



AGENDA

THURSDAY, July 14, 2011, 1:30 P.M.
Camarillo City Hall
Camarillo

VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (VCTC) TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)

- Item #1 **CALL TO ORDER**
- Item #2 **INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Item #3 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Item #4 **MEETING SUMMARY May 12, 2011 – PG.2**
- Item #5 **REVISIONS TO CMAQ PROGRAM – PG.5**
That TRANSCOM approve Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program change to shift \$23,000 in CMAQ funds from the Simi Valley Transit Maintenance Facility Expansion to the Simi Valley Garage Modernization project.
- Item #6 **APPROVE 2011/12 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS – PG.7**
That TRANSCOM approve the Program of Projects (POP) for federal transit operating, planning and capital assistance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12.
- Item #7 **ADA CERTIFICATION UPDATE – PG.11**
That TRANSCOM receive a report on the ongoing Countywide ADA Certification program.
- Item #8 **FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANT AVAILABILITY – PG.13**
TRANSCOM receive information regarding the availability of FTA discretionary grants.
- Item #9 **ADJOURN**



Item #4

MEETING SUMMARY

**VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (VCTC)
TRANSIT OPERATORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TRANSCOM)
THURSDAY, May 12, 2011, 1:30 P.M.
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Item #1

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaun Kroes called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

Item #2

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Houser announced the change in services and fares approved by the City of Thousand Oaks.

Jeff Herford reported that the downtown Ventura Coastal Express stop had been relocated.

Ben Cacatian said that the Draft VCAPCD Triennial Assessment is available on the VCAPCD website, and will be discussed later today at the VCOG meeting.

Item #3

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

Item #4

MEETING SUMMARY MARCH 10, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting summary was accepted on a motion by Roc Pulido, seconded by Mike Houser.

Item #5

MEETING SUMMARY FEBRUARY 10, 2011 MEETING

The meeting summary was accepted, with a correction to Ben Cacatian's name spelling, on a motion by Mike Houser, seconded by Roc Pulido.

ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM



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DATE: MAY 12 2011

NAME	BADGE #	BADGE #
Andrew Mikkelson		<u>SPC</u> 079
Ben Cacatian	<u>Ben Cacatian</u> 074	<u>SPB</u> 77
City of Fillmore (Bert Rapp)		
Chuck Perkins	<u>Chuck Perkins</u> 065	<u>UK</u> 78
Darren Kettle		
Debra Solomon	<u>DS</u> 021	
Drew Lurie		
Elizabeth Amador		
Fernando Castro		<u>Darlene Cochran</u> 013
Andy Santamaria	<u>AS</u> 033	Jacqui Cervantez Roberts
Gina Summey		Dennis Miranda
Gloria Sotelo	<u>GS</u> 075	Ed Webster
Grahame Watts		
Helene Buchman		
Jeff Hereford	<u>Jeff Hereford</u> 067	Jim McLaughlin
Joanna Capelle		Pat McLaughlin
John Quinn		Dan Beal
Karen Fajnor		Patti Post
Kathy Connell	<u>Kathy Connell</u> 028	Marlene Conner
Kerry Forsythe		Jim Moore
Kimberly Gayle		
Linda Wright		
Martin Erickson	<u>Martin Erickson</u> 73	
Mary Travis		Ad Hoc Paratransit/ Human Service and Transportation Service
Matt Gleason		
Mike Culver	<u>Mike Culver</u> 29	
Mike Houser	<u>Mike Houser</u> 12	
Myra Montejano	<u>Myra Montejano</u> 71	
Peter DeHaan	<u>Peter DeHaan</u> 26	
Roc Pulido	<u>Roc Pulido</u>	

MARGARET HEATH M. Heath 080

Susan White 011



Item #5

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MEMO TO: TRANSIT OPERATORS COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO CMAQ PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program change to shift \$23,000 in CMAQ funds from the Simi Valley Transit Maintenance Facility Expansion to the Simi Valley Garage Modernization project

BACKGROUND:

The City is requesting an additional \$23,000 in CMAQ funds to address an unanticipated cost increase in the nearly-complete Garage Modernization project, due to unanticipated American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance requirements. The funds will come from a reduction in the cost of the city's Transit Operations Facility Expansion project which was completed under budget.

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Item #6

July 14, 2011

MEMO TO: TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FROM: PETER DE HAAN, PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: APPROVE 2011/12 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the Program of Projects (POP) for federal transit operating, planning and capital assistance for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires that the public be provided an opportunity to review transit projects proposed to be funded with federal dollars. As the designated recipient of federal transit funds, the VCTC is required to hold a public hearing and adopt a POP which lists projects to be funded with federal funds in each urban areas of Ventura County. Since 2003, VCTC has prepared the POP using separate programs for the Oxnard/Ventura, Thousand Oaks/Moorpark, and Camarillo urbanized areas, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Later, VCTC also began to prepare the POP for Simi Valley based on a decision by Caltrans to delegate to VCTC the Designated Recipient status for Simi Valley.

The proposed FY 2011/12 POP was put together using the same methodology that was first developed for the FY 2003/04 POP, to provide a fair share distribution of revenues and expenses between the four urbanized areas in the County. A draft of this POP was reviewed and approved by TRANSCOM at its May, 2011 meeting, and by the VCTC on June 3, 2011.

DISCUSSION

The attached Program of Projects table shows the recommended projects for each of the urbanized areas. This final version of the POP has been changed to incorporate revisions to the Simi Valley program based on the budget adopted by the City Council on June 20th, as well as the inclusion of a \$279,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) project for Thousand Oaks programmed in the 2005 call for project and anticipated to be obligated during the coming year.

As the Committee will recall, this year VCTC staff provided two sets of apportionment tables, one which assumed continued FTA funding at the same level, and the other assuming a 10% cut. Agencies have the option of programming to the higher level of funding, but VCTC staff recommends that agency budgets assume the lower funding level given the strong possibility of federal funding cuts. In the original version of the POP, Simi Valley used the lower apportionment estimate, but the final version assumes the higher estimate, thus increasing the total amount of Simi Valley's program.

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As was mentioned at the March meeting, since there is no multi-year federal transportation authorization, there are no authorized funding amounts on which to base the revenue estimates. Should the adopted FY 2011/12 Federal budget be lower than assumed, it will be necessary to make changes in the Program of Projects.

Subsequent to the TRANSCOM meeting, staff will publish the POP for public notice, and will present the POP to the VCTC for Public Hearing and approval at the September 9th meeting.

Final Program of Projects

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) will hold a public hearing on the Final Program of Projects (POP) for the Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, Camarillo and Simi Valley Urbanized Areas (UAs) for projects to be funded with Federal Transit Administration funds in the 2011/12 Fiscal Year (FY 2012). The funds available in FY 2012 are estimated to be \$9,079,000 for the Oxnard UA, \$4,179,000 for the Thousand Oaks UA, \$2,051,000 for the Camarillo UA, and \$2,286,000 for the Simi Valley UA, based on prior year carryover and anticipated FY 2012 apportionment funds, and federal discretionary funds. The public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011, in the Camarillo City Council Chamber, 601 Carmen Drive, in Camarillo. The POP is available for public inspection at 950 County Square Drive, Suite 207, Ventura CA 93003.

FY 2011/12 Federal Transit Program of Projects

	Total Cost	Federal Share	Local Share & Other
OXNARD/VENTURA URBANIZED AREA			
Gold Coast Transit			
<u>Planning Assistance</u>			
Transit Service Administration & Support	\$350,000	\$280,000	\$70,000
Planning/Admin. Coordinated Paratransit	\$60,000	\$48,000	\$12,000
Marketing & Passenger Awareness Activities	\$312,500	\$250,000	\$62,500
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	\$722,500	\$578,000	\$144,500
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
Preventive Maintenance	\$2,001,320	\$1,601,056	\$400,264
New Maintenance and Operations Facility	\$500,000	\$400,000	\$100,000
ADA Paratransit Service	\$823,506	\$658,805	\$164,701
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	\$3,324,826	\$2,659,861	\$664,965
Total Gold Coast	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$4,047,326	\$3,237,861	\$809,465
Ventura County Transportation Commission			
<u>Planning Assistance</u>			
Transit Planning and Programming (FY 11/12)	\$35,000	\$28,000	\$7,000
Transit Planning and Programming (FY 12/13)	\$356,250	\$285,000	\$71,250
Transit Information Center (FY 12/13)	\$256,250	\$205,000	\$51,250
Smart Card Data Management(FY 12/13)	\$313,750	\$251,000	\$62,750
Elderly/Disabled Planning/Eval. (FY 12/13)	\$210,000	\$168,000	\$42,000
VISTA Planning (FY 12/13)	\$231,250	\$185,000	\$46,250
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	\$1,402,500	\$1,122,000	\$280,500
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
VISTA Services – Capital Leases (FY 12/13)	\$821,340	\$657,072	\$164,268
Smart Card Maintenance & Upgrade	\$602,500	\$482,000	\$120,500
Next Bus Upgrade for Bus Stop Signage (Transit Enhancement Funds)	\$93,750	\$75,000	\$18,750
Metrolink Capital Rehabilitation & Refurb	\$2,405,481	\$1,924,385	\$481,096
Metrolink Capital Rehabilitation & Refurb (Section 5309 Rail Modernization)	\$1,974,683	\$1,579,746	\$394,937
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	\$5,897,754	\$4,718,203	\$1,179,551
Total VCTC	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$7,300,254	\$5,840,203	\$1,460,051
TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$11,347,580	\$9,078,064	\$2,269,516
THOUSAND OAKS/MOORPARK URBANIZED AREA			
Ventura County Transportation Commission			
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
VISTA Services – Capital Leases (FY 12/13)	\$1,042,261	\$833,809	\$208,452
Metrolink Capital Rehabilitation and Refurb	\$1,101,733	\$881,386	\$220,347
Metrolink Capital Rehabilitation and Refurb (Section 5309 Rail Modernization)	\$1,195,824	\$876,659	\$219,165
Next Bus Upgrade for Bus Stop Signage (Transit Enhancement Funds)	\$37,500	\$30,000	\$7,500
ADA East County Service	\$125,000	\$100,000	\$25,000
Gold Coast Transit Access ADA Service	\$252,803	\$202,242	\$50,561
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Total VCTC	\$3,655,426	\$2,924,096	\$731,024
City of Thousand Oaks			
<u>Planning Assistance</u>			
Transit Marketing	\$37,500	\$30,000	\$7,500
Transit Planning	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$5,000
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	\$62,500	\$50,000	\$12,500

<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
Bus Capital Maintenance	\$400,000	\$320,000	\$80,000
Transit Center & Bus Stops Maintenance	\$87,500	\$70,000	\$17,500
Dial-a-Ride Capital Leases	\$200,000	\$160,000	\$40,000
Phone System	\$68,750	\$55,000	\$13,750
Farebox & Voice Annunciators	\$126,985	\$101,588	\$25,397
Replace 2 Service Vehicles / Fare Equipment (CMAQ Funds)	\$279,000	\$279,000	\$0
	<u>\$1,162,235</u>	<u>\$985,588</u>	<u>\$176,647</u>
Total Thousand Oaks	\$1,224,735	\$1,035,588	\$189,147
City of Moorpark			
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
Vehicle / Camera Capital Maintenance	\$151,500	\$121,200	\$30,300
Dial-a-Ride Capital Leases	\$62,500	\$50,000	\$12,500
Metrolink Station Improvements	\$58,996	\$47,197	\$11,799
Total Moorpark	<u>\$272,996</u>	<u>\$218,397</u>	<u>\$54,599</u>
TOTAL	\$5,152,851	\$4,178,081	\$974,770
CAMARILLO URBANIZED AREA			
Ventura County Transportation Commission			
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
VISTA Services – Capital Leases (FY 12/13)	\$168,550	\$134,840	\$33,710
ADA East County Service	\$62,500	\$50,000	\$12,500
Total VCTC	\$231,050	\$184,840	\$46,210
City of Camarillo			
<u>Operating Assistance</u>			
Camarillo Area Transit Operating Asst	\$900,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
	<u>\$900,000</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>	<u>\$450,000</u>
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
Camarillo Rail Station Capital Maintenance	\$100,000	\$80,000	\$20,000
One Replacement Dial-a-Ride Bus	\$130,000	\$104,000	\$26,000
	<u>\$230,000</u>	<u>\$184,000</u>	<u>\$46,000</u>
Total Camarillo	<u>\$1,130,000</u>	<u>\$634,000</u>	<u>\$496,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,361,050	\$818,840	\$542,210
SIMI VALLEY URBANIZED AREA			
Ventura County Transportation Commission			
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
VISTA Services – Capital Leases (FY 12/13)	\$320,865	\$256,692	\$64,173
Total VCTC	\$320,865	\$256,692	\$64,173
City of Simi Valley			
<u>Operating Assistance</u>			
Simi Valley Transit Operating Assistance	\$3,327,400	\$1,156,700	\$2,170,700
	<u>\$3,327,400</u>	<u>\$1,156,700</u>	<u>\$2,170,700</u>
<u>Capital Assistance</u>			
Maintenance Diagnostic Toll	\$6,500	\$5,200	\$1,300
Preventive Maintenance	\$798,200	\$638,600	\$159,600
Non Fixed-Route ADA Paratransit Capital	\$1,260,200	\$228,600	\$1,031,600
	<u>\$2,064,900</u>	<u>\$872,400</u>	<u>\$1,192,500</u>
Total Simi Valley	<u>\$5,392,300</u>	<u>\$2,029,100</u>	<u>\$3,363,200</u>
TOTAL	\$5,713,165	\$2,285,792	\$3,427,373



Item #7

July 14, 2011

MEMO TO: TRANSCOM

FROM: ED WEBSTER, TRANSIT DEPENDENT PROGRAMS MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADA CERTIFICATION UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive report

BACKGROUND:

Mike Culver, MMP Director of Operations for the ADA Certification Program will present a report on ADA Certifications, including the most recent statistics.

Monthly ADA Certification Services Report															
May 2011															
Category	Item Measured	2011					Summary								
		May	April	March	Feb	Jan									
Call Center	ADA calls received this month	528	498	480	470	602	The average number of calls received per day was ~25 for May 2011, routed through the call center.								
	Initial contacts, not leading to application	1	2	9	7	5									
	Out of Area Transmittals	3	6	3	10	1	Out of Area Transmittals for May: 3 out of total 23 YTD.								
Recertifications	Applications received	31	33	35	36	20	Recertifications accounted for nearly 35% of total applications received during May; compared to April 28%; and March 28%.								
	Applications in process	21	27	28	24	18									
Recertifications	Number of renewals deemed complete	38	13	23	19	10	Recertifications, no changes required.								
New Applicants	Total applications received	57	83	92	61	78	New applicants accounted for 65% of total applications received during May; compared to April 72%; and March 72%.								
	Applications in process	56	83	91	57	74									
Interviews	Complete, without functional evaluation	19	14	12	7	6	18 new applicants; 1 renewals								
	Complete, with functional evaluation	32	40	57*	49*	41	20 new applicants; 12 renewals								
Delays in Processing (Cumulative)	Due to incomplete application by client	157	169	166	174	210	404 total (157 + 247) Delays in Processing ; this is a cumulative figure tracking all pending new and recert apps retroactive to implementation date 11/30/2009. Sixty-nine (69) pending applications were added during the month of May.								
	Pending physician's evaluation (PE)	247	313	302	378	420									
	Applications that failed to meet "21 day rule"	0	0	0	0	0									
May 2011 Assessments															
In-person Assessments	Appointment date	May	5/3	5/5	5/9	5/11	5/11	5/12	5/16	5/17	5/19	5/23	5/25	5/26	5/31
	Appointment location	Totals	Simi	VCTC	T.O.	WLV	Moorpar	VCTC	PVSC	Simi	VCTC	T.O.	Moorpar	VCTC	Simi
	With functional evaluation	33	5	3	5	0	2	1	3	1	4	3	1	4	1
	Without functional evaluation	24	0	3	1	4	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	4
	No-shows / Cancellations	17	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	3	1	0	2	2
	Total number of interviews	57	5	6	6	4	3	3	5	3	5	5	2	5	5

NOTES:

Total number of applications received in May: 88. Number of determinations (new/recerts) processed in May: 89
 74 interviews were scheduled, 17 No Shows/Cancellations recorded during May. This represents a No Show/Cancellation rate of ~ 23%.
 The number of **Delays in Processing** category recorded at month-end has decreased from 481 recorded in April, to 404 in May. This number is narrowing in to the 376 outstanding applications same time last year May 2010. Of the 404 Delays in Processing category, 198 applications remain from August - December 2010.



Item #8

July 14, 2011

MEMO TO: TRANSCOM
FROM: VIC KAMHI, BUS TRANSIT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: FEDERAL TRANSIT GRANT AVAILABILITY

RECOMMENDATION:

- Receive report

BACKGROUND

FTA announced a number of new funding opportunities that may be of interest .

Below, are FTA summaries of the funding opportunities that aim specifically to further livability and sustainability goals. This includes the following:

1. State of Good Repair
2. Bus Livability
3. Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER)
4. Clean Fuels

1. STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of discretionary Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities grant funds in support of its "State of Good Repair" initiative. The State of Good Repair (SGR) Bus initiative will be funded with up to \$750 million in unallocated Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds, authorized by 49 U.S.C. 5309(b) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy For Users (SAFETEA-LU), Public Law 109-59, August 10, 2005. FTA may use additional Bus and Bus Facilities program funding that becomes available in the future to further support this initiative.

The SGR Bus initiative will make funds available to public transit providers to finance capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct/rehabilitate bus-related facilities, including programs of bus and bus-related projects which may include assistance to subrecipients that are public agencies, private companies engaged in public transportation, or private non-profit organizations. This notice includes priorities established by FTA for these discretionary funds, the criteria FTA will use to identify meritorious projects for funding, and describes how to apply.

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This announcement is available on the FTA Web site at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. FTA will announce final selections on the Web site and in the Federal Register notice. A synopsis of this announcement will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>. See Appendix B of this notice for information related to other discretionary program opportunities available in FY 2011.

DATES: Complete proposals for the SGR Bus initiative must be submitted by July 29, 2011. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV APPLY function. In order to apply through GRANTS.GOV, proposers should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the deadline for submission.

2. BUS LIVABILITY

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of discretionary funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 for two programs in support of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Livability Initiative: the Bus and Bus Facilities grant funds (49 U.S.C. 5309(b)) ("Bus Livability Program") and the Alternatives Analysis Program (49 U.S.C. 5339), both authorized by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Pub. L. 109-59, August 10, 2005. The Bus Livability Program will be funded using at least \$150 million in available FY 2011 Discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds. The Alternatives Analysis program will be funded using up to \$25 million in FY 2010 and FY2011 discretionary funds. These discretionary program funds will be distributed in accordance with the mission of each program and in support of the U.S. DOT's Livability Initiative and the Partnership for Sustainable Communities between the U.S. DOT, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Please note that this notice is one of several discretionary funding opportunities that FTA intends to issue by early Fall 2011. This notice includes priorities established by FTA for these discretionary funds, the criteria FTA will use to identify meritorious projects for funding, and describes how to apply for funding under each discretionary program. This announcement is available on the FTA Web site at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. FTA will announce final selections for each program on the Web site and in the Federal Register. Additionally, a synopsis of each funding opportunity will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

DATES: Complete proposals for both the Bus Livability Program and the Alternatives Analysis Program must be submitted by July 29, 2011. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV APPLY function. Agencies should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline. Registration is a multi-step process, which may take several weeks to complete before an application can be submitted.

3. TRANSIT INVESTMENTS FOR GREENHOUSE GAS AND ENERGY REDUCTION (TIGGER)

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of discretionary funds in Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 for the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction (TIGGER) program and Clean Fuels Grant program, augmented with Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities program funds. These discretionary program funds will be distributed in accordance with the mission of each program and in support of the U. S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) environmental sustainability efforts.

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This notice includes priorities established by FTA for these discretionary funds, the criteria FTA will use to identify meritorious projects for funding, and describes how to apply for funding under each discretionary program. This announcement is available on the FTA Web site at: <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. FTA will announce final selections on the Web site and in the Federal Register. Additionally, a synopsis of each funding opportunity will be posted in the FIND module of the government-wide electronic grants Web site at <http://www.grants.gov>.

DATES: Complete proposals for both the Clean Fuels/Bus and Bus Facilities and TIGGER discretionary grant programs must be submitted by August 23, 2011. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV APPLY function. Any agency intending to apply should initiate the process of registering on the GRANTS.GOV site immediately to ensure completion of registration before the submission deadline. Instructions for applying can be found on FTA's Web site at <http://fta.dot.gov/tigger> and <http://fta.dot.gov/cleanfuels> and in the "FIND" module of GRANTS.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the appropriate FTA Regional Administrator (Appendix A FR DOC # 2011-15913) for proposal-specific information and issues. For general program information on the TIGGER program, contact Walter Kulyk, Office of Mobility Innovation, (202) 366-4995, e-mail: walter.kulyk@dot.gov.

4. CLEAN FUELS

The Clean Fuels Grant program was first established as the Clean Fuels Formula Grant program in Section 3008 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, Public Law 105-178, June 9, 1998 (now codified at 49 U.S.C. Sec. 5308). The program was developed to assist non-attainment or maintenance areas in achieving or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and carbon monoxide (CO). Additionally, the program supported emerging clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses and markets for those technologies. FY 2011 unallocated funding provides \$51.5 million dollars in discretionary Clean Fuels Grant program resources. Additionally, FTA is expanding the eligible applicant pool and may fund projects that meet the Clean Fuels Grant program objectives in attainment areas using a portion of discretionary Bus and Bus Facilities program resources that are available.

The Clean Fuels/Bus and Bus Facilities program has a two-fold purpose. First, the Clean Fuels Grant program was developed to assist nonattainment and maintenance areas in achieving or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and CO. The second program purpose is to support emerging clean fuel and advanced propulsion technologies for transit buses and markets for those technologies. Please read FR Notice for a detailed description.

Eligible applicants under the FY 2011 Clean Fuels Grant program are: a. Designated recipients in maintenance or non-attainment areas for ozone or CO, which are entities designated to receive Federal urbanized formula funds under 49 U.S.C. 5307. b. FTA will also accept applications from direct recipients, tribes, and State Departments of Transportation in attainment areas. Please see details in FR Pages 37175 - 37184 [FR DOC # 2011-15913] <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-24/pdf/2011-15913.pdf>