



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: June 2, 2009

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>						

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: 559-733-6291

SUBJECT: Public Hearing for Transit Capital Purchases

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

Hold a Public Hearing to receive public comment on obtaining Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 grant funding for:

- a. One 22-passenger Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus
- b. Three 24-passenger CNG buses
- c. Two 8-passenger CNG buses for Dial-A-Ride routes
- d. Eighteen manual fare boxes for the transit fleet.

SUMMARY:

Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act provides for Federal grants, made through the State, for public transportation projects. These funds were made available through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) reauthorization bill of August 2005.

A Public Hearing was held on April 7, 2009. Your Board received no comments and approved the submittal of two grant applications for funds to purchase:

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- One 22-passenger Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus
- Three 24-passenger CNG buses,
- Two 8-passenger CNG buses for Dial-A-Ride routes, and
- Eighteen manual fare boxes for the Tulare County Area Transit (TCaT) fleet

The Federal grant for Transit capital purchases require a Notice of Public Hearing to be published in the newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled hearing date. After further review of the grant application guidelines, it was determined that the minimum notification period was not met. Therefore another public hearing is necessary to fulfill State requirements.

The new buses will upgrade the County's transit fleet to CNG and replace older diesel or gasoline-powered buses. The purchase of new CNG buses will help improve air quality in the San Joaquin Valley and will help the County meet the goal of the Transit Fleet Rules from the California Air Resources Board.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

Funding for the FTA 5311 bus expenditure will be included in the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Transit budget.

FTA Section 5311	\$159,354
Tulare County Transit Budget	<u>\$ 20,646</u>
Total Cost	\$180,000

Funding for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) 5311 bus and fare box expenditures will be included in the 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Transit budget.

ARRA Section 5311	\$768,784
Tulare County Transit Budget	<u>\$ 23,008</u>
Total Cost	\$791,792

There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This links to the goals of the Business Plan's Strategic Initiative:

Safety and Security: calls for improvement and maintenance of adequate Transportation infrastructure. This proposed action addresses this initiative.

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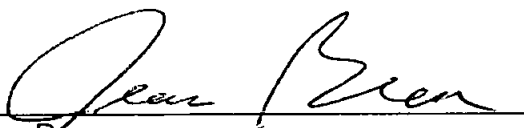
ALTERNATIVES:

There is no reasonable alternative.

INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:


Jean Brou
Assistant Director – Transportation

cc: Auditor/Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC)
HEARING FOR TRANSIT CAPITAL)
PURCHASES)

RESOLUTION NO. _____
AGREEMENT NO. _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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