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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 5, 2009

**TO:** El Dorado County Transit Authority

**FROM:** Mindy Jackson, Executive Director 

**SUBJECT:** Proposition 1 B Transit Funding for Commuter Bus Replacement and Transit Facility Security

**REQUESTED ACTION:**  
BY MOTION,

1. Adopt Resolution No. 09-02 Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute all documents for the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancements Account (PTMISEA) program
2. Adopt Resolution No. 09-03 Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute all documents for funding from the California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF)

**BACKGROUND**

On November 7, 2006 California voters approved as Proposition 1 B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Proposition 1 B includes transit funding in two (2) programs:

1. **Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA)**, \$3.6 billion is available to eligible public transportation projects to help advance important goals and policies, including protecting the environment and public health, conserving energy, reducing congestion, and providing alternative mobility and access choices for Californians. Applications are submitted to the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans).
2. **California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF)**. These funds are available for transit system safety, security and

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disaster response projects. Applications are submitted to the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security (OHS).

The California State Controller identified El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) as an eligible “project sponsor” under statutory program eligibility for both the PTMISEA and the CTSGP-CTAF.

**DISCUSSION**

***Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) - El Dorado Transit Resolution No. 09-02***

The California State Controller identified eligible “project sponsors” and the amount each is eligible to receive. Based on calculations in Senate Bill 88, Statutes of 2007 the State Controller’s office identified El Dorado Transit as an eligible transit operator allocated \$703,173 for PTMISEA projects.

Eligible projects are transit capital projects (including a minimum operable segment of a project) for purposes of one of the following:

- a. Rehabilitation, safety, or modernization improvements.
- b. Capital service enhancements or expansion.
- c. New capital projects.
- d. Bus rapid transit improvements.
- e. Rolling stock procurement, rehabilitation, expansion or replacement.

El Dorado Transit has combined funding from several sources to replace commuter buses – Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 Capital Grants; Sacramento County State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the PTMISEA. The PTMISEA program will provide the funding to acquire replacement 57-passenger commuter buses.

***California Transit Security Grant Program – California Transit Assistance Fund (CTSGP-CTAF) - El Dorado Transit Resolution No. 09-03***

The California State Controller identified eligible agencies and transit operators, including the amount of funds each agency is eligible to receive. The following are the eligible agencies for the western slope of El Dorado County:

- El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) \$114,306.
- El Dorado County Transit Authority \$ 10,548

Eligible projects are required to include either of the following:

- a. A capital project that provides increased protection against a security or safety threat.
- b. A capital project that increases the capacity of transit operators to prepare for disaster-

response transportation systems that can move people, goods, emergency personnel and equipment in the aftermath of a disaster.

El Dorado Transit is working with EDCTC staff to submit an application for the allocated funding to purchase and install video surveillance systems in up to five (5) transit maintained facilities including, but not limited to, the administration building, maintenance building/fleet parking lot located at 6565-67 Commerce Way, Diamond Springs; the planned Central Transit Center to be located adjacent to the administrative building; and up to two (2) additional transit maintained park and ride facilities. If fully funded, the project will also include key card access control systems for the administrative building and maintenance building/fleet parking lot located at 6565-67 Commerce Way, Diamond Springs.

Capital Improvement Plan Project No. 09-02 includes details for the building surveillance and access control systems portion of this proposed project.

Funding Sources:

CTSGP-CTAF GC 8879.58(a)(2) through EDCTC \$114,306.

CTSGP-CTAF GC 8879.58(a)(3) direct application \$ 10,548.

Total Revenue	\$124,854.
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**FISCAL IMPACT**

As of December 15, 2008, all Proposition 1B funding was suspended until further notice. The State's Pooled Money Investment Board (PMIB), which provides loans to bond-funded infrastructure projects and to the state general fund, voted to stop funding infrastructure projects. Funding from the PMIB will not be available until a budget solution is enacted and the state can resume the sale of bonds. El Dorado Transit is moving forward with the initial application process for Proposition 1B, as described above. In the event that funding is reinstated, both capital projects will be submitted for Board approval at a later date.



