

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Greensboro/Greensboro Transit Authority
Greensboro Urbanized Area
Revised April 28, 2009

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Greensboro, North Carolina, in Council Chambers, Second Floor, Melvin Municipal Office Building at 6:00 PM, on June 2, 2009 for the purpose of considering projects and amendments to projects for which financial assistance under Sections 5303, 5307, 5309, 5316 (Job Access/Reverse Commute – JARC), 5317 (New Freedom), 5340 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (SAFETEA-LU), NCDOT – State Maintenance Assistance Program and the Urban Advanced Technology Program, is being sought. The proposed Program of Projects (POP) is available for public inspection for thirty (30) days in the Office of the Greensboro Department of Transportation – Public Transportation Division, located at 320 E. Friendly Avenue, from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM or you may visit our website at www.greensboro-nc.gov/gta for detail information. Public comments regarding the proposed POP can be mailed to the Greensboro Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division, P.O. Box 3136, Greensboro, North Carolina, 27402-3136, ATT: Mrs. Elizabeth G. James, Public Transportation Manager. If you have questions, you may contact Mrs. Elizabeth G. James at (336) 373-2820. The final POP will be available for public inspection for thirty (30) days beginning June 3, 2009. Generally described, the proposed POP is as follows:

A. Program of Projects (POP) - FY 2009

The City of Greensboro has developed a detailed Program of Projects recommended for funding under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5303 Planning Program, Section 5307, Section 5309 Direct Apportionment Program, 5316 JARC Program, 5317 New Freedom Program, 5340 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), CMAQ, State Maintenance Assistance Program and the Urban Advanced Technology Program.

1. Description of Projects – Section 5303 Planning Assistance - FY 2009

- a. The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal planning assistance to implement GTA Transit Planning Technical Assistance Proposal, which includes: ongoing evaluation of ridership, solutions to address overcrowded buses and general technical and service planning assistance to address service quality needs. The estimated total project costs, which represent a 20% increase from FY08 allocation, are:

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| \$ 77,296 | Federal |
| 9,662 | NCDOT |
| <u>\$ 9,662</u> | City of Greensboro (In-Kind Contribution) |
| | |
| \$ 96,620 | TOTAL |

2. Description of Projects – Section 5307 Direct Apportionment Program-FY 2009

- a. **The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal assistance to support up to 10% of the Total Net Operating Expenses of ADA-Complementary Paratransit Services. The estimated total project costs are:**

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| \$ 411,537 | Federal |
| <u>\$ 102,884</u> | City of Greensboro |
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| \$ 514,421 | TOTAL |

- b. **The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal Assistance to support the Operating Expenses for the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA). The proposed project will serve the Greensboro Urbanized Area, and will support public transportation services sponsored by the City of Greensboro through GTA. The estimated project costs are:**

\$1,105,770 Federal
\$1,105,770 City of Greensboro

\$2,211,540

- c. The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal assistance to support up to 80% of the preventive maintenance costs for the Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA). The proposed project will serve the Greensboro Urbanized Area, and will support public transportation services sponsored by the City of Greensboro through the GTA. The estimated total project costs are:

\$ 3,462,676 Federal
\$ 865,669 City of Greensboro

\$ 4,328,345 TOTAL

- d. The City of Greensboro is applying for capital funds for the purchase of security enhancements for the Greensboro Transit Authority. These enhancements include updating surveillance cameras within the J. Douglas Galyon Depot. The estimate total project costs are:

\$ 41,154 Federal
\$ 10,289 City of Greensboro

\$ 51,443 TOTAL

- e. **The City of Greensboro is applying for capital assistance under the FTA Routine Capital Assistance Program to support the purchase of spare parts and other capital needs. The estimated total project costs are:**

\$100,000 Federal
\$ 25,000 City of Greensboro

\$125,000 TOTAL

- f. The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal planning assistance

to continue implementations of Year 3 recommendations of the Five Year Transit Service Plan (TSP), which was adopted in FY07. This Plan includes: service recommendations from preparation of detailed schedules for new/restructured routes, estimation of ridership and cost for each new or restructured service; ongoing ridership analysis using APC (automatic passenger counters) for analyzing current and future service proposals and in implementing bus stop and passenger amenity proposals; establishing performance measures by implementing an expanded performance monitoring system, establishing data sources as needed for new performance measures and working with City of Greensboro Public Transportation staff to ensure that critical performance measures continue to receive attention; implementation of the bus stop/passenger amenities program, which will involve focusing on amenities at bus stops with the greatest number of boarding passengers, upgrading the passenger environment at these stops and consolidating bus stops; technology plan, which will include focusing on integration of new technologies with current procedures and processes to enhance its usefulness in day-to-day operations. The estimated total project costs are:

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| \$ 100,000 | Federal |
| \$ 12,500 | State |
| <u>\$ 12,500</u> | City of Greensboro |
| \$ 125,000 | TOTAL |

- g. The City of Greensboro is applying for CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality) grant funds to meet one of GTA's outstanding service requests of expanding existing weekday and Saturday evening services to fifteen (15) routes. The estimate total project costs are:

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| \$ 863,031 | CMAQ/Federal |
| \$ 0 | NCDOT |
| <u>\$ 0</u> | City of Greensboro |
| \$ 863,031 | TOTAL |

3. Description of Projects – Section 5309 Direct Apportionment Program-FY 2009

- a. The City of Greensboro is applying for capital assistance under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Assistance Program to purchase one (1) Expansion Transit Hybrid Bus to meet one or more of the outstanding service requests. The estimate total project costs are:

\$ 593,662 Federal
\$ 57,220 NCDOT
\$ 64,373 City of Greensboro

\$ 715,255 TOTAL

4. Description of Projects – Section 5316 JARC (Job Access and Reverse Commute) Program - FY 2009

- a. The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal Assistance to administer projects that improve access to employment-related activities for people with lower incomes. The estimated total project costs are:

\$ 155,118 Federal
\$ 155,118 City of Greensboro

\$ 310,236 TOTAL

5. Description of Projects – Section 5317 New Freedom Program - FY 2009

- a. The City of Greensboro is applying for Federal Assistance to provide new public transportation or alternative public transportation for persons with disabilities beyond the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The estimated total project costs are:

\$ 93,958 Federal
\$ 93,958 City of Greensboro

\$ 187,916 TOTAL

6. Description of Projects – Section 5340 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

- a. The City of Greensboro is applying for capital stimulus grant funds through The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 for land acquisition and construction of the new bus operations, maintenance and administration facility. The estimate total project costs are:

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| \$8,046,400 | STP-DA |
| \$5,455,967 | FUZST |
| \$1,140,000 | 5309 Earmark |
| \$ 711,000 | 5309 Earmark |
| \$1,148,300 | NCDOT |
| <u>\$1,148,300</u> | City of Greensboro |
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| \$17,649,967 | TOTAL |

7. Description of Projects – State Maintenance Assistance - FY 2009

- a. The City of Greensboro is applying for State Maintenance Program funding to support the net operating costs of the Greensboro Transit Authority within the Greensboro Urbanized Area. The estimated total project costs, which increased by 14% when compared to FY08, are:

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| \$ 2,093,733 | NCDOT |
| <u>\$ 2,093,733</u> | City of Greensboro |
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| \$ 4,187,466 | TOTAL |

8. Description of Projects – Urban Advanced Technology Program – FY 2009

- a. The City of Greensboro, along with High Point Transit System (Hi-Tran) and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) have agreed to implement fixed route technology that will provide the riding public access to real time bus arrival and departure information. The estimate total project costs are:

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| \$ 670,181 | NCDOT |
| <u>\$ 74,465</u> | Combined Cost for the 3 properties |
| 744,646 | (Greensboro’s portion is \$34,933) |

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND/OR EXECUTION, AS APPROPRIATE, OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) AND NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NCDOT) GRANT AGREEMENTS, GRANT APPLICATIONS, ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL APPLICATIONS, ANNUAL BUDGETS, AND OTHER SUCH DOCUMENTS, AS

APPROPRIATE, PURSUANT TO RELEVANT SECTIONS OF THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY OF USERS (SAFETEA-LU), AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply and receive grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by Chapter 53 of Title 49, U.S.C. (Sections 5307 Capital and Section 5303 Planning Assistance of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, as amended) to provide operating, capital and planning projects; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA 21), provides Federal funds to support public transportation services;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will apply and receive grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation as authorized by the Federal Transit Administration;

WHEREAS, the purpose of these transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies to support planning, operating and capital assistance projects and provision of public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, Article 2B of Chapter 136 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the Governor of North Carolina have designated the North Carolina Department of Transportation as the agency responsible for administering funds received through the Federal Transit Act of 1991 legislation; and

WHEREAS, the contracts for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the City of Greensboro, including the provision of the local project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Department of Transportation in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the TEA 21, as amended, the City of Greensboro, as applicant, gives assurance that it will comply with Title IV of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other pertinent directives and the U.S. Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City of Greensboro, as an applicant, that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with the project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered by the City of Greensboro as applicant to ensure that DBEs shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant or other services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Greensboro hereby assures and certifies that it will comply with the Federal Statutes, regulations, executive orders, the Section 5333(b) Labor Protection requirements, and all administrative requirements which relate to the applications made to and grants received from the Federal Transit Administration; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

1. That the City of Greensboro is authorized to file and execute FTA and NCDOT Grant Agreements, Annual or Biennial Applications, Annual Budgets, and other such documents, as appropriate, on behalf of the City of Greensboro with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to aid in the financing of public transportation services as described therein.
2. That the City of Greensboro is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Federal Transit Administration and the North Carolina Department of Transportation require in connection with such FTA and NCDOT Grant Agreements, Annual and Biennial Applications, Annual Budgets, and other such documents, as appropriate.
3. That the City of Greensboro is authorized to set forth and execute Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) policies and procedures in connection with all procurement needs associated with such FTA and NCDOT Grant Agreements, Annual and Biennial Applications, Annual Budgets, and other such documents, as appropriate.
4. That the City of Greensboro is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of the City of Greensboro with the Federal Transit Administration and the North Carolina Department of Transportation to aid in the financing and effectuating of the purposes of such FTA and NCDOT Grant Agreements, Annual and Biennial Applications, Annual Budgets, and other such documents, as appropriate.