



## **Transit Planning TA00110 Federal Transit Administration Grant Application June 2015**

### **Introduction**

This funding request is a continuation of planning efforts funded under previous FTA grants and will provide technical transit staffing for the period of July 2014 through September 2016. The work effort will focus on planning for system improvements, capital requirements and determining the economic feasibility associated with a multi-year Short, Medium and Long Range Transit Plan. Furthermore, these funds will support the coordinating efforts with other local transit providers, both public and private, as well as other area transportation agencies so as to enhance the development of a coordinated transit system through the region.

### **Project Description**

Transit Operations Planning effort will include tasks associated with transit systems studies, operational requirements and system improvements including technical writing aspects to insure programs are in compliance with applicable Federal requirements. Previous planning efforts have resulted in the development of new routes and improving the overall transit system. These new funds will enable the grantee to plan for system modifications that would meet future ridership demands.

Transit Capital Planning effort encompasses planning for the development of capital projects. These funds will continue the planning support of current capital projects such as the Central and Unser Transit Center expansion, and the Uptown Transfer Center joint development project. Beyond these current capital projects, this work effort also will include the planning for revenue vehicle fleet replacement, and associated technologies, inclusive of ADA equipment and technologies.

### **Funding Analysis**

All Sources

Total Project Cost: \$4,500,000

Federal Funds: \$3,600,000

Local Funds: \$900,000

### **Breakout by Funding Source**

5307 Large Urban

Total 5307 Large Urban Funds: \$4,500,000

Federal Share: \$3,600,000 (80%)

Local Share: \$900,000 (20%)

Total funding in this grant application is in the amount of \$4,500,000, comprised of \$3,600,000 FY15 5307 Large Urban funds, \$3,600,000 and \$900,000 local matching funds. The matching ratio is 80% Federal and 20% local matching funds for the 5307 funding. The local matching funds consist of the City of Albuquerque Transit General Operating Funds.

### **Planning Efforts (TIP/STIP)**

This project is identified in the local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as the federally-approved State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as Control Number TA00110, located on Page 81 of 253, which is dated November 20, 2013. The cover and program pages of the STIP FFY 2014 - 2017 are attached to this grant application on TEAM.

This planning activity is referenced in the current UPWP in Section 2.3, as an activity included in the Annual Project Listing and Obligation Report, as well as in Section 4.1, as an activity in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

### **Environmental Findings**

Finding No. 1 - Class II(c)

#### **C04 - Planning and Administrative Activity**

Planning and administrative activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction, such as: training, technical assistance and research; promulgation of rules, regulations, directives, or program guidance; approval of project concepts; engineering; and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine demand.