



Agenda Item No. 2.a.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole  
Meeting of March 13, 2008

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Subject: **APPROVE FILING GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL  
TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR FY 07/08 SECTION 5307, SECTION  
5309 AND FLEX FUNDS CAPITAL ASSISTANCE**

### **Recommendation**

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager or her designee to file Section 5307, Section 5309 and flex funds grant applications with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for FY 07/08 federal grant funds available to support various capital projects.

### **Summary**

Federal Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307), Federal Capital Program (Section 5309), and flex funds, including Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, Federal Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBD) Program, and Federal Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP) funds, in the amount of \$31,857,582 have been programmed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) in FY 07/08 to support implementation of ten District transit capital projects. These projects which are included in the District's 10-year capital plan include 1) Replacement Buses, 2) Advanced Communication and Information System, 3) Preventive Maintenance, 4) Facilities Rehabilitation, 5) Transit Safety and Security, 6) Ferry Major Components, 7) Ferry Channel and Berth Dredging, 8) Ferry Fixed Guideway Connectors, 9) Larkspur Ferry Terminal Parking Improvements, and 10) San Rafael Transit Center Improvements. In addition, federal funds in the amount of \$2,200,000 have been programmed for District pass-through to MTC for implementation of the Translink regional electronic fare project. As part of administering the federal pass-through funds to MTC for Translink implementation, it will be necessary to revise the District's pass-through agreement with MTC to add the new \$2,200,000 increment of federal funds to the project. Staff has begun preparation of the required grant materials and requests Board approval to submit the District's FY 07/08 Section 5307, Section 5309 and flex funds grant applications to the FTA which would include the program of projects listed above and described in more detail in Attachment A.

Federal Urbanized Area Formula Program funds are authorized to support public transit activities pursuant to Section 5307 of Title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.). Federal Capital Program funds are authorized to support modernization of existing rail systems, new fixed guideway systems and new and replacement buses and facilities pursuant to Section 5309 of Title 49 U.S.C. Federal CMAQ funds are available to support various transportation activities pursuant to Section 149 of Title 23 U.S.C. Federal FBD funds are available to support the construction of ferry boats and ferry terminal facilities pursuant to Section 147 of Title 23 U.S.C. Federal NTPP funds are available to support a network of nonmotorized transportation infrastructure facilities pursuant to Section 1807 of SAFETEA-LU. 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 \$31,857,582 in federal capital funds to support implementation of ten District projects and \$2,200,000 to support administration of Translink pass-through funds, requiring \$8,005,726 in District local match and \$285,033 in local match funds to be provided by MTC, for a total local match requirement of \$8,290,759. These projects are all included in the District's 10-year capital plan.

Attachment

## ATTACHMENT A

### GGBHTD Program of Projects FY 2008 Urbanized Area Formula Program and Capital Program Grant Applications

| Project Title/Description  | Federal Funds Section 5307 | Federal Funds Section 5309 | Federal Flex Funds | District/Local Match | Total Project | Project Notes   |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>1. Replacement Buses</b> – Replace 7 – 1991 40' buses that have reached the end of their useful life with 7 – 35' hybrid buses.   | \$3,441,672                | -                          | -                  | \$901,748            | \$4,343,420   | Provide funds to replace 40' buses with 35' buses.  |
| <b>2. Advanced Communication and Information System</b> - Develop and acquire a comprehensive radio communications system.   | \$1,834,129                | -                          | -                  | \$458,532            | \$2,292,661   | Provides partial funds to implement this project.   |
| <b>3. Preventive Maintenance</b> - Subsidize transit maintenance activities.   | \$1,761,781                | -                          | -                  | \$440,446            | \$2,202,227   | GGBH&TD will share 80% of these funds with MCTD and will credit MCTD invoices beginning in July 2008. |
| <b>4. Facilities Rehabilitation</b> - Rehabilitate bus and ferry facilities.   | \$680,000                  | -                          | -                  | \$170,000            | \$850,000     | Multi-year projects.  |
| <b>5. Transit Security and Safety</b> – Enhance transit security and safety.   | \$5,000,000                | -                          | -                  | \$1,250,000          | 6,250,000     | Multi-year projects.  |
| <b>6. Ferry Major Components</b> – Rehabilitate and replace major ferry components.  | \$40,159                   | 199,841                    | -                  | \$60,000             | \$300,000     | Multi-year projects.  |
| <b>7. Ferry Channel and Berth Dredging</b> - Design and dredge Larkspur Ferry Terminal berth, turning basin and channel.   | -                          | \$4,000,000                | -                  | \$1,000,000          | \$5,000,000   | Funds budgeted in FY 08 will support design and permitting for Larkspur Berth Dredging in FY 09.      |
| <b>8. Ferry Fixed Guideway Connectors</b> - Rehabilitate and replace floats and gangway systems that allow passengers to get from the vessels to the terminals.  | -                          | \$2,000,000                | -                  | \$500,000            | \$2,500,000   | Multi-year project. Funds will partially support implementation of design.                            |
| <b>9. Larkspur Ferry Terminal Parking Improvements</b> – Increase parking spaces to accommodate ridership growth. (Ferry Boat Discretionary Program funds)   | -                          | -                          | \$12,800,000       | \$3,200,000          | \$16,000,000  | Funds programmed in coordination with San Francisco Urban Partnership Agreement.                      |
| <b>10. San Rafael Transit Center Improvements</b> – Enhance connectivity at San Rafael Transit Center. (Nonmotorized Transportation Pilot Program funds)   | -                          | -                          | \$100,000          | \$25,000             | \$125,000     | Funds to be administered by County of Marin.  |
| <b>11. Translink</b> – In coordination with MTC, AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, Muni, SamTrans, VTA and all other Bay Area transit agencies, develop more convenient way for transit riders to pay for rides in the Bay Area. (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds) | -                          | -                          | \$2,200,000        | \$285,033            | \$2,485,033   | Pass-through funds to MTC. District receives \$10,000 per year to administer grant.                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | \$12,757,741               | \$6,199,841                | \$15,100,000       | \$8,290,759          | \$42,348,341  |   |

TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS

\$34,057,582