

SKAGIT TRANSIT

TO: Skagit Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Dale O'Brien, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Grant Project and Award Update

BACKGROUND

On September 15, 2010, the Board passed resolution 2010-09 authorizing the Executive Director to sign grant agreements upon Board approval of the project to be funded, the amount of the grant award and subsequent budget impact to the agency.

Skagit Transit has been notified of three funding awards:

- Federal Transit Administration's Bus and Bus Livability Grant Program: \$2,800,000 for the final piece of funding for the Chuckanut Park and Ride Facility. The grant program has a 20% match which Skagit Transit will match by using State grant funds.
- Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds passed through Puget Sound Regional Council, \$510,035. These funds have a 20% match requirement. Skagit Transit began receiving these funds in Federal Fiscal Year 2010 as a result of National Transit Database reporting of transit miles traveled in the Urbanized Area of Central Puget Sound (vanpool and Everett Connector transit services). The PSRC requires the funding to be spent on a project that ends in the Central Puget Sound area, Skagit Transit identified the following as eligible projects for these funds; vanpool vehicles, commuter style buses, mobility management equipment and software.
- Skagit Transit Agreement 09-016 with the Swinomish Tribal Community will be amended to include an additional \$245,000 (original amount was \$225,000) of Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit funds. These funds will allow Skagit Transit to increase service on Route 615, providing transit service between Mount Vernon, La Conner and Anacortes Monday – Friday. Currently the agreement funds 4.5 hours per day service; the amendment increases the funding to cover 8.5 hours per day service.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board approve the grant projects and authorizes the Executive Director to sign grant agreements. Staff anticipates the agreements will be ready for signature no later than mid year 2011.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Federal Transit Bus and Bus Livability Funds: Match Requirement 20%; Skagit Transit will use state grant funds as match.

Section 5307 Formula Funds: Match Requirement of 20% of total project, not to exceed \$127,507.

Amendment to Agreement 09-016 Tribal Transit Funds: No match required.