

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Regional Travel Training Initiative

PURPOSE:

To request approval from the Board of Directors to establish a reimbursable capital project (Job Access Reverse Commute [JARC] and New Freedom Grants) and initiate and award four contracts, for a base period of two years to fund the Regional Travel Training Initiative.

DESCRIPTION:

Metro, through its Department of Access Services, was recently awarded Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Program funding through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) to initiate a two-year regional travel training initiative in cooperation with Centers for Independent Living (CILs), the Inclusion Research Institute, and vocational rehabilitation centers in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

This landmark project spanning the three jurisdictions noted above is one of the first of its kind in the nation. Through a unique public-private partnership, this program will establish best practices by providing essential travel training on a regional scale that will focus on fostering greater use of accessible fixed-route public transportation to places of employment by people with disabilities and low incomes. It will also provide these customers with greater mobility independence throughout their everyday lives. Through this program, the Department of Access Services is taking proactive measures that will assist in offsetting demand and growth for paratransit services by training people with disabilities to travel safely using fixed-route public transit.

This Regional Travel Training Initiative will expand upon the travel training program currently in place at Metro. Training people with disabilities to safely travel using fixed-route public transit will provide a significant benefit to Metro by helping to reduce the dependence on the paratransit service. At the completion of this two-year program, approximately 600 people with disabilities will have been trained to safely use fixed-route public transportation relieving their dependence on paratransit, which could result in future savings to Metro.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Program:	FY 2010 Reimbursables
Project:	Regional Travel Training Initiative
Budget:	\$ 1,234,464
This Action:	\$ 1,234,464
Prior Approval:	N/A
Remaining Budget:	\$ 0
Remarks:	Two-year reimbursable project funded through JARC and New Freedom Grants in the amount of \$1,234,464 (\$ 987,571 of which is reimbursable). The required 20% local match will be funded using a combination of in-kind (non-cash contributions of \$161,893) with the remaining \$85,000 in matching funds coming from the Department of Access Services FY 2010 Operating Budget (Services - Other; line item budgeted in the amount of \$840,00). No additional local funding is required from the jurisdictions.
Operating Budget Impact:	One time contribution of \$85,000 will be drawn from the Department of Access Services FY 2010 Operating Budget (Services - Other). There are no additional future funding requirements.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to establish a reimbursable capital project (JARC and New Freedom Grants) and initiate and award four contracts for the Regional Travel Training Initiative to each of the Centers for Independent Living in Maryland, Virginia and D.C. and the Inclusion Research Institute.

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE FY2010 REIMBURSEABLE PROJECTS BUDGET AND ESTABLISH REGIONAL TRAVEL TRAINING PROJECT AND BUDGET

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RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority was recently awarded grants under the Job Access and Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs to fund a two-year Regional Travel Training Initiative in cooperation with Centers for Independent Living in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, A budget amendment to the FY2010 Reimbursable Projects Budget will be required to establish a reimbursable project entitled "Regional Travel Training Initiative" to fund this project; now, therefore be it


RESOLVED, That the FY2010 Reimbursable Projects Budget be amended from \$34.707M to \$35.941M; and be it further

RESOLVED, That authorization is granted to initiate and award four contracts for the Regional Travel Training Initiative; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the project for the Regional Travel Training Initiative is approved and a \$1,234,464 project budget is approved; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel