



Item #6

July 10, 2014

MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: STEPHANIE YOUNG, PROGRAM ANALYST
SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2013/14 PROPOSITION 1B TRANSIT SECURITY SELECTION OF PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION

- Approve the attached project list for \$709,972 in Proposition 1B Transit Safety and Security projects.
- Approve \$350,832 of the 2014/15 Proposition 1B Transit Security funds for the remainder of the Gold Coast project, to be submitted by staff as soon as allowed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

BACKGROUND

The State has appropriated \$60 million in Proposition 1B Transit Safety, Security & Disaster Response bond funds for FY 2013/14. These Transit Security funds are distributed by formula to regional transportation agencies and transit operators. Based on the formula the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) can receive \$709,972, which is available for eligible transit capital projects within Ventura County, subject to available bond financing.

DISCUSSION

At the June 6, 2014 meeting, the Commission approved the schedule for agencies to submit proposals for Security projects by June 12, 2014. Staff received project nominations totaling \$1,965,776. The attached table shows the amount requested for each project and the projects that staff is recommending for funding. Bus and facility security cameras are recommended for funding since they are a basic security and safety measure that most transit operators in the county already have. In order to achieve an equitable distribution of funds across the county, staff consulted with agencies that had multiple project requests in order to determine their highest priority projects that would have the greatest impact on safety and security and recommended those projects. In this round of funding, the SCRRA project is not recommended because SCRRA has received a large amount of Proposition 1B Security funds in past grant cycles and a priority was placed on equitable distribution of funds.

Due to the large amount of fund requests, the VCTC cannot program the full amount of the Gold Coast Facility Security project at this time. Staff recommends that Gold Coast receive \$149,168 in FY 13/14 Transit Security funds, with the remainder of the project funded with FY 14/15 Transit Security funds. In the past, Cal OES has opened the call for project applications for the fiscal year in December or January, so staff expects that Gold Coast would be able to apply for the remaining \$350,832 this winter to receive funds at the end of 2015. Staff has consulted with Gold Coast and confirmed that this schedule works

with the construction schedule of the new transit facility. The pre-programming of \$350,832 of FY 14/15 Transit Security funds would reduce the FY 14/15 unprogrammed balance to \$359,140.

As authorized by Proposition 1B, this program has only two more years, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16. Given that half of the FY 14/15 funds will be committed by this recommended action, staff expects to program the remaining funds through one more call for projects only. Given the need to carefully prioritize the last remaining funds, staff will consider recommending more robust project selection criteria for the final round.

Per the Proposition 1B guidelines, projects cannot proceed until Cal OES confirms that bond funds are available and approves the grants. After Commission approval and submittal of applications, each transit operator receives the funds directly from the state.

Proposition 1B Transit Safety and Security Project Proposals and Recommended Funding

Agency	Project	Amount Requested	Staff Recommendation
Camarillo	CAT Fleet Cameras	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Gold Coast	New Facility Security Equipment	\$ 500,000	\$ 149,168
VCTC	Heritage Valley Bus Cameras	\$ 244,200	\$ 244,200
Ojai	Public Works Yard Gates/Fencing	\$ 53,604	\$ 53,604
Ojai	Public Works Yard Cameras	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Ojai	Trolley Parking Area Roof	\$ 95,000	\$ -
Thousand Oaks	Bus Parking Area Cameras	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Thousand Oaks	MSC Replacement Fencing	\$ 100,000	\$ -
East County Transit Alliance	ADA Vehicle Cameras	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Countywide	Countywide Transit Communications Network	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
SCRRA	Track Security Project	\$ 709,972	\$ -
		\$ 1,965,776	\$ 709,972