



Transportation Committee

July 26, 2012

Programming Recommendations for the Large Urbanized Area Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 (Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom) Grants

Issue: Should submission of Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom grant applications be approved as specified?

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board approve submission of JARC and New Freedom grant applications from the Sacramento Urbanized Area by SACOG directly to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Discussion: Under the provisions in SAFETEA-LU, the FTA distributes Section 5316/Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317/New Freedom program funds by formula to SACOG as the designated recipient for the Sacramento Urbanized Area. Seven agencies in the SACOG region have applied for and been recommended for award by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 and 5317 Grants to complete eligible projects. The Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) reviewed and endorsed the recommendations on June 20. For FFY 2011, the JARC Sacramento Urbanized Area apportionment was \$941,351 and the New Freedom Sacramento Urbanized area apportionment was \$519,609.

SACOG is the designated recipient for the Sacramento Urbanized Area, which allows SACOG to directly score and apply to FTA for JARC and New Freedom funds for Sacramento Urbanized Area applicants. SAFETEA-LU requires that SACOG use a competitive application process to select which Sacramento (large) Urbanized area applicant agencies receive JARC and New Freedom funds. SACOG held a call for projects for FTA JARC and New Freedom, closing on February 10, 2012. A selection committee made up of SACOG staff scored the seven project applications submitted. Upon approval by the Board, SACOG staff will apply directly to FTA for all FFY 2011 FTA 5316 and 5317 Sacramento Urbanized Area funds using the project applications and scores. The scoring criteria used and the project scoring and award sheet are attached.

The SACOG Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) allows SACOG to claim up to five percent of the available JARC and New Freedom funds for administration of the programs.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

MM:BVB:gg
Attachments

Key Staff: Matt Carpenter, Director of Transportation Services, (916) 340-6276
Sharon Sprows, Senior Program Specialist, (916) 319-5182
Barbara VaughanBechtold, Associate Planner, (916) 340-6226
Edward Coviello, Assistant Planner, (916) 340-6223
Victoria Cacciatore, Planning Analyst, (916) 319-5184

PROJECT SCORING CRITERIA

See Page 15 - 20 of the Application

Scores will be calculated within a 0 – 10-point range for each 10 point question (i.e., 0-10) and 0-20 for the 20 point questions (i.e., 0-20) and 0-25 for the 25 point question. To receive the maximum points per question, each response **must be completed with clear and concise information and contain the required supporting documentation.** Incomplete responses and/or a lack of supporting documentation will result in reduced score(s).

A. Project Need/Program Goals and Objectives - (20 total points):

1. Applicant demonstrates that the project is consistent with the overall JARC or New Freedom program goals and objectives, as listed in the program goals on Page 3 of these instructions as well as the JARC and New Freedom Eligible Activities document and passes the eligibility test. (5 points maximum)
2. Applicant demonstrates how project activities directly address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through the locally developed human services transportation planning process within their communities. (Applicant indicates the section/page number in the Coordinated Plan addressing the gaps and/or barriers), as well as address other gaps or barriers identified in the Lifeline Transportation Study (<http://www.sacog.org/transit/lifelinetransitstudy.cfm>) (Feb. 2011). (5 points maximum) The SACOG Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan can be found at <http://www.sacog.org/transit/coordinatedPlan.cfm>.
3. Provides new or innovative service concepts, facilities or services that have the potential for improving access and mobility for the target population and may have future application elsewhere in the region. (10 points maximum)

B. Project Implementation Plan - (25 points):

4. For projects seeking funds to support program operations applicants must provide a well-defined operations plan with defined routes, schedules, current/projected ridership, number of trips (or other units of service), key personnel type(s)/title(s), and marketing strategies with supporting documentation for carrying out the project. Project sponsors should demonstrate their institutional capability to carry out the service delivery aspect of the project as described.

OR

5. For projects seeking funds for capital purposes, the applicant must provide a solid rationale for use of JARC and New Freedom funds for this purpose, and demonstrate that no other sources of funds are available to meet this need. Applicant provides an implementation plan that includes project tasks, timeframes, benchmarks, key milestones, key personnel, deliverables and estimated completion date with supporting documentation. Describe type of equipment you are interested in purchasing and identify the components. Discuss how the requested ancillary equipment will be used to support the transportation program. Discuss any expected improvements in service delivery or coordination and any reduction in the cost to provide service. If computer equipment is being requested, also describe current method of collecting and tracking information.

OR

6. For Mobility Management projects applicants must provide a detailed list of tasks to be completed and include a clear description of the types of mobility management services that will be provided, with supporting documentation that justifies the funds being spent on Mobility Management instead of purchasing capital items or putting service on the street.

#’s 4, 5 or 6 (10 points maximum)

Both the operations and capital & mobility management implementation plans must identify key personnel type(s)/title(s) assigned to this project and their qualifications, including resumes and certifications as supporting documentation.

7. Applicants must demonstrate their institutional capability to carry out the project. **Overall, be as specific as possible in the project description(s) with a focus on how transportation services operated or supported serve the target transportation disadvantaged populations of low-income employed persons or those seeking employment or job training (JARC), or people with disabilities and/or seniors (New Freedom).** (15 points maximum)

C. Program Performance Indicators - (10 points):

8. Applicant identifies clear measurable outcome-based performance measures and indicators to track the effectiveness of the project as described in Page 4 of these instructions. Applicant states the number of persons to be served, trip purpose(s), and the number of trips. Additional measurable units of service can also be used. Applicant must describe the outcome (impact) that the project will have on low-income (JARC) or individuals with disabilities (New Freedom). Applicant describes a process that details the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the project or service, including methodologies and desired outcomes based upon the performance objectives identified, as well as steps to be taken if the original goals are not achieved. (10 points maximum)

D. Project Budget - (10 points):

9. Projects must submit a clearly defined project budget, indicating anticipated project expenditures and revenues, including documentation of matching funds. Proposals should address long-term efforts and identify potential funding sources for sustaining the service beyond the grant period. Proponent shall demonstrate how using this funding leverages resources to the maximum possible extent.

E. Geographic Reach - (10 points):

10. Projects should ensure a geographic distribution of benefits to encourage some level of diverse geographic disbursement across the urbanized portion of the SACOG region. The focus of geographic reach is to show that transportation resources are serving as many 'lifeline' destinations (medical facilities, job training, grocery stores etc.) and transportation disadvantaged populations as efficiently as possible with the funding being requested.

F. Coordination and Outreach - (20 total points):

11. Stakeholder list should include, but not be limited to, Health and Human Services Agencies, public/private sector, non-profit agencies, transportation providers, and members of the public representing low-income (JARC) and individuals with disabilities (New Freedom). Applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to coordinate with other community transportation and/or social service resources. (10 points maximum)

12. Applicants must keep stakeholders involved and informed of project activities throughout the project timeline. Applicant must also describe how they would promote public awareness of the project. Three (3) letters of support from stakeholders must be attached to the grant application. Applicants will lose 2 points per letter when less than three letters of support are provided. (One of the three support letters may come from a client of the proposed project.) (10 points maximum)

G. Emergency Planning and Preparedness - (5 total points):

13. Applicant describes emergency planning and exercise activities. Provide proof your agency is included in the response plan with the County Office of Emergency Services. Indicate the exercises(s) you have participated in or are scheduled to participate in. (5 points maximum)

FFY 2011 JARC & New Freedom Scoring

APPLICANT	PROJECT	TYPE	SEC A1 SCORE	SEC A2 SCORE	SEC A3 SCORE	SEC B4 SCORE	SEC B5 SCORE	SEC B6 SCORE	SEC B7 SCORE	SEC C8 SCORE	SEC D9 SCORE	SEC E10 SCORE	SEC F11 SCORE	SEC F12 SCORE	SEC G13 SCORE	PROJECT SCORE	FUNDS AWARD
SRTD	Operations	JARC	5	5	7	10	---	---	14	10	10	10	10	10	5	95	\$500,000
Paratransit, Inc.	Operations	JARC	5	5	10	10	---	---	10	6	9	10	10	10	5	88	\$125,000
e-tran (Elk Grove)	Operations	JARC	5	3	6	10	---	---	8	8	10	9	7	9	5	78	\$76,000
Roseville	Operations	JARC	5	5	0	10	---	---	10	7	10	10	10	10	8	84	\$92,920
YCTD	Operations	JARC	5	5	7	7	---	---	8	8	10	9	8	8	5	79	\$95,000
SRTD	Capital	NF	5	5	7	---	7	---	15	9	10	7	8	8	5	83	\$115,000
WPCTSA	Operations	NF	3	5	8	8	---	---	14	8	8	10	10	10	3	84	\$150,000
Paratransit, Inc.	Mobility Mgmt	NF	5	5	10	---	---	---	12	10	10	10	10	10	5	87	\$125,000
Sac. Co. DHA	Operations	NF	5	5	10	5	---	---	13	9	10	9	10	8	5	88	\$50,000
YCTD	Operations	NF	5	5	9	8	---	---	9	10	10	10	9	8	5	86	\$60,000
SACOG	Administration	JARC	The SACOG Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) has approved SACOG to use 5% of the available JARC and New Freedom funds for the required													\$52,431	
SACOG	Administration	NF	administration of these FTA programs.													\$19,609	
															NF Total	\$519,609	
															NF Avail	\$519,609	
															JARC Total	\$941,351	
															JARC Avail	\$941,351	
															Total Combined Request	\$1,460,960	

Average Scores

Project Descriptions:

Applicant	Project	Type	Description
SRTD	Operations	JARC	Operate 8 evening trips M-Sat until 11 PM on the Blue and Gold line light rail routes; run routes 1, 23, 51, and 56 until 10 PM M-F; and run route 80 until 9 PM M-F.
Paratransit, Inc.	Operations	JARC	Wheels to Work program providing transportation to social service, educational, and training opportunities as well as connections with fixed route transit and mobile "office resource bus."
e-tran (Elk Grove)	Operations	JARC	Serve the downtown Sacramento to Elk Grove reverse commute by creating two new routes using buses that previously operated as "deadhead" or closed door from downtown to Elk Grove.
Roseville	Operations	JARC	Operate two fixed route buses to extend routes A & B from 6:30 to 9:30 PM M-F, and 1 DAR bus to extend service from 7:00 to 9:30 PM.
YCTD	Operations	JARC	Continue weekday, weekend and holiday service on the routes 35, 40, 41, 240, 241 and 340, with a focus on the early morning and late evening services.
SRTD	Capital	NF	Construct shelters over disabled access ramps (mini-high platforms) at light rail stations.
WPCTSA	Operations	NF	"Health Express" low-to-no cost scheduled door-to-door shared ride service for Placer County residents needing transportation to non-emergency medical appointments.
Paratransit, Inc.	Mobility Mgmt	NF	Mobility Management Grant. Paratransit, Inc., will provide travel training to low income and limited English speaking persons throughout the SACOG region.
Sac. Co. DHA	Operations	NF	Provide mileage reimbursements to low-income seniors who provide rides to fellow seniors to non-emergency medical appointments and other necessary travel not served by transit.
YCTD	Operations	NF	Provide Yolo Special (paratransit) service to Yolo Co. residents to/from medical appointments beyond YCTD's ADA required area.



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. x – 2012

**APPROVING FTA SECTION 5316 AND 5317 SACRAMENTO URBANIZED AREA
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Planning Agency responsible for transportation planning in the Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, SACOG is responsible for preparing and adopting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, SACOG is the designated recipient for FTA Section 5316 (Job Access Reverse Commute) and FTA Section 5317 (New Freedom) funds for the Sacramento Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, SACOG reviews the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5316 and 5317 Sacramento Urbanized Area Grant Program applications, and will submit applications directly to FTA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that SACOG certifies that:

1. Projects recommended for funding are consistent with SACOG's adopted Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
2. Projects recommended for funding are consistent with the SACOG Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Coordinated Plan as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
3. Projects will be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of August 2012, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Peter Hill
Chair

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer