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**PLANNING & PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE  
APRIL 19, 2006**

**SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2007 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 2007 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP); and
  - 2. Execute the resolution in Attachment 3 and transmit the resolution and scoring recommendations to Caltrans.

**ISSUE**

The Federal Section 5310 program annually provides capital grants for social service and public agencies 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. Caltrans will forward the regional lists to the statewide review committee. This committee will independently score each project and contact the local Regional Transportation Planning Agency to discuss any discrepancies in scores. The committee may rescore any projects that they feel were incorrectly scored by the regions and will then 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 all counties since they all follow the same process. 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 \$12.8 million of Section 5310 federal funds are expected to be available statewide. In Los Angeles County, twenty-one agencies applied for Section 5310 funds requesting a total of \$3,408,026 for 66 vehicles plus related communications and computer equipment. Two agencies subsequently withdrew their applications, revising the requested total to \$3,168,646 for 62 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 included Metro staff and members of the Local Transit Systems Subcommittee (LTSS). The LRC 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 Metro's Accessibility Advisory Committee have reviewed the local scores and ranking of projects.

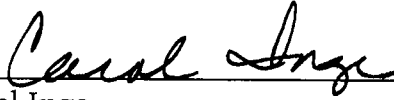
## **NEXT STEPS**

Following adoption of the local scores, the priority listing with the scores is submitted to Caltrans, with the resolution in Attachment 3. The regional prioritized lists are due to the state May 5, 2006. 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**

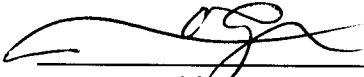
1. Scoring Process and Applicants' Scores
2. Section 5310-Agencies Submitting Applications-2007
3. Resolution of Metro Certifying Project Consistency with the Regional Transportation Plan

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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 \$12.8 million for California.

In November 2005, 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, the Consolidated Transportation Services Agency for Los Angeles County, sponsored a workshop in October 2005 for potential applicants, at which Metro and Access Services staff provided detailed information about the application process to representatives from 25 agencies. Metro and Access Services received inquiries from over 30 agencies regarding eligibility and coordination requirements. Twenty-one non-profit and public agencies submitted applications to Metro on February 3, 2005. Since the initial application, two agencies decided to withdraw their applications. The Local Transit Systems Subcommittee 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 10 and February 13, 2006. 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 2, 2006 and mailed them to Caltrans Headquarters in Sacramento to meet the postmarked deadline of March 3, 2006.

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.

AGENCY	PROJECT	TYPE	VIN	QUANTITY	SECTION 1 SCORE	SECTION 2 SCORE	SECTION 3 SCORE	SECTION 4 SCORE	SECTION 5 PROJECT SCORE	
Goodwill of Southern California	Medium Bus Type II	R	75871	1	20	30	8	30	10	98
Villa Esperanza Services	Modified Van	R	05299	1	18	28	10	30	10	96
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	Modified Van	R	28205	1	20	28	9	30	8	95
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	Computers & hardware & other	OE		14	20	28	9	30	8	95
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	Printer & 2 servers	OE		1	20	28	9	30	8	95
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	27301	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	26973	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	26897	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	26750	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	26579	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	26369	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	23764	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	23307	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	92463	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	92366	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	92279	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	92157	1	20	23	10	30	10	93

FTA SECTION 5310 ADOPTED REGIONAL PRIORITY LIST \*

Attachment 1(Continued)

AGENCY	PROJECT	TYPE	VIN	QUANTITY	SECTION 1 SCORE	SECTION 2 SCORE	SECTION 3 SCORE	SECTION 4 SCORE	SECTION 5 SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	90853	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	90648	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	90615	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	90237	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Access Services Inc.	Minivan Type IV	R	64619	1	20	23	10	30	10	93
Tarzana Treatment Center	Modified Van	R	11537	1	20	25	8	30	10	93
United Cerebra Palsy of Los Angeles	Modified Van	R	63027	1	20	25	10	28	10	93
Tarzana Treatment Center	Modified Van	R	13248	1	18	25	8	30	10	91
Asian Rehabilitation Services	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	20	30	5	26	10	91
Asian Rehabilitation Services	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	20	30	5	26	10	91
East L A Remarkable Citizens Assoc (EL ARCA)	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	18	26	10	26	10	90
East L A Remarkable Citizens Assoc (EL ARCA)	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	18	26	10	26	10	90
East L A Remarkable Citizens Assoc (EL ARCA)	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	18	26	10	26	10	90
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East L A Remarkable Citizens Assoc (EL ARCA)	Medium Bus Type II	Se		1	18	26	10	26	10	90
East L A Remarkable Citizens Assoc (EL ARCA)	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	18	26	10	26	10	90
Villa Esperanza Services	Modified Van	R	68350	1	12	28	10	30	10	90
City of Glendale	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	16	24	10	30	10	90

AGENCY	PROJECT	TYPE	VIN	QUANTITY	SECTION 1 SCORE	SECTION 2 SCORE	SECTION 3 SCORE	SECTION 4 SCORE	SECTION 5 SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
City of Glendale	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	16	24	10	30	10	90
City of Glendale	Minivan type IV	R	00486	1	14	24	10	30	10	88
City of Glendale	Minivan Type IV	R	98165	1	14	24	10	30	10	88
City of Whittier	Medium Bus Type II	SE		1	14	24	10	30	10	88
Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	Larger Bus Type VII	SE		1	17	25	10	26	10	88
Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	Larger Bus Type VII	SE		1	17	25	10	26	10	88
Pomona Valley Transportation Authority	Larger Bus Type VII	SE		1	17	25	10	26	10	88
City of Glendale	Minivan Type IV	R	98840	1	10	24	10	30	10	84
Braswell Rehabilitation Institute	Minivan Type IV	R	27551	1	20	23	9	26	6	84
Braswell Rehabilitation Institute	Minivan Type IV	R	33896	1	20	23	9	26	6	84
Valley Village	Modified Van	R	20386	1	20	18	10	28	8	84
Valley Village	Modified Van	R	20385	1	20	18	10	28	8	84
Valley Village	Modified Van	R	66539	1	20	18	10	28	8	84
Valley Village	Modified Van	R	54925	1	20	18	10	28	8	84



AGENCY	PROJECT	TYPE	VIN	QUANTITY	SECTION 1 SCORE	SECTION 2 SCORE	SECTION 3 SCORE	SECTION 4 SCORE	SECTION 5 SCORE	PROJECT SCORE
Valley Village	Modified Van	R	03879	1	20	18	10	28	8	84
Valley Village	Computer, printer and software	OE		1	20	18	10	28	8	84
Social Vocational Services- Torrance	Medium Bus Type II	R	79122	1	20	21	9	28	6	84
United Cerebra Palsy of Los Angeles	Modified Van	SE		1	8	25	10	28	10	81
United Cerebra Palsy of Los Angeles	Modified Van	SE		1	8	25	10	28	10	81
United Cerebra Palsy of Los Angeles	Modified Van	SE		1	8	25	10	28	10	81
Social Vocational Services- Santa Fe Springs	Medium Bus Type II	R	64495	1	20	17	9	28	6	80
Easter Seals of Southern California	Modified Van	R	19952	1	12	17	10	30	10	79
City of Glendale	Minivan Type IV	R	98563	1	4	24	10	30	10	78
Valley Village	Modified Van	R	80951	1	14	18	10	28	8	78
Junior Blind Of America	Minivan Type IV	R	33388	1	14	12	10	30	10	76
Junior Blind of America	Minivan Type IV	R	33386	1	14	12	10	30	10	76
Lanterman Development Center	Minivan Type IV	R	15957	1	20	21	4	22	8	75
Lanterman Development Center	Modified Van	R	15960	1	20	21	4	22	8	75
Easter Seals of Southern California	Modified Van	R	83624	1	6	17	10	30	10	73
Junior Blind Of America	Minivan Type IV	R	68150	1	4	12	10	30	10	66
Social Vocational Services- Pasadena	Medium Bus Type II	R	18950	1	6	16	9	28	6	65

**FTA SECTION 5310 ADOPTED REGIONAL PRIORITY LIST LEGEND**

Agency: Name of the applicant that submitted the FTA Section 5310 grant application.

Project: Vehicle type or specific equipment that the applicant has requested in the grant application.

Type: R= Replacement Vehicle  
SE= Service Expansion Vehicle  
OE= Other Equipment (non-vehicle requests)

VIN: Last five digits of the Vehicle Identification Number of the vehicle that is being replaced.

Quantity: Quantity of each piece of equipment that is being scored.

Section 1 Score: Project Need: Replacement or Service Expansion vehicles or Other Equipment

Section 2 Score: Service Effectiveness

Section 3 Score: Project Need: Unavailable, Insufficient or Inappropriate

Section 4 Score: Ability of Applicant

Section 5 Score: Coordination

Project Score: Total project score

## SECTION 5310 -- AGENCIES SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS -- 2007

AGENCY	REQUEST	DOLLARS REQUESTED	TOTAL AGENCY REQUEST
East LA Remarkable Citizens - EL ARCA	5 Medium Buses (Type II)	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000
Asian Rehabilitation Service, Inc.	2 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 112,000	\$ 112,000
Easter Seals	2 Modified Vans	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
United Cerebral Palsy of Los Angeles	4 Modified Vans	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Tarzana Treatment Center	2 Modified Vans	\$ 96,000	\$ 96,000
Goodwill of Southern California	1 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
Access Services Inc.	17 Minivans (Type IV)	\$ 699,975	\$ 699,975
Pomona Valley Transit Authority	3 Larger Buses (Type VII)	\$ 279,000	\$ 279,000
Lanterman Developmental Center	1 Minivan (Type IV) 1 Modified Van	\$ 43,000 \$ 50,000	\$ 93,000

## SECTION 5310 -- AGENCIES SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS -- 2007

AGENCY	REQUEST	DOLLARS REQUESTED	TOTAL AGENCY REQUEST
City of Whittier	1 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
Braswell Rehabilitation Institute (Bridges Inc)	2 Minivans (Type IV)	\$ 86,000	\$ 86,000
Villa Esperanza Services	2 Modified vans	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Junior Blind of America	3 Minivans (Type IV)	\$ 129,000	
			\$ 129,000
City of Glendale	2 Medium Buses (Type II) 4 Minivans (Type IV)	\$ 112,000 \$ 172,000	\$ 284,000
Valley Village	1 Computer, 1 printer and software 6 Modified Vans	\$ 40,000 \$ 300,000	\$ 340,000
Social Vocational Services - Pasadena	1 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
Social Vocational Services- Santa Fe Springs	1 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000
Social Vocational Services- Torrance	1 Medium Bus (Type II)	\$ 56,000	\$ 56,000

SECTION 5310 -- AGENCIES SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS -- 2007

AGENCY	REQUEST	DOLLARS REQUESTED	TOTAL AGENCY REQUEST
Watts Labor Community Action Committee	1 Modified Van 12 computers and 1 printer 2 lap tops and 2 servers and switches and 1 wireless repeater and 1 signal range expander	\$ 50,000 \$ 39,671	\$ 89,671
<b><u>AGENCIES WHICH WITHDREW APPLICATIONS</u></b>			
Alta Med Health Services Corporation	4 Medium Buses (Type II)	\$ 224,000	\$ 224,000
Steel Workers Oldtimers Foundation	4 Post service Lifts 1 Brake Lathe	\$ 9,186 \$ 6,194	\$ 15,380
<b>SUB-TOTAL REQUEST</b>			
<b>LESS TOTAL FOR AGENCIES WHICH WITHDREW</b>			
<b>CUMULATIVE TOTAL</b>			
		\$ 3,408,026	\$ 3,408,026
		\$ (239,380)	\$ (239,380)
		\$ 3,168,646	\$ 3,168,646

**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 twenty-one 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 assure as follows:

Section 1. Requirements and conditions of 49 U.S.C. 5310 have been met by all applicants recommended for funding.

Section 2. Section 5310 applications recommended for funding (as described in Attachment 1) were included in the region’s public participation process as required by Statewide and MPO Planning Regulations.

Section 3. Projects recommended for funding are consistent with the Southern California Association of Governments’ Regional Transportation Plan. In Los Angeles County, the projects recommended for funding will also be included in the Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).