

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Public Transit

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager

FROM: Robert Nugent, Transit Administrator

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Date: September 3, 2009

RE: City Commission Goal Update
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The City of Lawrence has received two ARRA grants. The first grant (KS-96-X003-00) is for 2009 ARRA Formula allocation of \$1,930,929. This grant was approved by the Federal Transit Administration and was fully executed on July 14, 2009. This grant will be used for the purchase approximately four 40 foot, low floor, heavy-duty buses that will have an expected useful life of 12 years. Two of these buses will be hybrid-electric and two will be biodiesel. The vehicles being replaced have met their useful life of 10 years/350,000 miles. A federal ratio of 100% will apply. No local funds will be needed. These buses will meet the current Clean Air Act standards (CAA) and are categorically excluded under NEPA. These vehicles will also be fully accessible as defined under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

The second grant (KS-96-X005-00) is for additional 2009 ARRA funds transferred from the State of Kansas (KDOT) Non-Urbanized Area Formula in the amount of \$1,000,000. This grant was approved by the Federal Transit Administration and was fully executed on August 26, 2009. The grant will be used for the purchase two 40 foot, low floor, heavy-duty buses that will have an expected useful life of 12 years/500,000 miles. One of these buses will be hybrid-electric and one will be biodiesel. The vehicles being replaced have met their useful life of 10 years/350,000 miles. A federal ratio of 100% will apply. No local funds will be needed. These buses will meet the current Clean Air Act standards (CAA) and are categorically excluded under NEPA. These vehicles will also be fully accessible as defined under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Upon award of these grants staff began working with several vendors to locate possible purchasing opportunities. In order to accommodate the limited amount of time that is

allowed for the distribution of the ARRA funds it was determined that buying of another property's contract (piggyback) would be the most efficient and effective approach. A vendor has been identified and they have assisted staff in finding existing contracts that contain piggyback options. Staff has had discussions with one property and is developing vehicle specifications and options prior to pursuing a contract.

To date, no expenditures have been experienced with either of these grants. We would expect that once a contract is awarded there will be a need to begin drawing down these ARRA funds. The majority of the expenses, however will not be experienced until the vehicles are in production which may be as far away as 18 months.

		Grant Amount	Expenses	Reimbursed
KS-96-X003-00 2009 ARRA Formula allocation	100% Federal	\$1,930,929	\$0	\$0
KS-96-X005-00 2009 ARRA (KDOT) Non-Urbanized Area Formula	100% Federal	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Total		\$2,930,929	\$0	\$0