

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY  
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September 22, 2005

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer *L. Rubio*

FROM: Augustus Ajawara, Director of Planning *A.A.*

SUBJECT: Grant Filing Resolution for Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) Fiscal Year 2006 Transportation Enhancement (TE) Call for Projects

Summary: The RCTC along with other public agencies administer a call for projects for TE related infrastructure improvements. This call for projects encompasses projects that are beyond the conceptual stage and can be augmented with enhancements, such as custom designed bus shelters, bus benches, landscaping, pedestrian walkways, pedestrian plazas, and other items that improve the safety and aesthetics of transit infrastructure.

Staff researched the TE selection criteria to determine a project that would meet the requirements for TE funding. It was determined that the Perris multimodal facility that is currently under design would be a good fit for the funding. Staff is requesting that the Committee approve and recommend approval of a grant filing resolution for TE funding for this facility. A detailed TE project nomination document is attached for review.

The TE grant will provide up to \$1,432,426 in funding for the Agency to provide aesthetic enhancements to the proposed Perris Multi-Modal Transit Center in Downtown Perris. The project as originally proposed will consist of a Bus Transit Center to be constructed as Phase 1 of a multi-modal transportation facility on a 2.45 acre property located in the City of Perris.

The proposed Perris facility includes eight bus-bays. Two driveway approaches will be constructed along C Street to provide an on-site, unidirectional flow for the bus transfer facility. In addition, 142 parking spaces will be constructed as part of the adjacent parking facility. Other improvements include a traffic signal at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup> and C Streets and C Street widening and landscaping to complement the City of Perris Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

The grant will provide funds for bus shelters, bus benches, landscaping, pedestrian walkways, pedestrian plazas, and safety zones to improve the safety and aesthetics of the Transit Center.

In July 2005, the Board adopted Resolution 2005-03 pre-authorizing an Annual Grant Filing Resolution for submittal of grant applications to Federal Transit Administration (FTA), United States Department of Transportation and other agencies for the funding of projects approved in the Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) operating and capital budgets and Federal Appropriations Requests. This action was taken to ensure that in the event there is insufficient time to present the proposed authorizing resolution to the Board prior to the grant submittal date, a pre-authorized resolution would suffice and be submitted with the grant, and staff would return to the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting to request ratification of the action.

On August 29, 2005, staff submitted the TE grant application to the RCTC through the Call for Projects process. Staff is now returning to the Board to request ratification of the action to file the grant application.

Fiscal Impact:

If approved, the Agency could receive up to \$1,432,426 in grant fund revenues. Staff recommends meeting the local match requirement by using the \$1,050,000 in TUMF funds as requested for Board approval in a previous Resolution for TUMF Program of Projects Amendment. Additionally, the RCTC is providing \$466,159 in Local Transportation Funds/Transportation Development Act (LTF/TDA) funds for the existing project that will also be used as matching funds. The following table summarizes the TE grant application and fiscal impacts.

SUMMARY OF FISCAL IMPACT OF TE GRANT		
Fund Type	Description/Source	Amount
TE Grant Funds	Federal Grant	\$1,432,426
TUMF Funds	RTA Local Revenue Match	\$1,050,000
LTF/TDA Funds	RCTC LTF/TDA Match	\$ 466,159
	Total Local Match	\$1,516,159

Committee Recommendation:

This item was discussed at the Board Budget and Finance and Board Administrative Committee meetings of September 7 and September 14, 2005, respectively. The Committees' members unanimously approved recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

Ratify the grant filing resolution for Riverside County Transportation Commission Fiscal Year 2006 Transportation Enhancement call for projects to support the grant application filing for up to \$1,432,426 for the Perris Multi-Modal Facility transit center that includes Federal Transportation Enhancement grant funds, TUMF and RCTC's LTF/TDA matching funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-10

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RCTC) FOR THE 2005 TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT CALL FOR PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Riverside Transportation Commission (RCTC) has been delegated the authority to award the 2005 Federal Transportation Enhancement Grants;

WHEREAS, the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) desires to submit a grant application of up to One Million Four Hundred Thirty Two Thousand, Four Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$1,432,426) to the RCTC for transportation enhancements for the Perris Multi-Modal Transit Center in the City of Perris;

WHEREAS, the cooperative agreement for the grant will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, and requires applicant to provide 11.47% of total project cost as local project share;

WHEREAS, RTA will provide annual certifications and assurances to the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) required for the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Riverside Transit Agency Board of Directors:

1. That the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute and file grant applications for the 2005 Transportation Enhancement Call for Project Grants on behalf of the Riverside Transit Agency. The Riverside Transit Agency is designated as the recipient.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents required by the RCTC, CALTRANS, the CTC and USDOT before awarding a Federal Transportation Enhancement grant;

3. That the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the RCTC, Caltrans and USDOT on behalf of the Riverside Transit Agency.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY

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Jim Ayres  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kennard R. Smart, Jr.  
RTA General Counsel

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, duly qualified by the Clerk of the Board of Directors, acting on behalf of the Riverside Transit Agency, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Riverside Transit Agency held on September 22, 2005.

ATTEST:

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Maricela Hernandez  
Clerk of the Board

**Mm,m,Section 1: Project Title, Description, Limits, and Reference Information**

<p><b>Lead Agency:</b></p>	<p><b>Riverside Transit Agency</b></p>
<p><b>Project Title:</b></p>	<p><b>Perris Multi-modal Transit Center – Phase 1</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description</b>  <i>(Describe the existing conditions, the problem, and proposed improvements.</i></p>	<p>The proposed project is a multi-modal transportation facility on a flat 2.45-acre property located in the City of Perris. The project will be developed in two phases. Phase 1 of the project is the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) proposed Bus Transit Center project for which this Transportation Enhancement grant is being submitted.</p> <p><u>Existing Conditions:</u>          At present, the site consists mostly of vacant land, parking lots or older commercial and industrial uses and is conveniently located adjacent to Downtown Perris. Residential uses occupy properties to the north and west of the site while commercial uses lie to the east and south. Since 1894 the site has featured a Santa Fe railroad branch line now owned by the Riverside County Transportation Commission. The historic Perris Depot passenger and freight station building still remains on an adjacent property. The underutilized and vacant Depot vicinity offers a central and logical location for fashioning into a multi-modal transit facility.</p> <p><u>Existing Problem:</u>          The City of Perris is situated near the geographic center of Western Riverside County and the Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) service area. Perris is currently served by five fixed routes, one commuter route and demand responsive services operated by the RTA. By virtue of this centralized location and the converging transit services, Perris has become a de facto “Transit Hub”, but unfortunately, the city does not have a dedicated transit center to fulfill the above needs. Due to the fact that Perris does not have a dedicated Transit Center, RTA now uses an improvised transfer node at the intersection of 4<sup>th</sup>. Street @ Wilkerson. This on-street transfer station is one mile away from the proposed Multi-modal Transit Center that will serve Metrolink Commuter Transit and is challenged by local congestion associated with nearby Interstate 215 on/off ramps. Traffic congestion around the freeway on-off ramps creates significant safety concerns for passengers, buses and other vehicles. Establishment of a well-designed formal transit center in Central Perris would greatly improve the safety and comfort for waiting passengers and increase operational efficiency and inter-modal connectivity for local and regional transit operations.</p>

	<u>Proposed Improvements:</u>			
	<p>The Phase 1 improvements of the multi-modal transit center facility includes construction of an RTA bus transfer facility that features eight bus-bays and the ability to accommodate a minimum of six buses per hour. Two driveway approaches will be constructed along 'C' Street to provide an on-site, uni-directional flow for the bus transfer facility. In addition, 142 vehicle parking spaces will be constructed as part of the adjacent parking facility.</p> <p>The RTA Bus Transit Center portion of the project only requires a minimum of 27 parking spaces, however, due to the configuration of the Phase 1 improvements, additional parking will be constructed with this phase for future use of the Metrolink Station improvements (Phase 2). Moreover, a traffic signal at 4<sup>th</sup> and 'C' Streets will be installed; 'C' Street will be widened and landscaped to complement the City of Perris Downtown Redevelopment Plan.</p> <p>The specific Phase 1 improvements to be funded from the Transportation Enhancement grant include state-of-the-art bus shelters, lighting upgrades, bicycle racks, bus benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, enhanced sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, pedestrian safety zones, improved landscaping, improved streetscapes, hardscapes and other ancillary features that will enhance the aesthetic, safety and security elements of the transit center facility.</p>			
	<p><b>Project Limits</b> The Perris Bus Transit Center will be located approximately 90-feet from the 'C' Street easterly right-of-way limit and between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets.</p>			
<b>Route &amp; Post Mile Limits</b> <i>(For projects on the State Highway System)</i>	<b>Route</b>	<b>PM Begin</b>	<b>PM End</b>	<b>Distance</b>
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

## Section 2: Environmental Document and Project Schedule

<b>Environmental Document:</b>			
Will project complete CEQA, NEPA, or both?		BOTH CEQA AND NEPA	
Anticipated CEQA Environmental Document Type:		NEGATIVE DECLARATION	
Anticipated NEPA Environmental Document Type:		CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION	
<p>Environmental document notes: The project must identify an environmental document in order to be programmed. If both CEQA and NEPA will be completed, the NEPA environmental document type will be entered as the environmental document in the RTIP.</p>			
<b>Project Schedule</b> – Provide the start and end date estimates for the applicable project phases stated below			
<b>Project Phase</b>	<b>Start (month/year)</b>	<b>End (month/year)</b>	<b>Estimated Environmental Doc Sign-Off Date</b>
PA&ED	July 09, 2003	November 30, 2005	November 15-30, 2005
PS&E	December 2005	September 2006	
R/W	N/A	N/A	
Construction	January 2007	June 2008	
PAED: Project Approvals and Environmental Document. PA&ED End Date = The date the PES package is submitted to			

**Caltrans**  
 PS&E: Plans, Specifications, and Estimates  
 R/W: Right-of-way (including utility relocation)  
 Construction: Construction phase

### Section 3: Project Funding

Notes: Funds are programmed based on the federal fiscal year (e.g. FY 04/05 = 10/1/04 to 9/30/05)  
 Identify by each fund type (e.g. CMAQ, STPL, Local City, TUMF, etc.) the funding amount (in thousands of dollars) in the year and applicable phase. If TUMF is part of the local funds being programmed, please identify how much of the local funds are TUMF.

TE & local matching funds requirement:

- a. The minimum local match requirement is 11.47% of the total project cost (not 11.47% of the TE funds requested).  
 e.g. If Total Project Cost = 100%, then 88.53% of the total can be TE as long as 11.47% of the total is the local match
- b. There are no project phase restrictions where the TE funds can be applied. TE can be applied to PA&ED, PS&E, R/W, and/or Construction.)
- c. However, the local match must be included in the same phase and year as the TE funds.

Fund Type #1	Fiscal Year	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	Construction	Year Totals
TE Transportation Enhancement	2006/07	N/A	\$218.5	N/A		\$ 218.5
	2007/08	N/A		N/A	\$1,214	\$1,213.9
	2008/09	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Phase Totals (000s):</b>			<b>\$218.5</b>		<b>\$1,214</b>	<b>\$1,432.4</b>

Fund Type #2	Fiscal Year	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	Construction	Year Totals
FTA Section 5309	2006/07		\$571	N/A		
	2007/08			N/A	\$1,746	
	2008/09			N/A		
<b>Phase Totals (000s):</b>			<b>\$571</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,746</b>	<b>\$ 2,317</b>

Fund Type #3	Fiscal Year	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	Construction	Year Totals
\$466.2 TDA/LTF	2006/07	\$466.2		N/A		
	2007/08			N/A		
	2008/09			N/A		
<b>Phase Totals (000s):</b>		<b>\$466.2</b>	<b>789.5</b>			<b>\$ 466.2</b>

Fund Type #4	Fiscal Year	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	Construction	Year Totals
WRCOG- TUMF	2006/07	N/A	N/A	N/A		
	2007/08	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$1,050	
	2008/09	N/A	N/A	N/A		
<b>Phase Totals (000s):</b>				<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>

Fund Type #5	Fiscal Year	PA&ED	PS&E	R/W	Construction	Year Totals
	2006/07					
	2007/08					
	2008/09					
<b>Phase Totals (000s):</b>						
<b>Phase Total - All Funds (000s):</b>		<b>\$466.2</b>	<b>\$789.5</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$4,010</b>	<b>5,265.7</b>

Section 4: Project Contact and Submission Authorization			
<b>Project Contact:</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	Augustus Ajawara		
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<b>Person Authorized to Submit RTIP New Project Form for RTIP Inclusion</b> (May be same as point of contact above)			
<b>Name</b>	Augustus Ajawara		
<b>Title</b>	Director of Planning		
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<b>Email</b>	aajawar@riversidetransit.com		
<b>Signature:</b>			
<b>Date:</b>			
If sending electronically, you can just retype the name approved to submit with – “signed” after it (e.g. “ <i>Authorized Name – signed</i> ”) as the authorization signature.			

Included Support Documentation with this application:

1. Project Location Map:     X
2. Project Improvement Exhibit Detail/Diagram:     X