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TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Ronald F. Kirby
Director, Department of
Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Regional Requests for TPB Endorsement of Federal Grants Applications

DATE: July 20, 2011

The TPB has received the following requests from jurisdictions and organizations in the Washington metropolitan area requesting endorsement in their applications for Federal Transit Administration discretionary grants. FTA discretionary grants applications require metropolitan planning organization endorsement to ensure that funded projects will be incorporated into long-range plans (i.e., the CLRP) and transportation improvement programs (i.e., the TIP).

1. Montgomery County – State of Good Repair
Application is for \$13 million under the Bus State of Good Repair (SGR) Grant Program, to purchase 48 diesel buses to replace a series of cutaway buses that are unreliable.
2. Montgomery County – Clean Fuels
Application is for \$6 million to purchase 11 hybrid buses and 5 CNG buses under the Clean Fuels Grant Program.
3. Prince George’s County – State of Good Repair
Application is for \$1.79 million of funding under the Bus SGR Program to purchase five Gillig and two Eldorado vehicles to replace vehicles past their useful life.
4. Prince George’s County – Clean Fuels
Application is for \$8.93 million to purchase 20 hybrid buses (10-35’ and 10-29’) under the Clean Fuels Grant Program.
5. Prince George’s County – Bus Livability
Application is for \$6.358 million under the FTA’s Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities Livability Initiative Program Grant, to fund comprehensive bus stop and necessary accessibility improvements.
6. Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) – State of Good Repair
PRTC is submitting an application for \$4.48 million under the Bus State of Good Repair Grant Program to fund the mid-life overhaul of 28 OmniRide buses.

Note: all dollar amounts are for federal share and do not include local match.



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 13, 2011

The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 300
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Dear Chairman Bowser:

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) requests support from the Transportation Planning Board on the County's behalf. The grant applications are for the "State of Good Repair" and "Clean Fuels" programs.

The first grant application is for "State of Good Repair" program funding for \$13 million in federal funding. These funds will be matched by Montgomery County and be used to replace 48 Champion International cutaway buses with 48 29' heavy-duty diesel buses. These Champion buses were purchased in 2007 and are unreliable and have been pulled completely out of service on two separate occasions to address severe safety concerns with the braking systems. The lack of availability of buses has led to a reduced level of customer service to Ride On passengers.

The second grant application is to purchase 16 (11 hybrids and five CNG) buses for \$6 million in federal "Clean Fuels" grant funding to be matched by Montgomery County. These 16 buses will replace 11 gas-fueled Champion buses and five compressed natural gas buses (CNG) that have reached their useful life. These hybrid and new CNG buses reduce emissions over the buses scheduled to be replaced.

The grant applications require that the Metropolitan Planning Organization determines that the applications are consistent with the Long Range Plan, that the Transportation Improvement Program can be amended to include these projects, if approved for funding by the Federal Transit Administration, and is coordinated and supported among the region's transit operators.

The "State of Good Repair" application is due July 29, 2011, and the "Clean Fuels" grant application is due August 23, 2011, so we appreciate your consideration at the July 20, 2011,

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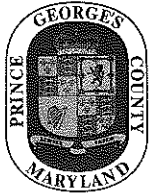
Sincerely,



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cc: Donald Halligan, Director, Office of Planning and capital Programming, MDOT
Diane Ratcliff, Director Office of Planning for the MTA
Carolyn Biggins, Chief, Transit Division, MCDOT
Gary Erenrich, Special Assistant to the Director for WMATA Affairs, MCDOT

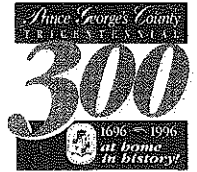


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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Department of Public Works and Transportation
Office of the Director



July 19, 2011

The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Chair
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777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Chair Bowser:

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) requests support from the Transportation Planning Board on the County's behalf. The grant applications are for the "State of Good Repair" and "Clean Fuels" programs.

The first application is for \$1,792,416.00 in federal funding for the "State of Good Repair" program. The County is requesting five 29-foot Gillig vehicles at a cost of \$1,830,520.00, and two Eldorado vehicles at a cost of \$410,000.00. These funds will be matched by Prince George's County. These vehicles will be replacements for older vehicles in our fleet. The new vehicles will allow us to improve our customer service.

The second grant application is for \$8,928,000.00 in federal funding for the "Clean Fuels" program. The County is requesting to purchase ten 35-foot Hybrid buses at a cost of \$5,630,000.00, and ten 29-foot Hybrid buses at a cost of \$5,530,000.00. These funds will be matched by Prince George's County. We currently do not have any Hybrid buses in our fleet. The new Hybrid vehicles will help to reduce emissions in the County.

The grant application requires that the Metropolitan Planning Organization determines that the application is consistent with the Long Range Plan, that the Transportation Improvement Program can be amended to include this project, if approved for funding by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and supported among the region's transit operators.

The "State of Good Repair" application is due July 29, 2011, and the "Clean Fuels" grant application is due August 23, 2011, so we appreciate your consideration at the July 20, 2011, Transportation Planning Board Meeting.

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We thank you for your continued assistance. Should you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Byran K. McReynolds, Acting Associate Director, Office of Transportation at (301) 883-5656.

Sincerely,

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Haitham A. Hijazi
Director

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cc: J. Rick Gordon, Acting Deputy Director
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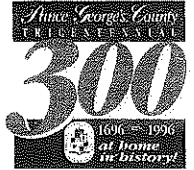


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Dear Chair Bowser:

The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) requests support from the Transportation Planning Board on the County's behalf. The grant application is for the "FTA Bus Livability Program."

The application is for \$6,358,000.00 in federal funding for the "Bus Livability" program. The County is requesting this grant for comprehensive bus stop and necessary accessibility improvements at a total cost of \$7,947,500.00. These funds will be matched by Prince George's County. I must stress what an important project this is to all the citizens of Prince George's County. For too long, our Department has been financially constrained in making the type of bus stop and necessary accessibility improvements provided for in this grant. Further, these improvements will reach some of our most transit dependent population that would benefit most from this investment.

The grant application requires that the Metropolitan Planning Organization determines that the application is consistent with the Long Range Plan, that the Transportation Improvement Program can be amended to include this project, if approved for funding by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and supported among the region's transit operators.

The "Bus Livability" application is due July 29, 2011, so we appreciate your consideration at the July 20, 2011, Transportation Planning Board Meeting.

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Potomac and Rappahannock
Transportation Commission

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July 15, 2011

The Honorable Muriel Bowser, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Dear Chairperson Bowser:

The Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) requests support from the Transportation Planning Board on the Commission's behalf regarding a grant application.

The grant application is in response to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) "State of Good Repair" discretionary funding solicitation, and amounts to \$5.6 million (the federal share is eighty percent or \$4.48 million). The federal discretionary funds being sought would be used to sustain a mid-life bus overhaul campaign on PRTC's OmniRide commuter buses.

Existing funding is sufficient for the overhaul of 33 of the 61 OmniRide buses comprising the campaign, and the subject funding would cover the remaining 28 buses. The mid-life overhaul program is critically important to keeping the buses in service for longer than the FTA-prescribed minimum usable life; the over-the-road OmniRide buses that are being overhauled at the present time are retained for at least two years longer than the twelve years FTA prescribes as a minimum and often even longer.

The grant application requires that the Metropolitan Planning Organization to affirm that:

1. The application is consistent with the Long Range Plan;
2. The Transportation Improvement Program can be amended to include the project if it is approved for funding by the FTA; and
3. The project has been coordinated and is supported among the region's transit operators.

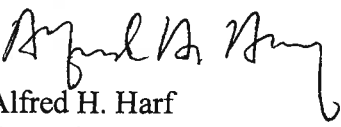
The "State of Good Repair" application is due July 29, 2011, so PRTC is asking the Transportation Planning Board to make the necessary affirmation at its July 20, 2011 scheduled meeting.

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Please contact me or Ms. Betsy Massie at PRTC if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Alfred H. Harf
Executive Director

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