

Central Avenue Corridor BRT - Phase I (TA00350)

Introduction

This funding request supports project development activities associated with the Central BRT project, which will provide timely and cost effective transit service while supporting land-use policy and economic development efforts within a regionally significant corridor in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The funding source includes FY14 5307 Large Urban funds and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality– Mandatory (CMAQ-MAND) funds already transferred from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for this project. Matching funds have been identified and are available for prompt program implementation.

Project Description

As a continuation of project development, specific activities include, but are not limited to, engineering and design beyond the 30% level to support the development of a sound cost estimate to include with ABQ RIDE's Small Start application submittal, public involvement and outreach, value engineering, travel demand forecasting, and the development of environmental compliance, branding / marketing, financial management and traffic maintenance plans.

Funding Analysis

All Sources

Total Project Cost: \$7,786,114

Federal Funds: \$6,554,788

Local Funds: \$1,231,326

Breakout by Funding Source

5307 Large Urban

Total 5307 Large Urban Funds: \$1,795,347

Federal Share: \$1,436,277 (80%)

Local Share: \$359,070 (20%)

CMAQ-Mand

Total CMAQ-Mand Funds: \$5,990,767

Federal Share: \$5,118,511 (85.44%)

Local Share: \$872,256 (14.56%)

Total funding in this grant application is in the amount of \$7,786,114, comprised of \$1,436,277 FY14 5307 Large Urban funds, \$5,118,511 FY14 CMAQ-Mand funds and \$1,231,326 combined local matching funds. The matching ratio is 80% Federal and 20% local matching funds for the 5307 funding and 85.44% Federal and 14.56% local matching funds for the CMAQ-Mand funding. The two funding sources are captured in separate Activity Line Items within this grant application budget thereby preserving their respective matching requirements. The local matching funds consist of collected gross receipts from the City's General Obligation GO Bond program.

CMAQ Details:

This funding ultimately will provide another type of transit service within the Albuquerque Urbanized Area. Therefore, the Central BRT project will reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles and improve traffic congestion and air quality for the Albuquerque /Bernalillo County maintenance area that, at one time, had not met the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for carbon monoxide. This project does not add capacity to the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area (AMPA) roadway, benefits the Albuquerque Urbanized Area maintenance area, and meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

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 TA00350, located on Page 99 of 283, which is dated July 01, 2014. The cover and program pages of the STIP FFY 2014 - 2017 are attached to this grant application on TEAM. Furthermore, the CMAQ-Funds have been transferred from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for this project. The City's transfer request, the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO) concurrence, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation's (NMDOT) transfer request also are attached to this grant application on TEAM.

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.