacement, Computerized Dispatch Upgrade, Management Information Systems and Bus Radio System Replacement projects. Staff has begun preparation of the required grant materials and requests Board approval to submit the District's FY 05/06 Section 5307 grant application to the FTA which would include the program of projects listed above and described in more detail in Attachment A.

Section 5307 funds are authorized to support public transit activities pursuant to Section 5307 of Title 49 of the United States Code. In the San Francisco Bay Area Region, MTC is responsible for programming these funds. MTC, in partnership with County Congestion Management Agencies and local transit operators, has developed a multi-modal approach to programming these funds to high-priority transit, bicycle, pedestrian and roadway projects. Once funds are programmed by MTC, individual project sponsors must secure funds through grant application and execution of a grant funding agreement with the FTA.

Fiscal Impact

This item provides up to \$26,108,616 in federal capital funds to support implementation of five District projects, requiring \$6,353,262 in local match funds. These new and ongoing projects are all included in the District's 10-year capital plan.

ATTACHMENT A

GGBHTD Program of Projects
 FY 2006 Urbanized Area Formula Program Grant Application

Project Title/Description	Federal Fund Source	Federal Funds Section 5307	District/Local Match	Total Project	Project Notes
1. Bus Replacements - Provides federal funds to replace buses that have reached the end of their useful life.	Section 5307	\$24,295,571	\$5,900,000	\$30,195,571	Funds will support replacement of buses for local and regional service.
2. Santa Rosa Fuel Tanks Replacement – Replace existing 15,000-gallon underground diesel storage tanks at the Santa Rosa Bus Facility.	Section 5307	\$300,000	\$75,000	\$375,000	Provides partial funds to implement this project.
3. Computerized Dispatch Upgrade – Purchase and reconfigure current version of the Hastus Scheduling and Dispatch System to leverage operational improvements in Planning, Scheduling and Bus Operations.	Section 5307	\$240,000	\$60,000	\$300,000	Funds will support implementation of the upgrade.
4. Management Information System – Purchase new integrated transit maintenance management information systems.	Section 5307	\$169,227	\$42,307	\$211,534	Provide partial funds to implement this multi-year project, reducing overall District share.
5. Bus Radio/Communications System Replacement – Develop and acquire a comprehensive radio communications system.	Section 5307	\$1,103,818	\$275,955	\$1,379,773	Provides partial funds to implement this project.
Total		\$26,108,616	\$6,353,262	\$32,461,878	