



Agenda Item No. 1.a.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole  
Meeting of August 9, 2007

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATIVE TO THE AWARD OF GRANT FUNDS BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **Recommendation**

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors approve the addition of the following projects to the FY 07/08 Capital and Operating Budgets relative to the award of grant funds by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

1. The Bus Transit Perimeter Security and Surveillance Equipment in the amount of \$253,000 in the Bus Division Capital Budget;
2. Security Shelter and Additional Surveillance Equipment for the Golden Gate Ferry (GGF) system in the amount of \$325,000 in the Ferry Division Capital Budget; and,
3. GGF Joint Security Training Exercise in the amount of \$150,000 in the Ferry Division Operating Budget.

### **Summary**

In December 2006, the District received verbal notification from the California Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS) of the award of FY 05/06 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) funds to support implementation of three District projects. However, since this was not an official notification, staff could not add the projects to the Capital and Operating Budgets. The District was required to wait until it received official notification from DHS.

In late June 2007, the District received official written notification from DHS in regard to the award of the FY 05/06 TSGP funds. These funds are in the amount of \$728,000 to support implementation of three transit security projects. These include:

1. The Bus Transit Perimeter Security and Surveillance Equipment for \$253,000;
2. Security Shelter and Additional Surveillance Equipment for the GGF system for \$325,000; and,
3. GGF Joint Security Training Exercise for \$150,000.

The training exercise will be a collaborative effort among the San Francisco Bay Area public and private ferry operators with participation from the U.S. Coast Guard and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. It is anticipated that the training exercise will be completed by May 2008. However, due to the uncertainty when dealing with agencies, if this project is not completed in FY 07/08, operating funds will be requested again during the FY 08/09 budget process.

**Fiscal Impact**

This item authorizes actions relative to the award of grant funds to support transit security projects and adds these 100% grant-funded projects to FY 07/08 Capital and Operating Budgets.