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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) takes special note of its designation by the governor in a letter dated October 4, 2005, as the administering agency for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs and further acknowledges that federal program regulations require the Texas Department of Transportation (department) to ensure that these grant funds are distributed fairly and equitably within the state.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Sections §31.17 and §31.36 establishes the process by which program proposals shall be evaluated and funds distributed. On August 5, 2011, the department published a Notice of Request for Proposal for projects in the Texas Register. Project criteria included project planning and coordination; demonstration of need; benefits of the project; and project management.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §5.73 establishes the process for which Transportation Development Credits (TDC) may be awarded at the discretion of the commission. The commission finds that TDC investments in:

- Transit vehicles will improve air quality by replacing older vehicles with newer models which meet current emission standards; and increase the value of the transportation assets by investing into the replacement of depreciated rolling stock;
- Facilities increase the value of the transportation assets by improving or adding system infrastructure and capacity designed to provide transit services to the citizens of Texas;
- Information technology increases the value of the transportation assets by investing in new technology which complies with federal standards and provides better record keeping for reporting to various state and federal agencies;
- Preventive maintenance improves air quality by regularly maintaining vehicles at manufacturer-scheduled intervals and increasing the value of the transportation assets by preserving the condition of existing fleet; and
- Coordinated planning of transportation projects will reduce the need for single occupant vehicle travel and passenger trips, thus reducing congestion and improving air quality.

The commission finds that the projects in Exhibit A are eligible for funding and awards a total of \$9,487,239 in federal program funds and 604,466 in TDC.

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department. Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the awards as described in Exhibit A, submit the necessary state application to the FTA and enter into the necessary contracts.

Submitted and reviewed by:

Director, Public Transportation Division

Recommended by:

executive Director TAY 31 12

Minute Number Date Passed

EXHIBIT A FY 2012 COORDINATED CALL PROJECTS AWARDS

AWARD RECIPIENT	§5311(f) Intercity Bus	§5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute	Total Funds	TDC Award	TDC Category
All Aboard America!	\$373,914		373,914		
Ark-Tex Council of Governments		180,560	180,560		
Autobuses Ejecutivos, LLC dba Omnibus Express	506,218		506,218		
Coastal Bend Center for Independent Living		267,455	267,455		
Concho Coaches Buslines	54,471		54,471	2,876	PM, PLN
CUSA KBC, LLC dba Kerrville Bus Company	411,569		411,569		
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission		1,138,452	1,138,452	82,390	VEH
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	1,258,060		1,258,060		
Houston Kiddie Express Transit Service		442,698	442,698		
Jim Wells County		345,000	345,000	69,000	PLN
LULAC Project Amistad dba Project Amistad		2,317,052	2,317,052	283,600	PM, IT, VEH
NDMJ LTD. Transportation		1,047,538	1,047,538	166,600	VEH
NORTEX Regional Planning Commission		50,000	50,000		
South Padre Island, City of		80,000	80,000		
Texas State Independent Living Council		463,250	463,250		
University of Texas of the Permian Basin		551,002	551,002		
TOTAL	\$2,604,232	\$6,883,007	\$9,487,239	604,466	-

Legend: Preventive Maintenance (PM); Information Technology (IT); Transit Vehicle (VEH); Planning (PLN)