

AMBAG
ASSOCIATION OF MONTEREY BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

October 14, 2004



Mr. David Murray
Caltrans, District 5
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Re: FY 2005-06 FTA Section 5313(b) and FHWA Partnership Planning Grant Proposals

Dear Dave:

Enclosed, please find four project proposals to the Caltrans FY 2004/05 Discretionary Grant Program as approved by the AMBAG Board of Directors at their meeting of October 13, 2004. Five copies of each proposal and a disk with the electronic proposals on them are included.

AMBAG is submitting two applications on behalf of itself and one each for Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO). The proposed funding sources are FHWA Partnership, FTA Transit Technical Planning Assistance, and FTA Transit Professionals Development (2). In the grant order just mentioned, a description of each application follows:

a. Monterey Bay Region Elderly/Disabled Mobility Strategic Plan

Proposed for \$66,800 under the Federal Highway Administration's Partnership Planning Element, this grant would provide funding to develop an Elderly/Disabled Mobility Strategic Plan for the Monterey Bay region addressing the need for coordinated, adequate transportation choices for aging adults and the disabled community and to increase communication among human service and public transportation agencies.

b. Salinas Valley Short Range Transit Plan Update

Proposed for funding under the FTA Section 5313(b) Transit Technical Planning Assistance, this \$42,834 grant request would fund development of a coordinated planning document for the independent transit services provided in South Monterey County by the cities of Soledad, Greenfield and King City.

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c. Monterey-Salinas Transit Professional Development Program

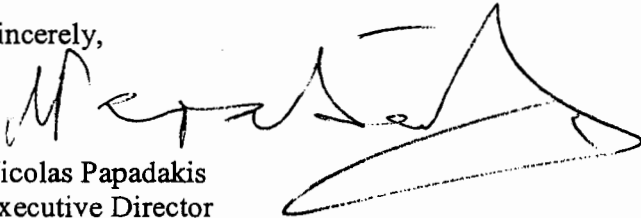
Proposed for funding under the FTA Transit Professional Development Program for \$28,000, MST will provide new or job re-training experience in transit planning to current college students or college graduates seeking new professional experience and training in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), planning and marketing.

d. Santa Cruz METRO Transit Planning Development

Also proposed for funding under the FTA Transit Professionals Development Program for \$22,500, METRO will use the funds to provide training and applicable educational opportunities to the METRO Transit Planner and other professional staff through attendance at/participation in workshops, course, seminars and conferences.

As always in submitting grant proposals, we respectfully request Caltrans concurrence and support for these four applications. Questions regarding all of the proposals may be directed to either Kathy Urlie or the contact person indicated on the application. Thank you in advance for your support for our proposals.

Sincerely,


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