

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Jim Throop, Director of Administrative Services
SUBJECT: Approval of PTMISEA Grant Application
DATE: October 19, 2010

Needs: For the City Council to consider a resolution approving the application for funds under the State's PTMISEA Grant System.

Facts:

1. In November 2006, the voters of California approved Proposition 1B, which established \$20 billion in funding for transportation projects, the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA). A portion of this funding is allocated specifically for Transit Capital projects, and can be used for the purchase of expansion or replacement transit vehicles, new or improved transit facilities, or system amenities such as bus stop shelters and equipment.
2. SLOCOG is administering the program for SLO County. Exact funding levels have not yet been determined, and funds for transit capital projects in the current cycle of grants will be between \$1.2 Million to \$3.6 Million.
3. Approval of applications by the Governing body of the applying agency is a part of the application process.
4. Funds from PTMISEA would be used to purchase replacement buses for the City's transit fleet, as the average fleet mileage is over 140,000.

Analysis &

Conclusion: The Transit Coordinator for the City of Paso has prepared an application for a transit project to be funded under the PTMISEA program.

PTMISEA funds can be used for: 1. Modernization of existing equipment, such as new signage or computer systems; 2. Capital service enhancements such as improved bus shelters or transit centers; 3. New capital projects such as new shelters; 4. Acquisition of new rolling stock, such as new buses.

The project for which funding is being sought is the purchase of a low-floor transit vehicle. This vehicle will replace the existing vehicles #15 and #16 in the City's Transit fleet, both 2003 model vehicles which have fulfilled the seven-year service life for which they are rated, and have been driven nearly 200,000 miles. These older buses would remain in the City's transit fleet as a back-up vehicles, should they be needed.

The planned replacement vehicles are low-floor transit vehicles which have floors at curb level over much of the passenger area, so that passengers can board or alight without needing to climb steps, and passengers in mobility devices can board or alight from the bus on a retractable ramp, which is easier, faster and more reliable than using a hydraulic lift.

The funding levels being sought for these projects through PTMISEA funds administered by SLOCOG is \$290,000.

Local Matching funds would be used for the project. The funds estimated for the match are:

Local Transportation Development Act Funds	\$90,000
Local Proposition 1B allocation (estimate)	\$10,000

Fiscal
Impact:

The use of local TDA funds as matching funds for the project would affect the amount of TDA funds available for other transit uses. The impact will be determined by the final cost of the project, and the total amount of TDA funding available. TDA funds are subject to change due to the economy and the State's ongoing budget issues, as occurred in FY 2010. Additional staff time will be needed to implement and administer the project.

Options:

- a. That the Council adopt the attached resolution approving the applications for PTMISEA funding; or
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 -xxx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES
APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
MODERNIZATION, IMPROVEMENT AND SERVICE ENHANCEMENT ACCOUNT
(PTMISEA) GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, Proposition 1B, passed by the voters of the State of California in November of 2006 established a funding source, PTMISEA, for transit capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) is administering the application process for these funds within San Luis Obispo County; and

WHEREAS, the grant funding would allow capital projects for the improvement of transit services in Paso Robles through the purchase of new, low-floor transit vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the approval by the Governing Body of the agency submitting the grant application is sought as part of the application process,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles approves the application for PTMISEA Transit Capital Project funding for the City of El Paso de Robles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 19th day of October, 2010 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Duane Picanco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caryn Jackson, Deputy City Clerk