

**JOB ACCESS REVERSE COMMUTE (JARC)
AND NEW FREEDOM (NF)
PROJECT UPDATES**

Background

The Transportation Policy Council (TPC) approved the recommended June 2009 JARC and NF projects at their July 2009 meeting. With that approval approximately \$800,000 of FY 2007 JARC funds remained unobligated. In July 2009 a second call for projects was coordinated however the projects that were submitted for consideration were not recommended for funding at that time. Subsequent revisions to one of the formerly approved projects is being proposed in order to fully obligate the FY 2007 JARC funding allocated to the Houston Urbanized Area so that those funds do not lapse.

Current Situation

There are two proposed project budget revisions. The first revision reflects changes in the project schedule for the JARC funded Pearland Park and Ride service; to extend it for two additional years and to pursue the land purchase option (instead of lease-purchase) earlier in the project timeline if the ridership is sufficient to sustain it. Approximately \$800,000 is being added to that project budget and the related increase in local matching funds has been committed to by the City of Pearland. The second budget revision will increase the funding for the Fort Bend County New Freedom project by \$15,000 to offset the recent increases in vehicle prices. These budget revisions are proposed to be handled as Administrative Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for approval by the TPC at their August 28, 2009 meeting.

Action Requested

For information only

TAC Agenda Item 7
Mailout - 08/13/09

TOM REID
MAYOR



August 3, 2009

Alan Clark
Attention: Kari J. Hackett
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Re: JARC Application

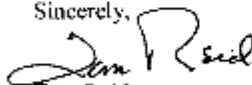
Dear Mr. ^{Alan} Clark:

The City of Pearland would like to amend our previously submitted Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) application to add an additional two years of operation on to our existing approved application for Park and Ride Services in the Pearland area. In order to accomplish this task, we respectfully ask that you amend our application for additional funding in the amount of \$801,085.

Although it is our intention to partner with the Gulf Coast Center/Connect Transit and Brazoria County on this project and share the cost of the additional local match, the City of Pearland is committed to funding the additional local match in the amount of \$501,085 over the fourth and fifth year of operation.

Should you have any questions regarding our support for the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. Pearland looks forward to our continued partnership as we work together to solve the transit needs of northern Brazoria County.

Sincerely,


Tom Reid
Mayor

CC: Rick Elizondo, The Gulf Coast Center-Connect Transit
Bill Eisen, City Manager
Jon R. Branson, Assistant City Manager

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