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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU:  Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hemet for the Pass-Through of Federal Section 5309 Funds and Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Revenues for the Development of the Hemet Transit Center; Authorization to Execute an Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) for the Reimbursement of Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) Revenues for the Development of the Hemet Transit Center

Summary: The City of Hemet (City) has identified a 4.81 acre parcel located at 200 E. Menlo Avenue as the future location for development of a regional park-and-ride/transit center. The City is currently in the process of purchasing the property with the close of escrow scheduled to occur sometime later this year.

Preliminary discussions with City staff has indicated that this location is well suited for the proposed park-and-ride/transit center which will be incorporated into a much larger community redevelopment effort planned for this site.

The proposed transit center will serve as a central transfer point for both regional transit connections and local circulator services in the Hemet/San Jacinto region.

In FY 2004, a joint legislative effort between the City and the Agency succeeded in securing \$302,912 in Federal Section 5309 funding for the Hemet transit center project. Additional funding of \$340,123 in Section 5309 funds was approved in the Agency's FY 2005 Federal appropriations request. Also, in September 2005, the Agency's Board of Directors approved a Program of Projects (POP) and expenditure plan for Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) revenues. The plan allocated \$781,560 in TUMF revenues towards the development of the transit center in Hemet.

On April 4, 2006, staff met with representatives from the City to discuss specific plans for the transit center's development. The agreement reached between the City and Agency is as follows:

1. The City will acquire the 4.81 acre parcel located at 200 E. Menlo Avenue, Hemet. The City will be responsible for all due diligence in the acquisition process.
2. The City will act as lead agency for the environmental, development and construction of the facility.
3. RTA will contribute a total not-to-exceed amount of \$1,441,600 towards the design and construction of the transit center.
4. The City will lease a portion of the facility sufficient to accommodate RTA's transit needs for a cost of \$1 per-year for thirty (30) years.
5. RTA will be responsible for the maintenance of its transit stop area (bus benches, trash receptacles, ect). The City will pay all other operating costs including security costs.

Since the City of Hemet will act as lead agency and will be responsible for property acquisition and development of the facility, the Agency and the City are required to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the pass through of federal funds, TUMF revenues and other related responsibilities.

Fiscal Impact:

A funding profile is shown below:

Section 5309 Funding	\$ 643,035
TUMF Revenues	<u>\$ 781,560</u>
Total Project Commitment	\$1,441,600

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Administration Committee meeting of July 12th. The Committee members unanimously approved and recommended this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

- Authorize staff to enter into an MOU with the City of Hemet for the pass-through of Section 5309 funds in the amount of \$643,035 and TUMF revenues in the amount of \$781,560 for the development of a regional park-and-ride/transit center in the City of Hemet.
- Authorize staff to execute an Agreement with the Western Riverside Council of Governments for the reimbursement of Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) revenues for the Hemet Transit Center.