

SKAGIT TRANSIT

TO: Skagit Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Dale O'Brien, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Report of Grant Projects and Awards

INFORMATION:

On September 15, 2010, the Board passed Resolution 2010-09 authorizing the Executive Director to sign grant agreements upon Board approval of the report detailing the project, amount of grant award and budget impact to the agency. The following grants have been awarded:

1. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Formula Funds 2012: \$1,033,978 - (\$516,989 was allocated in January 2012, the remaining amount will be added when Congress signs re-authorization bill) Urbanized Area Grant Funding to be used for operating support of Fixed Route, Dial-A-Ride and Vanpool services. These funds have a 50% match requirement.
2. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds transferred to FTA Section 5307 Program: \$123,000 for purchase and installation of Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) on Fixed Route Coaches; purchase and installation of approximately 10 replacement bus shelters; and design and engineering services for remodel of Skagit Station to increase the lobby area. These funds have a 20% match requirement.
3. FTA Section 5307 program funds allocated from Puget Sound Regional Council for Skagit Transit commuter services performed in the Seattle Urbanized Area (UZA). FY2010 funds \$510,035; FY2011 funds \$210,594 and FY2012 an estimated \$300,000. These funds have a 20% match requirement. Skagit Transit plans to purchase 22 replacement vanpool vans to keep the vanpool program operating efficiently, and purchase one 45' replacement Fixed Route Commuter Coach.
4. Washington State DOT Vanpool Investment Program: \$110,000 to purchase 5 expansion vanpool vans. Matching requirement is 20%.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the grant projects and authorize the Executive Director to sign the grant agreements.

BUDGET IMPACT:

FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds for Operations require a 50% match of \$1,033,978 (#1)

FTA Section 5307 Formula Funds for Capital require a 20% match of \$285,907 (#2 and #3)

Washington State DOT Vanpool Investment Program requires a 20% match \$27,500 (#4)