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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY FOR 2009

CDOT announces the availability of transit funds for calendar year 2009 for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs. The Transit Unit administers five FTA grant programs that support a variety of transit services in Colorado. Three of those programs have additional funds available for 2009. Therefore, CDOT will entertain new applications (service not applied for under the June 2007 CDOT /FTA application) for projects eligible under the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC), the New Freedom, and the Intercity Bus (ICB) programs. All three programs are described briefly below.

Complete details about these grant programs, including how to apply for funding, review procedures, and compliance requirements are in the “CDOT Application Instructions and Grant Guidelines.” This document is in six parts and located on the Transit Unit website.

Job Access and Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316) funds are intended to improve access to transportation services to employment and employment-related activities for welfare recipients and eligible low-income individuals. Funds from the JARC program may be used for capital, planning, and operating expenses. State or local governmental entities, private non-profit organizations, and operators of public transportation services are eligible JARC recipients.

CDOT expects to have approximately \$1.5 million available in 2009 for small urbanized¹ areas and approximately \$450,000 for rural areas². Note that CDOT does not administer JARC funding for the large urbanized areas.

New Freedom (FTA Section 5317) funds are intended to expand transportation mobility options for individuals with disabilities. New Freedom funds may be used for capital and operating expenses that support BOTH *new* (after 8/10/05) public transportation services and/or public transportation alternatives *beyond those required by the ADA*.

CDOT expects to have approximately \$700,000 available in 2009 for small UZAs and \$408,000 for rural areas.

The Intercity Bus (FTA Section 5311(f)) funds are intended to provide services that provide meaningful connections to the national Intercity Bus network which connects two or more distant urban areas. Intercity bus service must have a rural component to the route and can function as a “feeder” into the national network. While CDOT is accepting applications for any proposed corridor/service operating in the State, the following corridors have been prioritized by CDOT:

¹ In Colorado, the small urbanized areas (UZA) are Boulder, Grand Junction, Greeley, Lafayette-Louisville, Longmont, and Pueblo, each with populations between 50,000 and 200,000.

² Rural (“non-urbanized”) areas have populations under 50,000.

- 1) Gunnison to Denver (via SH 50 and SH 285)
- 2) Denver to Salt Lake City (via I 70 and US 40)
- 3) US 50 between Lamar and Wichita, KS

CDOT expects to have approximately \$1.2 million available existing and new intercity bus projects in 2009.

In order to complete an application for the 2009 funding, applicants are required to go to the CDOT Transit Unit Website: (www.dot.state.co.us/App_transit/). On this website, applicants are required to complete and/or update the following information:

- 1) Agency Profile
- 2) Capital Inventory
- 3) Capital Request screens (if your project(s) include capital requests)
- 4) “2009 CDOT Application for FTA Grant Assistance for 5311(f), 5316, and 5317.”
- 5) All required hard copy certificates and assurances (Provided as an attachment on the main page of the website).

Complete *Application Instructions* “CDOT Application Update, Application Instructions, and Grant Guidelines” are available at the website on the Transit Unit main page. Access to this information does not require a user name and password.

The 2009 Application for FTA funding Assistance will be available April 21, 2008. Completed applications, to include all requirements listed above, are due to CDOT no later than 5:00 pm, June 9, 2008. No exceptions!

Applicants that have not submitted an FTA application to CDOT within the past four years should contact Matt Paswaters (303-757-9771; mattew.paswaters@dot.state.co.us) to discuss eligibility requirements and to acquire a username and password to the website. Questions about the JARC or New Freedom grant programs should be directed to Sylvia Labrucherie (303-512-4045; sylvia.labrucherie@dot.state.co.us). Questions about the ICB grant program should be directed to John Valerio (303-757-9769; john.valerio@dot.state.co.us). Questions about capital purchases should be directed to Ann Beauvais (303-757-9767; ann.beauvais@dot.state.co.us).

CDOT will notify award recipients in September 2008. Thank you for your interest in FTA funding.

Sincerely,

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