



SACOG Board of Directors

September 16, 2009

Approve SACOG Funding of Transit Projects Using Proposition 1B Transit—Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Funds

Issue: Approval to submit a Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Grant Application to Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation.

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee recommends that the Board approve by resolution and authorize staff to submit a grant application to Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation for the project submitted by the City of Elk Grove in response to the June 15 PTMISEA FY 2009/10 Cycle I call for projects. The Committee also recommends that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a subrecipient agreement with the City of Elk Grove for the funding once the grant is approved by Caltrans.

Committee Action/Discussion: The FY 2009/10 California State Budget includes \$350 million in funding for PTMISEA, which is the same funding level as FY 2008/09. The State Controller's Office has yet to announce apportionments for FY 2009/10, but the FY 2008/09 apportionment for SACOG was \$7,878,327. Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation has stated they expect the grant application schedule to remain the same as previous years (i.e., September 30 and April 15). Based on the expected schedule and SACOG's guidelines, staff issued a call for projects on June 15, with submittal due dates of August 4 and March 2. SACOG received one project request for \$800,000 to upgrade automated fare boxes for the City of Elk Grove. No other project requests were submitted as part of this cycle.

The Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) reviewed this funding request at its September 9 meeting and passed a motion to recommend the project for funding. The TCC had two specific questions for the City of Elk Grove related to this application: (1) Did the number of fareboxes being purchased match the reduced fleet size that Elk Grove may be implementing as part of its service reduction strategy, and (2) are the new fareboxes compatible with the equipment that will be purchased for the Universal Fare Card program? Staff has reviewed these questions with City of Elk Grove staff and confirmed that the fleet size and equipment compatibility were fully considered and addressed in the city's application.

Available state funding has trailed the apportionments as the State of California sells bonds to finance its projects. Staff has not submitted the subrecipient funding agreements with the project sponsors until SACOG has received the funds from the state. Currently, the state is anticipating a bond sale which will fund FY 2008/09 Cycle II projects, including three SACOG projects totaling \$6,664,000. It is not known when funds will be available for FY 2009/10 Cycle I projects.

With Board approval, staff will submit the City of Elk Grove's grant application for \$800,000 for the Automated Farebox Upgrade project. This action also includes an authorizing resolution with the application and a subrecipient funding agreement when the funds are received by SACOG.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Executive Director

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Attachment

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SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 49 – 2009

**APPROVING THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MODERNIZATION,
IMPROVEMENT, AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT FUNDING REQUEST
FOR FY 2009/10 CYCLE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000**

WHEREAS, the Proposition 1B Transportation Bond program has made funds available under the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines issued by Caltrans require SACOG to identify eligible projects and the sponsoring agency for regional PTMISEA funds; and

WHEREAS, the SACOG Transit Coordinating Committee has reviewed the proposed projects and recommended that SACOG support and submit applications for these projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove has requested \$800,000 for Automated Fare Box Upgrade for transit buses; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SACOG Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Executive Director to submit PTMISEA applications for this project, and execute any grant agreements and subrecipient funding agreements for the purpose of developing and implementing the grant application projects in the Sacramento Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2009, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Helen Thomson
Chair

Mike McKeever
Executive Director