

# MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

County of Placer

TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: April 21, 2009

FROM: KEN GREHM / WILL GARNER 

SUBJECT: **AWARD OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT**

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## **ACTION REQUESTED / RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) Conduct a Public Hearing to consider comments regarding the award of \$1,426,786 of Federal Transit Administration Funds under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act ("Economic Stimulus") to Placer County.
- 2) Approve a Resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit applications and execute agreements to receive \$1,100,000 in Federal Transit Administration 5307 funds and \$326,786 in Federal Transit Administration 5311 funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

## **BACKGROUND / SUMMARY**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides \$8.4 billion nationwide for public transit. These funds include one-time increases to two ongoing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs that provide annual funding to Placer County Transit (PCT) and Tahoe Area Regional Transit (TART).

The FTA 5307 program will provide \$1.1 Million to purchase two commuter buses for Placer Commuter Express. The FTA 5307 funds are allocated to the Sacramento Urbanized Area and then sub-allocated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to transit operators in the region based on project merit. On April 7, 2009, your Board authorized purchase of five commuter buses pending award of this funding. These funds have been approved by the SACOG and are awaiting final approval from the Federal Department of Transportation.

The FTA 5311 funds are apportioned to non-urbanized areas and are passed through to local agencies through Caltrans. Placer County will use \$251,098 of these funds for both TART and Placer County Transit for preventive maintenance activities and \$75,688 toward construction of the Tahoe City Transit Center. The preventive maintenance portion of the funds will be used by DPW for activities such as facility and grounds maintenance at the TART facility at Cabin Creek, bus overhauls, CNG station overhauls, bus shelter repairs, and spare parts for buses and CNG fueling equipment. DPW's intent is to use these funds for items that will reduce operating costs in future years.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

This action is categorically exempt as there is no possibility that this will have an effect on the environment per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(2). Bus purchases and preventive maintenance are categorically exempt from NEPA.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

These federal funds are unique in that they require no local match. The FTA 5307 funds have been added to the current year PCT budget. The FTA 5311 funds will be added into the FY 2009/10 Fiscal Year budget for PCT and TART.

Attachment: Resolution

**Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California**

In the matter of: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING  
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO APPLY  
FOR, AND EXECUTE AGREEMENTS TO RECEIVE  
\$1,100,000 IN FEDERAL TRANSIT  
ADMINISTRATION 5307 FUNDS AND \$326,786 IN  
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5311  
FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND  
REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.

Resol. No:.....

Ord. No:.....

First Reading:.....

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held \_\_\_\_\_,  
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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WHEREAS, the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 provides funding through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 and Section 5311 program; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments has amended into the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program two Placer County projects consisting of \$1,100,000 in Federal Transit Administration 5307 ARRA funds for the purchase of two commuter buses and \$251,098 for preventive maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency has programmed \$251,098 in Federal Transit Administration 5311 ARRA funds to Placer County for preventive maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency has programmed \$75,688 in Federal Transit Administration 5311 ARRA funds to Placer County for the Tahoe City Transit Center and amended these funds into the Federal Transportation Improvement Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, State of California, that this Board authorizes the Director of Public Works to execute all funding applications and agreements necessary to receive \$1,100,000 in Federal Transit Administration 5307 ARRA funds for the purchase of two commuter buses, \$251,098 in Federal Transit Administration 5311 ARRA funds for preventive maintenance activities, and \$75,688 in Federal Transit Administration 5311 ARRA funds towards construction of the Tahoe City Transit Center.