

Grant Application Package

Opportunity Title:	Section 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities, Ladders of Opportu
Offering Agency:	DOT/Federal Transit Administration
CFDA Number:	
CFDA Description:	
Opportunity Number:	FTA-2014-004-TPM
Competition ID:	FTA-2014-004-TPM
Opportunity Open Date:	06/05/2014
Opportunity Close Date:	08/04/2014
Agency Contact:	Sam Snead Federal Transit Administration phone: (202) 366-1089 fax: (202) 366-3475 email: Samuel.Snead@dot.gov
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* 1.a. Type of Submission:	* 1.b. Frequency:	* 1.d. Version:		
★ Application	Annual	X Initial Resubmission	Revision Update	
Plan	Quarterly	* 2. Date Received:	STATE USE ONLY:	
Funding Request	X Other	08/01/2014		
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		4a. Federal Entity Identifier:		
1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan	/Funding Request?	4b. Federal Award Identifier:		
Yes No X Explana				
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:				
* a. Legal Name:				
Fort Bend County				
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identificati	on Number (EIN/TIN):	* c. Organizational DUNS:		
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d. Address:				
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301 Jackson				
* City:		County:		
Richmond				
* State:		Province:		
TX:	Texas			
* Country:		* Zip / Postal Code:		
USA: UNI	TED STATES	77469		
e. Organizational Unit:				
Department Name:		Division Name:		
Public Transportation				
f. Name and contact information of	f person to be contacted on matters inv	olving this submission:		
Prefix: * Firs	st Name:	Middle Name:		
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* Last Name:	4.00	Suffix:		
Bune				
Title: Finance/Admin Manager F	Public Transportation			
Organizational Affiliation:				
* Telephone Number: 281-243-670	04	Fax Number:		
*Email: Christina.Bune@fortbe	endcountytx.gov			

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY	Version 01.1
* 8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT:	
B: County Government	
* Other (specify):	
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b. Additional Description:	
* 9. Name of Federal Agency:	
DOT/Federal Transit Administration	
10. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	
CFDA Title:	
11. Areas Affected by Funding:	
12. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
* a. Applicant: b. Program/Project:	
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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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13. FUNDING PERIOD:	
a. Start Date: b. End Date:	
04/01/2015	
14. ESTIMATED FUNDING:	
* a. Federal (\$): b. Match (\$):	
13,830,402.00	
* 15. IS SUBMISSION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. This submission was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on:	
b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by State for review.	
X c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	

OMB Number: 4040-0002 Expiration Date: 08/31/2008

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* 16. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?			
Yes No X	planation		
17. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)			
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Ann.Werlein@fortbendcount			
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Christina Bune				
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* Applicant Federal Debt Delinquent Explanation	

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Important: Please attach your files in the proper sequence. See the appropriate Agency Guidelines for details.

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Applicant and Proposal Profile

Bus and Bus Facilities Program: Ladders of Opportunity

Organization Legal Name:	Fort Bend County
FTA ID Recipient number (if applicable):	6479
Applicant Eligibility:	State
	C Indian Tribe
	Direct recipient of 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program
Population Served:	Urbanized over 200,000
	Urbanized 50,000 - 200,000
	Rural
Description of services provided:	
Fort Bend County provides general public der provided for any trip purpose. Services are no current contracted service provider is First Tra Bend County into the Greenway Plaza, Galleria deviated fixed route services are provided wit provides transit services for people with disab ambassador service. Ambassadors provide as	mand response, commuter and deviated fixed route services. Transportation service is t directly operated by Fort Bend County. One service contractor is used for all services. The nsit. Fort Bend County provides commuter services along the SH 59 corridor from Fort a Mall and Texas Medical Center area of Houston (Harris County). Demand response and hin Fort Bend County. Further, Fort Bend County has a New Freedom Program which illities and the elderly. New Freedom services include in-county demand response and sistance to passengers boarding/disembarking buses, carrying/stowing packages, and for ce with insuring they board correct buses or are escorted into and out of buildings.

Description of areas served:

All cities in Fort Bend County which are: Arcola, Beasley, Village of Fairchild, Fulshear, Katy, Kendleton, Meadows Place, Missouri City, Needville, Orchard, Pleak, Richmond, Rosenberg, Simonton, Stafford, Sugar Land, and Thompson. Commuter Service into the Texas Medical Center, Greenway Plaza and Galleria areas of Houston in Harris County; and the portions of Houston, Katy and Missouri City that are within Fort Bend County. Connections are provided to Houston's METRO service for passengers wishing to access other areas of Houston.

Section II. Evaluation Criteria (This section repeats per project)

Eligibility Information

Project Title: (Descriptive title of this project)	Administration & Operations Facility
Project Executive Summary:	
Fort Bend County will constr	ruct an Administration & Operations facility for the Public Transportation Department. Currently, the
County's transit operations a	are being carried out in four locations. As envisioned, the proposed facility will consolidate all of our transit
operations into one primary	facility. The facility will include space to accommodate administrative, operational, traffic management
activities, bus maintenance a	and bus storage.

Project Type:	Purchase of replacement or rehabilitation of buses and vans					
	\boxtimes Construction, replacement or the modernization of bus maintenance, service, or administrative facilities					
	Purchases of vehicles for service expansion					
	Bus related equipment (including ITS, fare equipment, communication devices)					
	Construction, replacement, or the modernization of intermodal facility					
	Other (Workforce development and training; project development)					
	If Other, specify:					

Support of Ladders of Opportunity Priorities

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Since 2005, Fort Bend County has continued to provide much needed public transportation services to its growing community. Fort Bend County offers a variety of transportation options for individuals with transportation disadvantages including Demand Response (scheduled shared-ride) services which allow riders to call in and schedule a ride for any purpose including work, education, and/or medical visits; Commuter services going into the Texas Medical Center, Galleria, and Greenway Plaza; Job Access Reverse Commute services which are aimed to provide transportation to improve attendance at employment related training, certification classes and employment locations; and New Freedom services which provide needed transportation to individuals with disabilities. In addition, Fort Bend County is currently working with Houston METRO on the construction of another Park & Ride Lot at Westpark, which will add more commuter services beginning in late FY2015 to early FY2016. In FY2013, Fort Bend County provided over 319,000 trips using a fleet of 49.

Fort Bend County Public Transportation currently does not have enough space to support existing services, much less any service growth. In order for the County to consider any service expansion, we must ensure that we have the needed infrastructure to house the current and expanded fleet and personnel necessary to carry out the mission of providing more transportation choices to our growing community.

As mentioned previously, Fort Bend County's transit operations are carried out in 4 different locations. Moreover, there is no space for growth. This project will improve our ability to more efficiently manage and maintain our fleet as well as improve contractor oversight and compliance verifications. Construction of an Administration and Operations facility will also provide Fort Bend County with the space needed for future growth in services which will not only create more transit related job opportunities, but will also create more transportation options for the community.

Fort Bend County has developed many partnerships over the years. The City of Sugar Land has supported Fort Bend County Public Transportation for years and continues to provide an annual contribution in support of the commuter services provided by the County. Fort Bend County also has agreements with Fort Bend Seniors Meals on Wheels and Lakewood Church to provide services for their members. In addition, Fort Bend County is currently collaborating with Houston METRO, the City of Richmond, City of Rosenberg and City of Sugarland on various transit projects.

Demonstration of Need

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Fort Bend County's Public Transportation Department was officially formed in 2005. At that time, the Public Transportation was placed in an office within an existing County department. The Public Transportation department has since moved three times in the past 9 years to accommodate growth and has met capacity yet again. As previously mentioned, the County's transit operations are currently carried out in four different locations: one location for administrative staff and some operations staff, another for the bus operators and fleet, a third location (which is leased) used for maintenance, and a fourth site for fueling. Transit operations from these multiple locations present several factors that affect daily costs of operations and prevent efficient use of equipment and staff.

Buses are stored and pull out from our County facility located at 1809 Eldridge Rd., Sugar Land. That property is too small to handle parking for the current fleet, drivers and operations staff. Several staff members are dedicated each evening and morning to the task of moving buses around to make room to get all buses on the lot at the end of the day and to make scheduled pullouts each morning. Some drivers are required to pull their bus out and park their personal vehicle in the bus space. Mechanics coming from the shop are frequently required to move other buses to get to the vehicle they need for maintenance work and to relocate other buses when a vehicle is returned to the lot after maintenance work is performed. The operations office staff do not have dedicated office space and the building does not lend itself to efficient use with drivers having to pass thru the Dispatch area to get to managers and supervisor or to pick up or deliver route paperwork. The building has two small restrooms for a staff of over 60 employees. Fort Bend County also operates an Ambassador Program to provide assistance for elderly and disabled passengers. Due to the lack of room for employee parking at the Eldridge Rd. location, the ambassador employees park at our Emily Court offices and a bus pulling out from 1809 Eldridge must drive 2 miles to Emily Court at the beginning and end of each route to pick up and drop off the ambassador assigned to the route. Bus maintenance is currently being performed in two rented warehouse bays located at 1723 Eldridge Rd., Sugar Land. This property is adjacent to the Bus storage facility but requires street travel to get from one location to the other. Buses being returned to the parking lot must be driven a distance of one mile around a residential neighborhood behind the bus facility. Combined with the need to shuffle buses to get in and out of the parking lot a lot of a mechanics time is spent moving buses instead of performing repairs. Operations Supervision is currently located at 12550 Emily Court, Sugar Land. This requires frequent trips of two miles each way between the Eldridge Facility and the Emily Court location. Bus fueling operations occur at our Dairy Ashford Rd. location, 2.5 miles from where the buses are housed. That location contains other County equipment and is secured behind a closed gate after regular business hours. A transit supervisor is assigned to monitor, open and close the gate for buses to refuel at the end of their route. This adds unnecessary miles and hours to the operations. The proposed facility will consolidate all of our transit operations into one primary facility, giving the County consistent access to the fleet for more efficient and effective monitoring and oversight and eliminate a multitude of daily issues. Moreover, it will be designed specifically to maintain a transit fleet with the necessary equipment and infrastructure necessary to accommodate larger vehicles. Vehicle Description OTY Vehicle Year Vehicle Mileage Years Facility Used by Facility Last Renovation Facility Description Applicant Construction Date Date 12550 Emily Court, Sugarland - Houses admin staff, reservations & 9 01/01/1983 scheduling, and Operations Manager 1809 Eldridge, Sugarland - Houses contractor staff and fleet 12912 1/2 Dairy Ashford, Sugarland - Fueling Station

Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

Is this project in STIP or TIP? • Yes • No

1723B Eldridge, Sugarland - Maintenance Site (Leased Facility)

*** Note: Applicant should address all elements of this project project was also included in the region 2013-2016 TIP, under MPOID#11540.	are included in HG/	AC's 2014 Unified Pla	nning Work Program	, as amended 4-25-14 (page 3-7	
	Read	liness Justif	cation		
Project Can Be Implemented Within:	3 Months	○ 6 Months	C 12 Months	C 18 Months	
Project Can Be Obligated Within:	○ 3 Months	● 6 Months	○ 12 Months	○ 18 Months	
Project Readiness Justification: *** Note: Applicant should address all elen	nents listed as part of	the evaluation criteria	in the Notice Of Funding	g Availability (NOFA).	
Fort Bend County anticipates that this process can be completed within a 3 r completed all site selection activities. which is located near the Fort Bend Co Fort Bend County anticipates having the the end of December 2014. At this	month period and n On July 22, 2014, C ounty Fairgrounds. he environmental r	otice of award is pro ommissioners Court Fort Bend County in eport submitted to F	vided by January 31, approved approved on now moving forward TA and FHWA by the	2015. Fort Bend County has of the highest ranking site select I to the next phases of environm end of August 2014 and concur	ted nenta rrenc
Description of Technical Capacity to In *** Note: Applicant should address all elen	-	•	ancial Capaci	•	
In April 2014, Fort Bend County contra final design work for the construction with a qualified firm for construction a	octed with Lockwoo of our Admin/Ops I	d, Andrews and New Facility. Upon comp	nam to perform adva	anced planning, environmental, es, Fort Bend County will contra	
Paulette Shelton serves as the County					ient

Paulette Shelton serves as the County's Transportation Director and brings over 20 years of experience in transportation management and operation. Ms. Shelton is very involved both locally and statewide with transit issues and her significant experience in public transportation has resulted in her appointment to several transit task forces and committees. James Hoss serves as the County's Public Transportation Operations Manager. Mr. Hoss brings over 30 years experience in transportation management, of which the last 15 are in people transportation management.

In addition, the Fort Bend County staffing infrastructure provides the necessary support services needed to carry out our programs. The County's Purchasing, Risk Management, Legal, Engineering, and Human Resource departments provide these necessary functions for the Transportation department.

Description of Legal Capacity to Implement Project:

*** Note: Applicant should address all elements listed as part of the evaluation criteria in the Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Fort Bend County has no outstanding legal, technical, or financial issues which would make this a high-risk project to implement quickly. Financial systems are monitored and maintained by the Fort Bend County Auditor's Office in conjunction with the Fort Bend County Treasurer's Office. Financial systems are also assessed annually by outside auditors performing the federally required single audit. Fort Bend County is the recipient of numerous federal, state, and local grants and has no outstanding issues with these agencies. Moreover, the Fort Bend County Public Transportation program has been subject to two FTA Triennial Reviews and there are no outstanding issues with those.

Description of Financial Capacity to Implement Project:

*** Note: Applicant should address all elements listed as part of the evaluation criteria in the Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA).

The County received an unqualified/unmodified opinion on its 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial report. The County also maintains ratings with Moody's, Standard & Poors, & Fitch of Aa2, AA+, & A+, respectively. Therefore, there are no outstanding legal, technical, or financial issues with the County that would cause it to be classified as high risk. The fiscal soundness of the County as shown by the Independent Auditor's Opinion and the bond rating agencies show that the County is in fundable status for grant-making purposes. Finally, the financial systems are in place along with local match funding to move forward with this grant application.

The local match for this project will be provided from a local bond referendum passed in November 2013. The County also intends to include leveraging land value as local match once the proposed site receives environmental clearance. Current estimates indicate that this land value will be approximately \$100,000.

Are there any outstanding Technical, Legal, or Financial issues with respect to FTA Funding? If Yes, explain:	○ Yes	• No
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Description	QTY	Federal Amount	Local Match	Total Cost
Administration Areas - 6,345 sq ft	1	1,269,040	317,260	1,586,300
Transit Operations Areas - 6,089 sq ft	1	1,144,953	286,239	1,431,192
Bus and Vehicle Maintenance Area - 24,121 sq ft	1	3,848,568	962,142	4,810,710
Bus Wash and Fueling Island - 7,388 sq ft	1	1,410,000	352,500	1,762,500
Vehicle and Equipment Fueling	1	677,936	169,484	847,420
Parking - 279,562 sq ft	1	2,682,931	670,733	3,353,664
Contingency	1	1,655,014	413,754	2,068,768
Design Fees	1	1,141,960	285,490	1,427,450
	Total:	13,830,402	3,457,602	17,288,004

Project Scalability

Is Project scope scalable? • Yes • No

If Yes, specify minimum Federal Funds necessary:

12,561,362

Provide explanation of scalability with specific references to the budget line items above:

Fort Bend County has purposefully requested Lockwood, Andrews and Newnam to provide a categorized budget which breaks down the major components of this project. This will provide Fort Bend County with the ability to evaluate construction options with available resources. Although it is ideal to keep all core functions of our program at one central location, Fort Bend County has considered alternative options for the administration team. Therefore, the minimum federal funds requested for this grant application cover the maintenance, bus wash, fueling station, parking, contingency and design fees. Please note that the numbers reflected above for project budget and scalability do not include land acquisition. These are the costs associated with construction and FF&E only.

Matching Funds Information

Matching Funds Amount:

3,457,602

Source of Matching Funds:

Fort Bend County has completed site selection activities for this project and will seek concurrence from Commissioners Court on July 22, 2014 on the #1 ranked site located at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. Fort Bend County will donate the county-owned land to use towards the 20% local match for this project. In addition, Fort Bend County voters passed a bond referendum in November 2013 for road and transit projects, including \$6,600,000 for the Administration/Operations Facility, equipment and furnishings.

Supporting Documentation of Local Match:

Fort Bend County's 2013 Mobility Project Summary list, which outlines the \$6,600,000 for the Transportation Facility, is available online at: http://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=14955 (Project ID# 13406, page 4) and is also attached on the application.

Once the environmental concurrence is received, an appraisal will be completed to support the estimated \$100,000 in land value.

Project Timeline

Timeline Item Description	Timeline Item Date	
Commissioners Court concurrence on site selection	07/22/2014	
Environmental submitted to FTA/FHWA	08/31/2014	
Receive environmental concurrence from FTA/FHWA	12/31/2014	
Final design approved	04/31/2014	
Begin construction	05/01/2014	

Congressional Districts (Place of Performance) Congressional District Congressional Representative TX-022 Olson, Pete