



DATE: JULY 13, 2017

MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE

FROM: JUDITH JOHNDUFF, PROGRAM ANALYST

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE CALL-FOR-PROJECTS FOR FTA SECTION 5310 LARGE URBAN AREA (SENIORS AND DISABLED) GRANT FUNDS AND SECTION 5307 JOBS ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC) FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee approve for the Commission's consideration:

- the attached Guidelines for a Call-for-Projects to program FTA Section 5310 Large Urbanized Area (Seniors and Disabled) funds and Section 5307 Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) funds, and
- the proposed Call-for-Projects Schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Grant program is intended to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities by providing funds that support the special needs of seniors beyond traditional public transportation services and for those with disabilities beyond that required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The goal of the JARC program is to improve access to employment and employment related activities for eligible low-income individuals and to transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities.

Both the FTA Section 5310 funds and JARC funds are the primary funding source to support projects and strategies identified in VCTC's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan which can be found at: <https://www.goventura.org/updated-ventura-county-coordinated-public-transit-human-services-transportation-plan>.

Section 5310 funds are apportioned directly to large urbanized areas including Oxnard/Ventura and Thousand Oaks/Moorpark. VCTC serves as the Designated Recipient for these funds as well as JARC funds for these areas. Funds are allocated by VCTC on a competitive basis through a Call for Projects.

DISCUSSION:

Funding Availability Estimates: The following table shows the Section 5310 and JARC funds available for the two large urbanized areas in Ventura County for FY16/17 and 17/18, including prior year carryover. Section 5310 allows 10% of the apportionment to be used for administration and this amount has been subtracted from the Section 5310 amounts shown below.

	FTA 5310	JARC
Oxnard/Ventura	\$571,000	\$422,000
T.O./Moorpark	\$315,000	\$104,000
TOTAL	\$886,000	\$527,000

Guidelines for the 2017 Call for Projects: The Attachment provides the proposed guidelines and project selection criteria for the proposed 2017 Call for Projects. The screening and selection criteria are based on the criteria used by Caltrans and on VCTC's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan.

Schedule:

9/13/2017	Announcement of Project Selection Process/Availability of Applications
11/15/2017	Applications Due to VCTC
12/14/2017	Review by Transit Operators Committee
1/5/2018	Approval by VCTC
3/31/2018	FTA Grant Approval

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that TRANSOM recommend the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC):

- Approve the attached Guidelines for a Call-for-Projects to program FTA Section 5310 Large Urbanized Area (Seniors and Disabled) funds and Section 5307 Jobs Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) funds, and
- Approve the proposed Call-for-Projects Schedule.