

Grant Application Package

Opportunity Title:	Solicitation of Project Proposals for the 5339(b) Grant
Offering Agency:	DOT/Federal Transit Administration
CFDA Number:	20.526
CFDA Description:	Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program
Opportunity Number:	FTA-2016-002-TPM
Competition ID:	FTA-2016-002-TPM
Opportunity Open Date:	03/29/2016
Opportunity Close Date:	05/13/2016
Agency Contact:	Samuel Snead Office of Program Management, e-mail: samuel.snead@dot.gov

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Application Filing Name: Fort Bend County

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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424 - MANDATORY

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		4b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>			
1.c. Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="Explanation"/>					
7. APPLICANT INFORMATION:					
a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Fort Bend County"/>					
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="74-6001969"/>			c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="0814970750000"/>		
d. Address:					
Street1: <input type="text" value="301 Jackson"/>			Street2: <input type="text"/>		
City: <input type="text" value="Richmond"/>			County / Parish: <input type="text" value="Fort Bend"/>		
State: <input type="text" value="TX: Texas"/>			Province: <input type="text"/>		
Country: <input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>			Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text" value="77469-3108"/>		
e. Organizational Unit:					
Department Name: <input type="text" value="Public Transportation"/>			Division Name: <input type="text"/>		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this submission:					
Prefix: <input type="text"/>	First Name: <input type="text" value="Christina"/>		Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
Last Name: <input type="text" value="Bune"/>			Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: <input type="text" value="Finance & Administration Manager"/>					
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>					
Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="281-243-6704"/>			Fax Number: <input type="text"/>		
Email: <input type="text" value="Christina.Bune@fortbendcountytexas.gov"/>					

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8a. TYPE OF APPLICANT:

B: County Government

Other (specify):

b. Additional Description:

9. Name of Federal Agency:

DOT/Federal Transit Administration

10. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

20.526

CFDA Title:

Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program

11. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Replacement Commuter Buses

12. Areas Affected by Funding:

13. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:

a. Applicant:

022

b. Program/Project:

022

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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14. FUNDING PERIOD:

a. Start Date:

09/01/2016

b. End Date:

08/31/2017

15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:

a. Federal (\$):

800,000.00

b. Match (\$):

200,000.00

16. 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.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

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17. Is The Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt?

Yes No

18. 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)

** I Agree

** This list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Suffix:

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Email:

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date Signed:

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Consolidated Application/Plan/Funding Request Explanation:

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Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency 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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2) Please attach Attachment 2	<input type="text" value="Att2 Fleet Status and Replace"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
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4) Please attach Attachment 4	<input type="text" value="Att4 Local Match Commitment.g"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
5) Please attach Attachment 5	<input type="text" value="Att5 Bond Rating Letters.pdf"/>	<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/>	<input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>
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Bus and Bus Facilities Program (5339(b))

Applicant and Proposal Profile

Is this a resubmission due to an invalid/error message from FTA? Yes No

Section I. Applicant Information

Organization Legal Name: Fort Bend County

FTA Recipient number ID Number: 6479

Applicant Eligibility: Direct or designated recipient
 State
 Tribe (Federally recognized Native American Tribe)

Population Served: Urbanized Area
 Rural

Description of services provided and areas served.

Fort Bend County provides general public demand response, commuter and deviated fixed route services. Transportation services are provided for any trip purpose. Commuter services are currently provided along the SH 59 corridor into the Greenway Plaza, Galleria and Texas Medical Center areas of Houston. Commuter services are provided from 3 Park & Ride locations in Fort Bend County. Demand response services are provided to/from all cities within Fort Bend County; including the portions of Houston, Katy and Missouri City that are within Fort Bend County. Deviated fixed routes are provided within the cities of Richmond and Rosenberg. Services are not directly operated by Fort Bend County. One service contractor, First Transit, is currently used for all services.

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

About the Project

Project Title: Replacement Commuter Buses
(Descriptive title of this project)

Project Executive Summary:

Fort Bend County is seeking \$800,000 in federal assistance to replace 5 vehicles in our commuter bus service fleet. These 5 vehicles, all of which are 32-passenger Freightliner Defenders, have either already exceeded useful life and/or are displaying signs of engine deterioration and are facing high cost emissions maintenance costs.

- Project Type: Vehicle purchase for the purpose of replacement or rehabilitation of buses or vans
 Vehicle purchase for the purposes of expansion of service
 Equipment (Including but not limited to ITS, fare equipment, and communications devices)
 Maintenance Facilities for the purposes of rehabilitation, replacement or expansion
 Passenger Facilities for the purposes of rehabilitation, replacement, or expansion
 Other

If Other, specify:

Policy Priorities

If applicable, describe how this application addresses one or more policy priorities addressed in the announcement (State of Good Repair, Safety, Connectivity with other Networks, and Ladders of Opportunity)?

Fort Bend County recognizes the importance of providing safe and reliable transportation services to our community. Maintaining a healthy fleet of vehicles plays a key role in ensuring our services are delivered safely, timely, and efficiently. The vehicles identified for replacement in this application are part of an aging fleet that is experiencing recurring breakdowns due to ongoing mechanical issues. Replacing these vehicles will not only ensure the safety of our passengers, but also improve the quality of service provided to our community.

Having a reliable fleet is not only important for the customers using our services for direct access to their places of employment and/or medical care, it is equally important to customers using our services to connect with Houston METRO at the West Bellfort Park & Ride Lot.

*****Address each of the evaluation criteria as described in the Notice of Funding Opportunity.*****

Demonstration of Need

Fort Bend County operates 18 commuter vehicles during maximum service, utilizing both County owned and Contractor owned vehicles. We currently have 17 commuter vehicles in our County owned fleet, all of which are 32-passenger Freightliner Defender series vehicles. As previously mentioned, we are seeking to replace 5 of these vehicles. These 5 vehicles have either already exceeded useful life or are displaying signs of engine deterioration and facing high-cost emissions repairs. Mileage readings listed below are as of 4-22-16. Units denoted with an (*) are displaying signs of engine deterioration and emissions related issues. Attachment 2 to this application is a copy of Fort Bend County's current fleet status and replacement schedule for reference.

For vehicle replacement/facility rehabilitation projects only:

Vehicle Description	QTY	Vehicle Year	Vehicle Mileage
Unit# Q-009 Freightliner Defender	1	2011	201,388
Unit# Q-011 Freightliner Defender*	1	2011	193,385
Unit# Q-014 Freightliner Defender*	1	2011	182,678
Unit# Q-019 Freightliner Defender	1	2011	215,544
Unit# Q-024 Freightliner Defender*	1	2011	173,779

Facility Description	Years Facility Used by Applicant	Facility Construction Date	Last Renovation Date

Demonstration of Benefits

Fort Bend County's commuter services provide individuals with increased access to major employment areas in Houston. It is important to note that our routes into the Texas Medical Center not only serve the transportation needs of people who are working in that area, but also the needs of individuals seeking medical care and veterans needing access to the VA Hospital; needs which may otherwise go unmet. All of Fort Bend County's vehicles are ADA accessible to ensure transportation opportunities for the entire community. Fort Bend County's commuter services provided over 250,000 passenger trips in FY2015. These people are relying on our service for their livelihood and medical care. It is our goal to ensure we have a safe and reliable fleet that we can depend on to serve the needs of our riders. Included as Attachment 3 in this application are personal letters of support from customers who utilize our services for transportation to work.

This project also supports long term partnerships between Fort Bend County and the City of Sugar Land over the years. The City 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.

Planning and Local/Regional Prioritization

All services operated by Fort Bend County are included in the region's transportation plan. If funding is awarded, this project will be added to the TIP/STIP. Fort Bend County has notified our MPO, the Houston-Galveston Area Council, of this project and is currently pending their letter of support.

Local Financial Commitment

Fort Bend County will provide a cash match of \$200,000 to fulfill the local match requirements for this project. These funds are currently included in the Fort Bend County Public Transportation Department's FY16 budget and will be available for use upon award.

Project Implementation Strategy

Fort Bend County is in the final stages of preparing a bus bid solicitation document and anticipates contracting with a bus vendor no later than August 31, 2016. Once the contract is in place, Fort Bend County will be in a position to issue a purchase order for the vehicles as soon as funding is available. After execution of the funding contract, it is reasonably anticipated that the vehicles will be received, inspected, paid for and this project closed out within a 12 month time frame .

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Can this project be implemented within 12 months? Yes No

Technical, Legal, and Financial Capacity

Since forming in 2005, Fort Bend County has purchased over 50 rolling stock vehicles. The County is very familiar with rolling stock procurement requirements and is well equipped to undertake this project. In addition, Fort Bend County's staffing infrastructure provides the necessary support services needed to carry out our programs. The County's Purchasing, Risk Management, Treasury, Auditing, Human Resource and Legal departments provide the necessary support for the Transportation department's projects. 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. The County received an unqualified/unmodified opinion on its 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial report. The County also maintains ratings with Moody's and Fitch of Aa1 and AA+ respectively, as can be found on Attachment 5 to this application. Fort Bend County's financial reports are accessible online at: <http://www.fortbendcountytx.gov/index.aspx?page=392>

Project Budget

Description	QTY	Federal Amount	Local Match	Total Cost
Replacement 32'-37' Commuter Bus	5	160,000	40,000	1,000,000
Total:		800,000	200,000	1,000,000

Project Scalability

Is Project scope scalable? Yes No

If Yes, specify minimum Federal Funds necessary:

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

This application is requesting federal assistance on replacing 5 vehicles which are projected to cost \$200,000 each. The federal portion of each vehicle is approximately \$160,000. This project is scalable in regular increments of \$160,000 up to the full requested amount of \$800,000.

Matching Funds Information

Matching Funds Amount:

Source of Matching Funds.

Matching funds for this project will be provided by Fort Bend County's General Revenue fund.

Supporting Documentation of Local Match.

This project application was approved by the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court on May 10, 2016. Attachment 4 to this application is a signed letter of local cash match commitment from our County Judge.

Project Timeline

Timeline Item Description	Timeline Item Date
IFB OUT FOR BID	06/15/2016
CONTRACT AWARDED	08/31/2016
VEHICLES DELIVERED	05/31/2017
PROJECT COMPLETED	06/30/2017

Congressional Districts (Place of Performance)

Congressional District	Congressional Representative
TX-009	Green, Al
TX-022	Olson, Pete

Fort Bend County Public Transportation

FLEET STATUS / REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Updated: **4/22/2016**

REVENUE VEHICLES

Vehicles proposed for replacement in this application

PURCHASE DATE	MFR YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN #	LICENSE PLATE #	COUNTY VEHICLE ID	CURRENT ODOMETER as of:	EST ANNUAL MILES	USEFUL LIFE		CONDITION as of 4-22-16	REPLACE YEAR
						4/22/2016		YRS	MILES		
11/30/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT0BHAW7850	108-5363	Q-012	212,968	45,000	7	200000	Fair	2017
12/03/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT8BHAW7854	108-5374	Q-019	215,544	45,000	7	200000	Poor	2017
11/19/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT2BHAW7848	108-5361	Q-010	209,013	45,000	7	200000	Fair	2017
11/19/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT0BHAW7847	108-5360	Q-009	201,388	45,000	7	200000	Poor	2017
11/30/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT4BHAW7849	108-5362	Q-011	193,385	45,000	7	200000	Poor	2017
12/03/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDTXBHAW7855	110-2850	Q-020	195,196	45,000	7	200000	Fair	2017
12/20/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT1BHAW7856	110-2853	Q-022	182,889	45,000	7	200000	Fair	2017
11/30/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT6BHAW7853	108-5365	Q-014	182,678	45,000	7	200000	Poor	2017
01/24/2011	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT2BHAW7851	110-2858	Q-024	173,779	45,000	7	200000	Poor	2017
12/20/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT3BHAW7857	110-2851	Q-021	147,133	45,000	7	200000	Fair	2018
06/19/2015	2016	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT4GHGU3186	126-8313	U-122	17,394	45,000	7	200000	Excellent	2021
06/19/2015	2016	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT2GHGU3185	126-8312	U-121	16,698	45,000	7	200000	Excellent	2021
06/19/2015	2016	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT0GHGU3184	126-8311	U-120	16,139	45,000	7	200000	Excellent	2021
06/19/2015	2016	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT6GHGU3187	126-8314	U-123	14,794	45,000	7	200000	Excellent	2021
06/19/2015	2016	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDTXGHGU3189	126-8316	U-125	15,429	45,000	7	200000	Excellent	2021
06/19/2015	2016	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT8GHGU3188	126-8315	U-124	10,086	45,000	7	200000	Excellent	2021
11/30/2010	2011	Freightliner Defender	1FVACXDT4BHAW7852	108-5364	Q-013	Out of Service	45,000	7	200000	Out of Svc	2017
12/20/2012	2012	Dodge Amerivan	2C4RDGBG8CR369682	115-0582	S-005	140,969	55,000	4	100000	Poor	2017
12/20/2012	2012	Dodge Amerivan	2C4RDGBG8CR369679	115-0583	S-006	140,751	55,000	4	100000	Poor	2017
12/20/2012	2012	Dodge Amerivan	2C4RDGBG6CR369681	115-0581	S-004	116,033	55,000	4	100000	Poor	2017
12/20/2012	2012	Dodge Amerivan	2C4RDGBG4CR369680	115-0584	S-007	101,115	55,000	4	100000	Poor	2017
12/20/2012	2012	Dodge Amerivan	2C4RDGBG6CR369678	115-0585	S-008	83,313	55,000	4	100000	Poor	2017
03/08/2012	2012	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BLXC1134737	113-9380	R-075	217,912	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
04/11/2011	2011	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL1B1116724	112-1052	Q-040	213,075	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
03/08/2012	2012	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL9C1135295	113-9383	R-077	210,302	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
04/11/2011	2011	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL2B1116344	112-1053	Q-041	200,415	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
04/21/2011	2011	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BLXB1116527	112-1050	Q-043	202,684	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
04/20/2011	2011	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL0B1116620	110-2899	Q-042	200,997	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
03/08/2012	2012	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL2C1134778	113-9382	R-076	200,184	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
03/20/2012	2012	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL0C1133824	113-9381	R-074	196,544	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
03/20/2012	2012	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL1C1134853	113-9384	R-078	190,519	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
12/28/2012	2013	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL8D1116609	115-0589	S-010	191,201	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
12/28/2012	2013	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL0D1116748	115-0590	S-011	150,515	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
07/08/2014	2014	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL6E1170153	118-5926	T-110	103,931	55,000	5	150000	Good	2019
08/04/2014	2014	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL7E1182196	118-5935	T-115	92,053	55,000	5	150000	Good	2019
08/04/2014	2014	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL4E1182141	118-5937	T-113	86,813	55,000	5	150000	Good	2019
08/04/2014	2014	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BLXE1171886	118-5938	T-116	89,010	55,000	5	150000	Good	2019
05/27/2015	2015	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL6F1120919	125-2916	U-070	31,339	55,000	5	150000	Excellent	2020
05/27/2015	2015	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BLXF1120731	125-2914	U-069	29,704	55,000	5	150000	Excellent	2020
05/27/2015	2015	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL9F1121188	125-2915	U-071	29,430	55,000	5	150000	Excellent	2020
08/31/2015	2015	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BLXF1278745	127-0334	U-127	19,245	55,000	5	150000	Excellent	2020
08/31/2015	2015	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL8F1279165	127-0333	U-128	5,946	55,000	5	150000	Excellent	2020
08/31/2015	2015	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL7F1277150	127-0335	U-126	16,383	55,000	5	150000	Excellent	2020
08/04/2014	2014	Chevrolet Goshen	1GB6G5BL6E1172033	118-5936	T-114	Out of Service	55,000	5	150000	Out of Svc	2017
10/28/2010	2010	Chevrolet Crusader	1GBJG316791170629	110-2820	Q-002	287,905	55,000	5	150000	Poor	2017
11/19/2010	2010	Chevrolet Crusader	1GBJG316X91171371	108-5356	Q-005	288,009	55,000	5	150000	Poor	2017
11/19/2010	2010	Chevrolet Crusader	1GBJG316191167421	108-5357	Q-006	284,965	55,000	5	150000	Poor	2017
01/04/2011	2010	Chevrolet Crusader	1GBJG316291168092	108-5358	Q-007	277,463	55,000	5	150000	Poor	2017
12/03/2010	2009	Chevrolet Crusader	1GBJG316691167821	108-5372	Q-017	244,334	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017
11/19/2010	2010	Chevrolet Challenger	1GB9G5A62A1124869	108-5359	Q-008	261,759	55,000	5	150000	Poor	2017
10/28/2010	2010	Chevrolet Challenger	1GB9G5A67A1123992	110-2815	Q-001	250,829	55,000	5	150000	Poor	2017
12/03/2010	2010	Chevrolet Challenger	1GB9G5A6XA1123761	108-5373	Q-018	184,445	55,000	5	150000	Fair	2017

SERVICE VEHICLES

5/4/2010	2010	Toyota Highlander	JTEBW3EH2A2044011	110-2793	P-086	18,134	8,000
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May 9, 2016

Paulette Shelton
Director
Fort Bend County Public Transportation
12550 Emily Ct Ste 400
Sugar Land TX 77478

**RE: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Application
Bus and Bus Facilities Grants Program - 5339**

Dear Ms. Shelton:

As a daily rider of the Fort Bend Express bus system from the park and ride lot near my home in Sugar Land, TX, to my employment in near Greenway Plaza in Houston, TX, I am honored to support the referenced grant application. I understand that this grant would provide funding for replacing, rehabilitating or buying buses and related equipment and building bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to support low or no emission vehicles or facilities.

I have been riding this particular route regularly since October 2011. The buses are almost always on time, as well as being well maintained, safe and pleasant to ride. I especially appreciate that they have passenger safety belts and bicycle racks. Of course, as the fleet has aged, there have been more breakdowns, but these are handled safely and efficiently, with minimum delay to passengers.

Fort Bend Express offers the only direct, fixed-route commuter bus service between Fort Bend County and several key employment centers in Houston: Greenway Plaza, the Texas Medical Center, and the Galleria area. In addition, my Greenway route stops at METRO's West Bellfort park and ride, giving Fort Bend riders access to METRO's extensive service to downtown and other areas of Houston.

Many of us need as well as enjoy using the Fort Bend Express service. I wholeheartedly support this grant application and look forward to the improved service that will undoubtedly result if Fort Bend County Public Transportation receives this FTA grant.

Many thanks to you and all of the staff in Fort Bend County Public Transportation and the third party operating company, First Transit.

With best regards,



Annette S. Olsen

5/9/16

Ms. Paulette Shelton, Director
Fort Bend County Public Transportation
12550 Emily Court, Suite 400
Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Subject: Letter of Support for Federal Transit Administration 5339(b) Grant Application

Dear Ms. Shelton,

I am pleased to provide my personal letter of support for Fort Bend County's grant application to the Federal Transit Administration for funding assistance needed on the replacement of commuter buses. I believe securing funds to replace vehicles for the commuter service is important because Fort Bend County needs quality mass transit for its citizens. The current buses are out dated and consistently have mechanical issues. I have been on a bus that had to make an extra stop to pick up passengers whose bus had broken down. I have waited on buses too many times to count that were late, because the regularly scheduled bus was broken down.

I have been on the bus several times when the temperature was uncomfortably hot. When the driver was asked to adjust the air conditioner to make it cooler, he stated there was nothing he could do.

Ft. Bend County Public Transportation benefits me in several ways. I take the bus to work everyday. This saves me time in traffic, gas, mileage and wear and tear on my car. I would like to feel more secure and comfortable when I take public transportation. If anyone would like to contact me directly, please call me at 281-723-0517.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Keefer, LMSW

1802 Plantation Drive, Richmond, TX 77406

May 9, 2016

Fort Bend County Public Transportation
Paulette Shelton, Director
12550 Emily Court, Ste 400
Sugar Land, TX 77478

Subject: Letter of support for funding from the Federal Transit Administration for 5339 funding

Dear Paulette,

Please accept this letter of support in your request to the Federal Transit Administration for the necessary funding for the replacement of commuter buses. I believe securing funds to replace vehicles for the commuter service is important because it is a valuable resource for people like me who live in Fort Bend County and work in Houston, TX. I have been riding the commuter buses for about 5 years and appreciate their availability. During this time, I have seen how everyday wear and tear takes a toll on the buses, specifically tree branches scraping the roofs and sides of various buses. Together, local funding and Federal funding will provide much needed tender love and care that Fort Bend County Transit needs to keep the buses maintained and in good order for a comfortable ride for riders like me.

The buses provide a relaxing commute to and from work. I know I have heard several other riders share how nice it is that we don't have to fight traffic after a busy or frustrating day at work. I have experienced days where normal traffic lanes are very congested with accidents or due to weather conditions traffic has been a headache. The commuter service was a dependable alternative. I have also seen other riders that simply don't have the means to commute these distances without such a valuable resource like Fort Bend County Transit's commuter service.

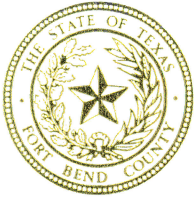
The Fort Bend County Transportation commuter service has saved our family literally hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars during the period that I have been riding.

I want to personally thank you and your staff, drivers, and maintenance personnel for providing this wonderful service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Jones", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jim Jones



COUNTY JUDGE

Fort Bend County, Texas

Robert E. Hebert
County Judge

(281) 341-8608
Fax (281) 341-8609

May 10, 2016

Sam Snead
FTA Office of Program Management
Federal Transit Administration
Via Grants.Gov Online Application Submittal

RE: Local Match Support Letter
FY16 Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Program Grant Application

Mr. Snead,

Please accept this letter as assurance that the local match funds necessary to match the attached request for federal funding under the Section 5339(b) Bus and Bus Facilities Program will be provided from Fort Bend County General Revenue funds should this grant application be awarded.

As proposed, \$200,000 would be used as the local cash match share. If you have any questions regarding this application or need any additional information, please contact Christina Bune in the Public Transportation Department at 281-243-6704, or by email at Christina.Bune@fortbendcountytexas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Hebert", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert Hebert
County Judge

April 26, 2016

Mr. Ed Sturdivant
County Auditor
Fort Bend County
301 Jackson Street
Richmond, TX 77469

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Jeff Schaub
Managing Director, Operations
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Bond Description	Rating Type	Action	Rating	Outlook/ Watch	Eff Date	Notes
Fort Bend County (TX) ltd tax & rfdg bonds ser 2016B	Long Term	New Rating	AA+	RO:Sta	25-Apr-2016	
Fort Bend County (TX) unltd tax road & rfdg bonds ser 2016A	Long Term	New Rating	AA+	RO:Sta	25-Apr-2016	

Key: RO: Rating Outlook, RW: Rating Watch; Pos: Positive, Neg: Negative, Sta: Stable, Evo: Evolving

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Fort Bend County, TX

New Issue - Moody's Assigns Aa1 to Fort Bend County's, TX, \$82.2M Unlimited Tax & \$94.2M Limited Tax Bonds Ser. 2016A&B

Summary Rating Rationale

Moody's Investors Service has assigned a Aa1 underlying rating to Fort Bend County's, TX, \$82.2 million Unlimited Tax Road and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A and \$94.2 million Limited Tax and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B. At the same time we have affirmed the Aa1 rating on parity limited and unlimited tax debt outstanding.

The Aa1 rating reflects the county's large and diverse tax base that benefits from a growing population, ongoing residential development, and improved transportation corridors. The rating also takes into consideration a history of stable financial performance, maintenance of healthy reserve levels, and a manageable debt and pension profile.

Credit Strengths

- » Significantly large and diverse tax base that continues to grow
- » Stable financial performance with healthy reserves
- » Adherence to formal reserve policy

Credit Challenges

- » Above average debt profile
- » Plans for additional borrowing

Rating Outlook

Moody's does not usually assign outlooks to local government credits with this amount of debt outstanding.

Factors that Could Lead to an Upgrade

- » Sustained trend of surplus operations that grow fiscal reserves and liquidity
- » Significant decline in debt profile

Factors that Could Lead to a Downgrade

- » Poor financial performance leading to a decline in reserve levels

- » Trend of significant declines in taxable values
- » Significant increase in debt profile without corresponding tax base growth

Key Indicators

Exhibit 1

Fort Bend (County of) TX	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Economy/Tax Base					
Total Full Value (\$000)	\$ 37,368,044	\$ 38,034,487	\$ 39,439,947	\$ 41,977,668	\$ 45,720,921
Full Value Per Capita	\$ 61,584	\$ 62,682	\$ 61,299	\$ 65,243	\$ 66,712
Median Family Income (% of US Median)	140.4%	130.4%	130.4%	130.4%	130.4%
Finances					
Operating Revenue (\$000)	\$ 253,253	\$ 251,067	\$ 268,778	\$ 288,813	\$ 308,218
Fund Balance as a % of Revenues	19.4%	15.8%	14.3%	13.7%	15.6%
Cash Balance as a % of Revenues	22.4%	20.5%	18.1%	17.5%	19.9%
Debt/Pensions					
Net Direct Debt (\$000)	\$ 452,755	\$ 516,665	\$ 499,135	\$ 606,122	\$ 688,385
Net Direct Debt / Operating Revenues (x)	1.8x	2.1x	1.9x	2.1x	2.2x
Net Direct Debt / Full Value (%)	1.2%	1.4%	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%
Moody's - adjusted Net Pension Liability (3-yr average) to Revenues (x)	N/A	0.7x	0.8x	0.9x	1.0x
Moody's - adjusted Net Pension Liability (3-yr average) to Full Value (%)	N/A	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%

Source: Audited Financial Statements and Moody's Investors Service

Detailed Rating Considerations

Economy and Tax Base: Large Diverse Tax Base Benefits from Growing Population, Home Construction, and Transportation Development

The county's significantly large and diverse tax base is a particular credit positive given the diversity in the county's tax base has helped offset weaknesses in oil and gas sector employment. Accelerated growth has also benefitted the county in recent years. Following a -2.7% year-over-year decline in full valuation in fiscal 2011, the county's taxable value growth has accelerated to positive double-digit growth. The county's taxable value growth has averaged a solid 7.5% annually from fiscal 2011 to 2016. For fiscal 2016 the county's significantly large full value of \$53.53 billion reflected 17.1% growth over the previous year. The county recorded over \$10 billion in growth in single-family residential properties from the previous year which was the main driver behind the overall growth. The county's top taxpayers make up a modest 3.6% of the county's total tax base and include shopping malls, utilities, and several businesses related to the oil and gas sector. County officials note they have experienced some loss in employment due to the downturn in the oil and gas sector yet gains in other sectors such as healthcare and engineering have somewhat offset those losses. Oil, gas, and other mineral values only make up 0.19% of the county's total tax base. The county remains an attractive area for individuals to live especially as transportation corridors such as the Grand Parkway have developed and opened for operations.

Historically the socioeconomic profile of the county has remained above state and national trends. The American Community Survey data indicates favorable wealth levels, evidenced by a per capita income and median family income of 122.7% and 130.4% of national levels, respectively. The current population estimate for the county is 685,345. Unemployment rate in the county grew from 3.8% in December 2014 to 4.4% in December 2015. The county's labor force also grew 8843 during the year.

Financial Operations and Reserves: Stable Financial Performance and Reserves Maintained

We anticipate the solid financial performance of the county will continue in the near-term. Strong fiscal performance was needed in 2015 so the county's reserve position could keep pace with a growing budget and demand for services. In fiscal 2015 General Fund revenues of \$253.9 million outpaced expenditures by \$8.4 million (including transfers in and out of the Fund), which increased the

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county's total General Fund balance to \$45.93 million or 18.1% of General Fund revenues. The County maintained its reserve position above its formal reserve policy of a minimum of 15% of expenditures. The vast majority of the county's General Fund revenues in 2015 were derived from property taxes (73% of total General Fund revenues). The county's maintenance and operations tax levy is \$3.73 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. County officials anticipate the total tax rate will come down modestly as the county's total tax base continues to grow.

Through the first six months of fiscal 2016 the county's financial performance remains strong. Revenues are being collected slightly above budget (102%) and expenditures are coming in slightly below budget (97%). In 2016 the county is on target to realize a \$6 million operating surplus in the General Fund at year's end

LIQUIDITY

Cash in the General Fund totaled a healthy \$49.7 million (19.5% of General Fund revenues) at fiscal year-end 2015. We do not anticipate stable liquidity will continue in the near-term, given strong year-to-date financial projections.

Debt and Pensions: Above Average Yet Manageable Debt Profile

DEBT STRUCTURE

The county's direct debt burden is above average yet manageable at 1.3% and reflective of rapid growth that has occurred in the county over the last 10 years. Post-sale the county will have roughly \$684 million in combined limited and unlimited tax debt outstanding. When considering a significantly large amount of smaller local governments that are located in the county, the overlapping debt burden jumps to a high 12.1%. The county does anticipate various issuances of debt over the next several years mainly for transportation development.

DEBT-RELATED DERIVATIVES

The county has no variable rate debt and is not party to any interest rate swaps or other derivative agreements.

PENSIONS AND OPEB

The county provides retirement, disability, and death benefits for all of its full-time employees through a non-traditional defined benefit pension plan in the statewide Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS). The county has consistently fully funded its annual pension costs. For the year ended September 30, 2015, the county recognized pension expense of \$11.95 million or 4.7% of General Fund revenues. We believe the county's pension burden remains manageable. Moody's fiscal 2015 adjusted net pension liability (ANPL) for the county, under our methodology for adjusting reported pension data, is \$395.9 million. The three-year average ANPL to operating revenues ratio is a manageable 1.0 times. The three-year average ANPL to full value ratio is a modest 0.7%. The adjustments are not intended to replace the county's reported contribution information, or the reported liability information of the statewide cost-sharing plans, but to improve comparability with other rated entities. For more information on Moody's insights on employee pensions and the related credit impact on companies, governments, and other entities across the globe please visit Moody's on Pensions at www.moody.com/pensions.

The county currently provides healthcare benefits to retirees. Funding of these benefits continues to be done on a pay-as-you-go basis. The county's OPEB costs in fiscal 2015 were \$36.98 million, of which the county contributed \$5.47 million or 14.8%. The net OPEB obligation of the county rose to \$221.2 million in 2015 from \$189.7 million in the previous year.

Management and Governance

Texas counties have an institutional framework score of "Aaa," or very strong. Counties rely on highly predictable, property taxes for 70%-80% of their operating revenues, while 10%-20% comes from less predictable services charges. Counties maintain high flexibility to raise property taxes, as most are well below the state mandated cap of \$8 per \$1,000 of AV, with no more than \$4 for debt. Expenditures primarily consist of personnel and judicial costs, which are highly predictable. Counties have high flexibility in reducing expenditures given a limited union presence.

Legal Security

The Series 2016A Bonds constitute direct obligations of the county, payable from the levy and collection of a direct and continuing ad valorem tax, without legal limit as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the county. The Series 2016B Bonds constitute direct obligations of the county, payable from the levy and collection of a direct and continuing ad valorem tax, within the limits prescribed by law, on all taxable property located within the county.

Use of Proceeds

Proceeds from the sale of the Series 2016A Bonds will be used for the construction, purchase, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled and paved roads and turnpikes, as well as to advance refund and defease certain obligations of the county for a projected net present value savings.

Proceeds from the sale of the Series 2016B Bonds will be used for county parks and community center facilities, for buildings, parking and other improvements at the county fairgrounds, for county library facilities, for construction, acquisition and improvements to county facilities, including administration of justice and public safety facilities, to advance refund and defease certain obligations of the county for a projected net present value savings.

Obligor Profile

Fort Bend County is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in southeast Texas. The County covers approximately 886 square miles and is located in the greater Houston metropolitan area. The current population estimate for the county is 685,345.

Methodology

The principal methodology used in this rating was US Local Government General Obligation Debt published in January 2014. Please see the Ratings Methodologies page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology.

Ratings

Exhibit 2

Fort Bend (County of) TX

Issue	Rating
Unlimited Tax Road and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A	Aa1
Rating Type	Underlying LT
Sale Amount	\$82,210,000
Expected Sale Date	05/09/2016
Rating Description	General Obligation
Limited Tax and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016B	Aa1
Rating Type	Underlying LT
Sale Amount	\$94,215,000
Expected Sale Date	05/09/2016
Rating Description	General Obligation Limited Tax

Source: Moody's Investors Service

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