

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION FISCAL YEAR 2010

1. Project Title:

Canby Area Transit (Rolling Stock and Bus Facility)

2. Organization Name and address:

Canby Area Transit
PO Box 930 (Mailing)
123 NW 2nd Avenue (current office location)
Canby, OR 97013

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization):

Canby Area Transit
PO Box 930 (Mailing)
1470 NE Territorial Road (current fleet location)
Canby, OR 97013

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Public entity – City government, public transportation provider.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

Canby Area Transit (CAT) offers public transportation services to the city of Canby and neighboring rural communities. CAT provides local fixed-route and dial-a-ride services and connects Canby to Oregon City, Wilsonville, Woodburn, and the smaller nearby communities. Established in September of 2002, CAT served its millionth customer in January of 2008. In FY 07/08 CAT provided nearly 250,000 rides. This rapid growth challenges both equipment and facility resources. CAT has a critical need for replacement and expansion vehicles and additional fleet and office space.

- Purchase Rolling Stock: 2 heavy duty (35 passenger) buses and 4 medium duty buses (16-24 passenger) to replace aging vehicles and accommodate increased ridership on CAT's commuter services.

The acquisition of both replacement and expansion vehicles will improve CAT's ability to provide existing transportation services and address growing demand by increasing individual bus capacity and the overall fleet size. This would help secure the jobs of existing drivers and allow us to hire drivers to address growing demand.

- Phase 1 – CAT Operations and Maintenance Center – Conduct master planning, environmental assessment, preliminary engineering and design for the renovation of existing fleet facility.

The renovation/expansion will create an operations and maintenance center that will provide office space for CAT personnel, a dispatch center, locker and break room for transit operators, two new maintenance bays and office space for fleet personnel as well as a secure parking lot for CAT vehicles. This expansion will add approximately 2500 square feet of office space to the existing fleet facility. Two bays will be enclosed to form two new workshop areas with roll up doors. In addition, as a part of the project a long term solution for an on-site storm water management system will be investigated and energy savings features will be incorporation into the design of the facility.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes, requests for funding this project were submitted in 07, 08, and 09.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

Dept of Transportation 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities funding:
 FY 07 - \$30,096
 FY 08 - \$32,604
 FY 09 - \$33,858 *authorized not obligated*

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific – e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

Federal Transit Administration – via the next 6-year bill authorizing federal transportation funding (SAFETEA-LU's successor).

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

Canby Area Transit (CAT) provides intercity, intra-city and paratransit services to a service area of more than 60 miles. CAT routes connect communities not served by any other transit system. Since 2002, ridership has increased by almost 300%.

This project will support, create and maintain jobs in an area already experiencing company closures and worker lay offs. The purchase of rolling stock and renovation/expansion will not only ensure that the existing CAT employees (30+) remain employed but a minimum of 14 jobs

will be created during the construction of the facility. The project will also contribute to job security in the bus manufacturing industry.

Community transit systems across the country face enormous challenges in coping with growth in ridership and Canby is no exception. By 2020, the population in Canby is expected to nearly double and the region anticipates the senior and disabled population to grow to 20 percent of the tri-county population. The demand for transit services in Canby and surrounding communities has grown significantly and will continue to grow. In 2007, City-Data.com reported that 10.5% of Canby, 19.2% of Woodburn and 16.5% of Hubbard residents reported income below the poverty level; and 4.8% of Canby, 6.2% of Woodburn, and 7.1% of Hubbard residents report incomes below 50% of the poverty level. These communities also report burgeoning numbers foreign born residents. The report shows 12.5% of Canby, 35.4% of Woodburn and 18.2% Hubbard residents are foreign born. The majority of these residents are from Latin America. City-Data also reports that 15.5% of Canby, 46.5% of Woodburn and 32.7% of Hubbard residents are Hispanic. CAT services are a vital connection for these low-income commuters.

Funding to purchase rolling stock to replace aging vehicles and add additional vehicles to the fleet will establish a spare ration in line with industry standards and allow CAT to sustain existing services and improve our capacity for addressing growing demand.

A renovated operations/maintenance center will house both fleet and transit personnel office space and accommodate all city maintenance activities. It will provide much needed space for drivers, dispatchers, office staff and fleet personnel as well as the space to accommodate the maintenance of CAT's vehicle fleet.

In addition to addressing the obvious space and equipment needs of the transit operation this project supports the employment of hundreds of riders who use CAT as their primary mode of transportation to work. Additionally, the project supports the economy by providing a critical transportation connection to shopping and other services for both the transit dependant and those who choose transit for other reasons. If CAT service were reduced or discontinued, transit dependant workers would not have a public transportation option and many would be left without a way to get to work.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress? If so, who?

Representatives: Kurt Schrader and David Wu
Senators: Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years):

\$1,195,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010:

\$600,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.)

Approximately 50 percent of the project will be funded by either payroll tax or business energy tax credit dollars. Additionally, the City of Canby owns the property which will be contributed to the renovation project.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project?

If we do not receive funding from other sources or the full amount requested we will request funding to build the operations/maintenance center and purchase rolling stock in future years.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010. (e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

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\$330,000	Rolling Stock - 2 heavy-duty buses (\$330,000 each total cost \$660,000)
\$180,000	Rolling Stock - 4 medium duty buses (\$90,000 each total cost \$360,000)
<u>\$ 90,000</u>	Master planning, EA, PE and Design (total cost \$175,000)
\$600,000	

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Canby Area Chamber of Commerce
Canby Adult Center
Metro Council
Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT)

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:
appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov