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- City of Cerritos
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- City of Downey
- City of Glendale
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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority

FROM: Michael R. Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: July 11, 2012

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING OLDA/METRO TOD III GRANT PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND

In February, 2012, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority authorized \$10 million to fund a third round of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant Program. The third round is open to municipalities with regulatory land use within ¼ mile of an existing or proposed rail or bus transitway station or within ½ mile of a Los Angeles County Metrolink Station. It is also open to Council of Governments (COG) and Joint Powers Authorities (JPA) representing such municipalities.

The objective of the TOD Planning Grant Program is to promote adoption of land use changes that encourage the principles of Transit Oriented Districts and Development. The deadline for applying is September 10, 2012. OLDA staff is investigating the feasibility of submitting an application for the entire OLDA Corridor.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented; and/or
2. Receive and file this report


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Metro

Date June 28, 2012

To Metro TOD Planning Grant Round 3 Eligible Cities

From Jenna Hornstock, Deputy Executive Officer
Countywide Planning 

Subject Metro TOD Planning Grant, 3rd Round

On February 23, 2012 the Metro Board authorized \$10 million to fund a third round of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Grant program, launched by Metro this current fiscal year. Round 3 was originally limited to only certain rail corridors and bus transitways. **The Metro Board of Directors has expanded eligibility to the entire Metro system of rail transit corridors and bus transitways.** The third round of funding is open to municipalities with regulatory land use control within ¼ mile of an existing or proposed rail or bus transitway station or within ½ mile of all LA County Metrolink stations , as well as Councils of Government (COG) and Joint Powers Authorities (JPA) representing such municipalities.

The objective of the TOD Planning Grant is to promote adoption of land use changes that encourage the principles of Transit Oriented Districts and Development, with the intent to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips and increase the use of public transit, bicycles and other non-motorized modes. A second priority is to fund planning work that is a precursor to regulatory change.

Attached to this memo is an introduction to the Round 3 TOD Planning Grant along with a table showing eligible municipalities, COGs and identified JPAs Other JPA's not currently identified by Metro but representing municipalities along Metro's transit corridors are also eligible.

The full grant application as well as additional information on the grant program will be available on Friday June 29th at: <http://www.metro.net/projects/tod/>.

Should you have questions about the grant program, application process, or whether a specific project you are considering might be eligible, please contact Rufina Juarez at (213) 922-7405 or juarezr@metro.net.

We look forward to your applications.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA)

2012 Transit Oriented Development Planning Grant Program Round 3

Introduction

Program Purpose

The TOD Planning Grant Program is designed to change local land use regulations to promote transit oriented development or to lead to model ordinances, guidelines, or other planning tools that can act as a precursor to such regulatory change. This document contains information and a description of the forms needed to apply for the third round of funding.

The third round of this pilot program in its initial year of funding features expanded eligibility as described below. Funds will be available to awardees as grant agreements are executed (anticipated by January 2013) and will carry over into future fiscal years. The deadline for applying is **September 10, 2012**.

Who can apply?

Municipalities with land use regulatory control over property within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of existing or proposed transit corridors (rail and bus transitways) and within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of existing or proposed Metrolink Stations, as measured from the station property line boundary, and Joint Powers Authorities (“JPAs”) and Councils of Governments (“COGs”) that represent such municipalities. The entire Metro Rail and Metro Liner systems are eligible along with the LA County Metrolink system.

The attached table gives a listing of eligible transit corridors and related cities, COGs, and JPAs. Joint applications between cities and JPAs or COGs will be considered as long as the applicant can clearly describe the relationship and who will be responsible for completion of each task. JPAs and COGs acting on behalf of cities must demonstrate support from the cities that will be impacted by the grant-funded study and/or regulatory document.

TOD Planning Grant Program Goals

Goals for the program include the following:

- Increase access to transit by assisting local agencies to accelerate land use regulatory change that promotes TOD principles;
- Improve utilization of public transit by reducing the number of modes of transportation necessary to access regional and local transit;
- Further the reduction of greenhouse gases through encouraging in-fill development along transit corridors;
- Support and implement sustainable development principles.

What types of planning efforts are eligible?

This program is designed to encourage regulatory changes, and planning efforts that lead to regulatory changes, that support Transit Oriented Development principles, as described in the Program Goals section above. First priority will be for funding proposals that will result in eliminating regulatory constraints to TOD projects. Such regulatory changes will result in conditions that encourage development near transit stations, provide for appropriate density given the immediate access to transit, reduce dependency on the private automobile, and provide strong pedestrian and bicycle connections between development sites and transit. Examples of such changes include: revision of general plans and/or specific plans, adoption of Transit Village districts, adoption of overlay zones, zoning ordinance amendments, parking code amendments, environmental studies in support of amending regulatory documents, and similar efforts.

Second priority will be given to funding proposals that include planning at or near station locations that may be a precursor to regulatory change, including, but not limited to, traffic modeling, density studies, and financial feasibility of various development forms. Other examples of such planning efforts include identification of opportunities for TOD-promoting regulatory changes, development of specific planning tools to adopt regulatory changes, assistance for cities to collaborate on planning for new stations and TOD-promoting regulatory changes, and development of model ordinances or other regulatory frameworks. Funding of such projects will only be considered if available funds remain after qualified first priority projects are funded. Costs of community outreach and CEQA compliance in conjunction with such regulatory changes are eligible costs.

How much money is available?

The third round of the program offers a total of \$10 million. No limit per application has been set although one criterion for selection will be the efficient use of the grant in terms of dollars spent and regulatory change to be achieved. No local match is required but may be considered in evaluating the efficiency of the proposed grant effort.

Where do I go with questions?

Contact Rufina Juarez, Transportation Planning Manager, Countywide Planning at juarezr@metro.net or (213) 922-7405.

Timely Use of Funds

The grant application requires respondents to develop a scope of work that can be completed within 24 months of a notice to proceed. Projects that do not make timely progress may be subject to deobligation and/or reprogramming of funds.

TOD Planning Grant Program Round 3 Schedule

After evaluation and ranking, Metro staff may recommend to the Metro Board the award of projects. A tentative schedule for the 2012 TOD Grant program Round 3 is as follows:

- June 29, 2012 Application package is available
- September 10, 2012 Applications due
- Sept. 10 – Oct. 10, 2012 Application Evaluation Period
- November 14, 2012 Award recommendations at LACMTA Planning and Programming Committee
- December 13, 2012 Award recommendations at LACMTA Board Meeting
- December 21, 2012 Awardees receive TOD Grant Agreement; 60 days to review and execute

CITIES, COGS, AND JPAS ELIGIBLE FOR ROUND 3 TOD PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING

CITY	Targeted Transit Lines																			
	Blue Line	Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor	East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor (Transitway)	Expo Line Phases 1 and 2	Gold Line	Gold Line Eastside Extension Phase 2	Gold Line Foothill Extension	Green Line	Green Line South Bay Extension	Green Line Extension to LAX	LA County Metrolink cities	Orange Line	Purple Line	Westside Subway (Purple Line) Extension	Red Line	Regional Connector	Sepulveda Pass Transit Corridor	Silver Line	West Santa Ana Branch	Wilshire BRT (Transitway)
Santa Clarita											X									
Santa Fe Springs						X													X	
Santa Monica				X																X
South El Monte						X														
South Gate																			X	
South Pasadena					X															
Torrance									X											
Unincorporated LA County	X				X	X		X			X				X			X		
Vernon	X																		X	
Whittier						X														
COGS / JPAs / Other																				
Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority											X									
Gateway Cities COG	X					X		X			X								X	
Los Angeles World Airports		X						X		X										
Orange Line Development Authority											X								X	
Port of Long Beach	X																			
San Fernando Valley COG			X								X	X			X		X			
San Gabriel Valley COG					X	X	X				X							X		
South Bay COG	X	X						X	X	X								X		
Westside Cities COG		X		X										X			X			X