



Metro

**PLANNING & PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE
APRIL 20, 2005**

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2006 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION
5310 PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ACTION: ADOPTION OF FTA SECTION 5310 LOCAL SCORES FOR LOS ANGELES
COUNTY PROJECTS**

RECOMMENDATION

- A. Approve the local scores for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 projects in Attachment 1.
- B. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - 1. Include the applications recommended for funding in the FY 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); and
 - 2. Execute the Resolution in Attachment 2 and transmit the Resolution and scoring recommendations to Caltrans.

ISSUE

The Section 5310 program annually provides funding for social service and public agencies for capital grants for transportation of senior citizens and persons with disabilities. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Los Angeles County, has responsibility for evaluating all Section 5310 grant applications from agencies in the county and forwarding the local priorities and scores to Caltrans. If approved by the Board, the local ranking and scores will be forwarded to Caltrans staff who will combine scores from other areas and develop a ranking of all projects in the state.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The process of scoring and distribution of Section 5310 funds is controlled by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). There is no opportunity for variation from one county to the next. Section 5310 funds are distributed to states based on population.

OPTIONS

There are no options available since Metro is required under CTC Resolution G-97-01 to score projects from their region and forward the adopted scores to Caltrans.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The FTA Section 5310 program is a Federal grant program that is not available for general Metro expenses. There is no local match required from Metro. Each agency receiving funding provides the local match for its project(s). By providing funding for agencies transporting persons with disabilities, the recommended projects have the potential to reduce demand for Access Paratransit, the ADA paratransit service operated by Access Services.

BACKGROUND

The FTA Section 5310 program is a competitive capital grant program for private non-profit corporations and, under certain conditions, public agencies. Eligibility for these funds is limited to providers of services to the elderly and individuals with disabilities. The program is administered in California by Caltrans and consists of 80% Federal and 20% local funding. Approximately \$8.5 million of Section 5310 federal funds are expected to be available statewide. In Los Angeles County, twenty-two agencies applied for Section 5310 funds requesting a total of \$3,215,130 for 60 vehicles plus related communications and computer equipment. Three agencies subsequently withdrew their applications, revising the requested total to \$2,932,380 for 55 vehicles and equipment.

Each year, the role of Metro in this grant process is to establish a Local Review Committee (LRC), score the applications, forward the scores to Caltrans, and program the requests into the RTIP. Representatives of the LRC include Metro staff and members of the Local Transit Systems Subcommittee (LTSS) and Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). The Local Review Committee members represent providers of services to seniors and persons with disabilities, users of transportation services, non-profit and for-profit transportation service providers, and Metro. The LRC used statewide criteria developed by Caltrans to score the applications. These criteria specify the scores possible in each of five categories: need for the requested equipment, client need for the agency's transportation services, agency's transportation effectiveness, agency's transportation management ability, and coordination of transportation-related activities with other agencies. Both the LTSS and AAC have reviewed the local scores and ranking of projects.

NEXT STEPS

Following adoption of the local scores, the priority listing with the scores is submitted to Caltrans, with the resolution in Attachment 2. The regional prioritized lists are due to the state May 6, 2005. After receiving local scores from all Regional Transportation Planning Agencies in the state, Caltrans prepares a master list of projects and local scores, ranked on the basis of the local score for each project. The State Review Committee evaluates projects with a score above an identified minimum score (based on the project scores for all projects

and the estimated federal funding for California in the next federal fiscal year). Following review of the draft state priority list, the CTC adopts a priority list of all projects for which funding is expected to be available; this action is scheduled for the CTC's September meeting. On October 1, the state will forward the list of approved projects to the Federal Transit Administration. After adoption of the federal budget, Caltrans will begin the state procurement process for successful applicants.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Scoring Process and Local Applicant Scores
2. Resolution Certifying Project Consistency with Regional Transportation Plan

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SCORING PROCESS AND APPLICANTS' SCORES

Caltrans has developed statewide evaluation criteria for Section 5310 applications. The total amount of available points is 100. The number of projects that will be funded is dependent on the amount of funding available from the FTA, which is not known at this time but is expected to be \$8.5 million for California.

In November 2004, Caltrans distributed notices to approximately 1,500 Los Angeles County social service and public agencies regarding the Section 5310 application process. More than 100 Los Angeles agencies requested application packets, and 20 Los Angeles agencies attended a January workshop conducted by Caltrans and Metro staff explaining the application and evaluation processes. In addition, Access Services sponsored a workshop in December 2004 for potential applicants, at which Metro staff and Access Services staff provided detailed information about the application process to representatives from 25 agencies. In addition, staff from both Metro and Access Services, which is the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for Los Angeles County, received inquiries from over 30 agencies regarding eligibility and coordination requirements. Twenty-two non-profit and public agencies submitted applications to Metro on February 3, 2005. Since the initial application, three agencies decided to withdraw their applications. The Local Transit Systems Subcommittee and Accessibility Advisory Committee each appointed two members to serve on the Local Review Committee (LRC). The LRC members evaluated every project in the applications and met with each applicant February 24 and February 25, 2005. Because meetings with applicants were held before the final application deadline, applicants had an opportunity to make changes and add information to their applications based on these sessions. Applicants provided revised applications to Metro by March 3, 2005 and mailed them to Caltrans Headquarters in Sacramento to meet the postmarked deadline of March 4, 2005.

The recommended scores for the local projects are noted on the following pages. Based on the score, the projects are ranked from highest-priority to lowest. Following the priority listing is a list of the agencies submitting applications and each agency's total request.

RECOMMENDED LOCAL PROJECT SCORES IN PRIORITY ORDER

APPLICANT	PROJECT	PROJECT SCORE	PROJECT NEED	SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS	SERVICE AVAILABILITY	APPLICANT ABILITY	COORDINATION
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Expansion Medium Bus Type II & Mobile Radio	94	20	24	10	30	10
Asian Rehabilitation Services	Expansion Mini Van (Type IV)	94	20	30	8	26	10
City of Pasadena	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (77383)	94	20	24	10	30	10
City of Pasadena	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (40157)	94	20	24	10	30	10
City of Pasadena	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (40159)	94	20	24	10	30	10
City of Pasadena	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (40160)	94	20	24	10	30	10
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Expansion Medium Bus Type II & Mobile Radio	93	19	24	10	30	10
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Expansion Medium Bus Type II & Mobile Radio	93	19	24	10	30	10
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Expansion Medium Bus Type II & Mobile Radio	93	19	24	10	30	10
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Expansion Medium Bus Type II & Mobile Radio	93	19	24	10	30	10
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(26019)	93	20	23	10	30	10
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(26646)	93	20	23	10	30	10
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(27872)	93	20	23	10	30	10
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(58650)	93	20	23	10	30	10
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(29615)	93	20	23	10	30	10
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV (30927)	93	20	23	10	30	10

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		93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV (31322)	93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV (31435)	93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV (31442)	93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV (31660)	93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(28247)	93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV (28095)	93	20	23	20	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
Grandview Foundation Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(64901)	92	20	24	20	24	10	10	30	10	24	10	30	8			
Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation	Computer Equipment	92	20	26	20	26	8	8	28	10	26	8	28	10			
City of Inglewood	Expansion Large Bus Type III & Mobile Radio	92	18	24	18	24	10	10	30	10	24	10	30	10			
OPICA Inc.	Expansion Small Bus Type 1	90	15	27	15	27	8	8	30	10	27	8	30	10			
City of Azusa	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (22901)	89	20	22	20	22	9	9	28	10	22	9	28	10			
City of Azusa	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (22893)	89	20	22	20	22	9	9	28	10	22	9	28	10			
City of Azusa	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (29818)	89	20	22	20	22	9	9	28	10	22	9	28	10			
Tarzana Treatment Center	Computer & Other Equipment	89	19	22	19	22	10	10	28	10	22	10	28	10			
Access Services Inc.	Replacement Minivan Type IV(260198)	89	16	23	16	23	10	10	30	10	23	10	30	10			
City of Inglewood	Expansion Large Bus Type III & Mobile Radio	89	15	24	15	24	10	10	30	10	24	10	30	10			

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				NESS	AVAILABILITY	ABILITY		
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Base Station	89	15	24	10	30	10	
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	Computer Equipment & Software	89	15	24	10	30	10	
Grandview Foundation Inc.	Replacement Modified Van (39472)	88	16	24	10	30	8	
Alta Med Health Services Corp.	Computer Software	88	20	20	10	28	10	
Tarzana Treatment Center	Expansion Modified Van	87	17	22	10	28	10	
Tarzana Treatment Center	Expansion Modified Van	87	17	22	10	28	10	
City of Pasadena	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (40158)	84	10	24	10	30	10	
Grandview Foundation Inc.	Replacement Modified Van (25570)	84	12	24	10	30	8	
Motion Picture and Television Fund	Expansion Medium Bus Type II	81	15	22	10	24	10	
Alta Med Health Services Corp.	Replacement Modified Van (78616)	80	12	20	10	28	10	
Social Vocational Services	Replacement Modified Van (05765)	77	20	23	8	22	4	
Social Vocational Services	Replacement Modified Van (34505)	77	20	23	8	22	4	
Social Vocational Services	Replacement Modified Van (06935)	77	20	23	8	22	4	
Institute for the Redesign of Learning	Replacement Modified Van (48571)	77	20	8	9	30	10	
Alta Med Health Services Corp.	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (12654)	74	6	20	10	28	10	
Alta Med Health Services Corp.	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (12643)	74	6	20	10	28	10	
City of Azusa	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (29855)	73	4	22	9	28	10	

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APPLICANT	PROJECT	PROJECT SCORE	PROJECT NEED	SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS			APPLICANT ABILITY	COORDINATION
				NESS	AVAILABILITY	ABILITY		
IMOSA Inc.	Expansion Small Bus Type I	72	13	27	10	12	10	
The Mental Health Assoc of Los Angeles	Expansion Mini Van Type IV	71	14	21	8	18	10	
Life Steps Foundation	Replacement Large Bus Type III (22437)	70	2	24	6	28	10	
Institute for the Redesign of Learning	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (08079)	69	12	8	9	30	10	
Lanterman Developmental Center	Replacement Modified Van (15960)	68	20	30	4	10	4	
Lanterman Developmental Center	Replacement Largest Bus Type VIII (15957)	68	20	30	4	10	4	
IMOSA Inc.	Expansion Small Bus Type I	58	7	19	10	12	10	
Lanterman Developmental Center	Expansion Mini Van Type IV	58	10	30	4	10	4	
Mary Lind Foundation	Replacement Large Bus Type III (20108)	48	8	7	5	18	10	
Mary Lind Foundation	Replacement Large Bus Type III (20109)	48	8	7	5	18	10	
Institute for the Redesign of Learning *	Replacement Medium Bus Type II (85515)	0	Disqualified					

* Institute for Redesign of Learning Project (88515) disqualified due to indication in application that no passengers were being transported.

NOTE: Scores are based on detailed evaluation form based on funding criteria for projects. They include calculations based on miles, hours, and passenger trips; training programs; equipment maintenance; coordination with other agencies.

SECTION 5310 -- AGENCIES SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS -- 2005

AGENCY	REQUEST	DOLLARS REQUESTED	TOTAL AGENCY REQUEST
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	5 Medium Buses (Type II)	\$ 280,000	\$ 297,580
	5 Mobile Radios	\$ 7,500	
	1 Base Station	\$ 3,700	
	Computer equipment and software	\$ 6,380	
Life Steps Foundation Inc	1 Large Bus (Type III)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Grandview Foundation Inc.	1 Mini Van (Type IV)	\$ 41,000	\$ 137,000
	2 Modified Vans	\$ 96,000	
Institute for Redesign of Learning	1 Modified Van	\$ 48,000	\$ 160,000
	2 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 112,000	
Tarzana Treatment Center	2 Modified Vans	\$ 96,000	\$ 136,000
	Computer and Other equipment	\$ 40,000	
City of Pasadena	5 Medium Buses (Type II)	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000
Access Services Inc.	13 Minivans (Type IV)	\$ 495,300	\$ 495,300
IMOSA Inc.	2 Small buses (Type I)	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Lanterman Developmental Center	1 Minivan (Type IV)	\$ 41,000	\$ 249,000
	1 Modified Van	\$ 48,000	
	1 Largest Bus (Type VIII)	\$ 160,000	

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AGENCY	REQUEST	DOLLARS REQUESTED	TOTAL AGENCY REQUEST
Mary Lind Foundation	2 Large Buses (Type III)	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000
OPICA Adult Day Care Center	1 Small Bus (Type I)	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
Motion Picture and Television Fund	1 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
AltaMed Health Services Corporation	1 Modified Van	\$ 48,000	
	2 Medium Buses (Type II)	\$ 112,000	
	Computer software	\$ 40,000	\$ 200,000
City of Azusa	4 Medium Buses (Type II)	\$ 224,000	\$ 224,000
City of Inglewood	2 Large Buses (Type III) and Mobile Radios	\$ 123,000	\$ 123,000
Asian Rehabilitation Services Inc.	1 Minivan (Type IV)	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000
The Mental Health Association of Los Angeles County	1 Minivan (Type IV)	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000
Steelworkers Oldtimers Foundation	Computer Equipment	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,500
Social Vocational Services	3 Modified Vans	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000

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AGENCY	REQUEST	DOLLARS REQUESTED	TOTAL AGENCY REQUEST
AGENCIES WHICH WITHDREW APPLICATIONS			
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health	2 Modified Vans and Mobile Radios 1 Base Station	\$ 99,000 \$ 3,700	\$ 102,700
Living Way Inc.	1 Small Bus (Type I) 4 Mobile Radios 1 Base Station Computer Equipment	\$ 45,000 \$ 6,000 \$ 3,700 \$ 19,650	\$ 74,350
Antelope Valley Hospital	2 Modified Vans 1 Base Station 4 Mobile Radios	\$ 96,000 \$ 3,700 \$ 6,000	\$ 105,700
SUB-TOTAL REQUEST LESS TOTAL FOR AGENCIES WHICH WITHDREW CUMULATIVE TOTAL			
		\$ 3,215,130 \$ (282,750) \$ 2,932,380	

**RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
CERTIFYING PROJECT CONSISTENCY
WITH THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Local Review Committee of Los Angeles County (“Committee”) is charged with reviewing applications for Federal funding under 49 U.S.C. Section 5310 for transportation services to meet the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities for whom public transportation services are otherwise unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has received requests for pieces of equipment from nineteen agencies in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has scored each such request; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (“Metro”), as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (“RTPA”), endorses the scores of the requests as determined by the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Section 5310 process, as interpreted in Federal Transit Administration Circular 9070.1C, Section 5, requires the RTPA to include in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program each request awarded Section 5310 funding by Caltrans and to certify by resolution that the locally evaluated projects are consistent with local area regional transportation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, Metro does hereby certify and resolve as follows:

Section 1. Metro has determined that the locally evaluated projects approved by the MTA for Section 5310 funding (as described in Attachment 1) are consistent with the Los Angeles County Regional Transportation Plan.

Section 2. Each of the projects awarded Section 5310 funding by Caltrans will be included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) adopted for Los Angeles County.

