

FISCAL YEAR 2009 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB March 7, 2008

Please submit completed questionnaire to josh.martin@mail.house.gov

PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:

DCTA Bus and Bus Facilities

2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

Bus and bus facility purchases and improvements are needed to improve the safety, capacity, security, reliability and cost effectiveness of bus transit service in Denton County.

3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

Bus and bus facility improvements will include the purchase of low-emission buses, transit system security and resource protection technology, and operations and maintenance facility equipment. The finance plan is to match all federal dollars with DCTA local funds on an 80-20 basis and to complete all purchases in FY 2009.

II. BENEFIT TO THE 26th DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26th District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):

Improved bus transit service is critical to reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality and containing the rising costs of public mobility in one of the Nation's fastest growing areas. These improvements will also enhance the safety and security of those using public transportation in Denton County.

2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

Denton County faces acute transportation needs due to its rapidly growing population. These bus improvements will directly and positively affect quality of life in the County by relieving congestion, improving air quality and enhancing the safety, reliability and efficiency of increasingly vital bus transit service.

III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$7,034,000

2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities

IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

DCTA Bus & Bus Facilities – Capital Needs

Detailed Budget

Project	Federal Funding	Total Funding
<i>Bus Rolling Stock Purchase</i>		
9 replacement 35' buses @ \$325,000 each	\$2,340,000	\$2,925,000
7 replacement 30' buses @ \$295,000 each	\$1,652,000	\$2,065,000
Total	\$3,992,000	\$4,990,000
<i>Security and Resource Protection Technology</i>		
Electronic Fareboxes (65 units @ \$12,000 each)	\$624,000	\$780,000
Facility Security Surveillance Equipment	\$180,000	\$225,000
Vehicle Security Surveillance Equipment (65 units @ \$10,000 each)	\$520,000	\$650,000
AVL / Real time data (55 units @ \$20,000 each)	\$880,000	\$1,100,000
Mobile data terminals (12 units @ \$5,000 each)	\$48,000	\$60,000
Radio and Communications Equipment (75 units @ \$2,500 each)	\$150,000	\$187,500
Total	\$2,402,000	\$3,002,500
<i>Operations and Maintenance Facility Equipment</i>		
Shop Equipment	\$640,000	\$800,000
Total	\$640,000	\$800,000
TOTAL	\$7,034,000	\$8,792,500

2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No.

4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

Yes. DCTA will provide local matching share.

5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

Purchases of buses and bus-related equipment.

6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

The FTA Section 5309 program for Bus and Bus Facilities is authorized to help finance these very kinds of bus improvements.

V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

There is unified support for these bus improvements from local and community leaders. (Letters attached.)

2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No.

3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

These bus and bus equipment purchases are all ready-to-go. As soon as funds are available, these purchases will be made with local matching funds provided. The timeline is to complete all purchases in FY 2009.

VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

John Hedrick, DCTA President

2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

972-316-6100 / jhedrick@dcta.net

3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

Denton County Transportation Authority, 1660 S. Stemmons, Suite 250, Lewisville, TX 75067.

VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

100%.

2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

Yes.

2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

Yes.

3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

N/A.

4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

N/A.

PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA

CERTIFICATION:

I, John O. Hedrick, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF
Denton County Transportation Authority MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26th District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.
4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

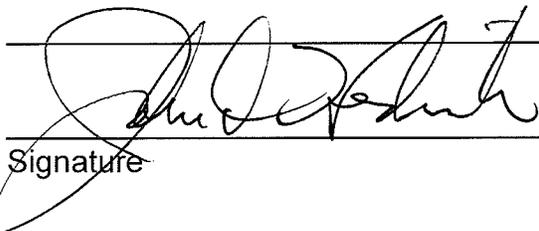
Name of person certifying John O. Hedrick

Title of person certifying President

Project name as it will appear in the bill DCTA Bus and Bus Facilities

Legal name of entity making request Denton County Transportation Authority

Address 1660 S. Stemmons, Suite 250, Lewisville, TX 75067

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Signature

3/6/08
Date