

**APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. **Project Title:** City of Sandy Transit
2. **Organization Name and address:** City of Sandy, 16610 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055
3. **Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:**
Julie Stephens, Transit Manager, 503-489-0925, fax 503-826-0618, jstephens@cityofsandy.com
4. **Project Location Address (if different from Organization):** same
5. **Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:** Municipality providing public transportation
6. **Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)** The City of Sandy provides public transportation within Sandy and between the city and Gresham and Estacada. In 2006 service was increased by 17% with the same fleet; the ridership increased 37% in that year. The current fleet is not adequate for the demand and two larger low-floor buses are needed to maintain the fleet integrity and manage the growth in ridership.
7. **Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?** Yes
- 7a. **If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.** FY 2000 FTA 5309 \$98,110; FY01 FTA 5309 \$217,870; FY06 FTA 5309 \$375,000; FY08 FTA 5309 \$392,000
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):**
US Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration, 5309 Bus Account
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?**

As a small city within close proximity to the Portland metropolitan region it is essential to provide good transportation resources yet the local tax base is small making purchases of large transit vehicles difficult to fund locally. ODOT has no dedicated grant funding for small city & rural vehicles. With the economic downturn, local business tax revenues are declining while local transit demand is continuing to increase at the average historic rate of 12% annually. This funding will retain 25 transit jobs, create almost 10

manufacturing jobs and support approximately 200,000 work and educational related trips in the 2009. These transit services provide affordable mobility options for seniors, students, employees, low-income families and people with disabilities, offering all a higher functional quality of living.

The vehicle replacements will support many other federal, state and local priorities including a reduction in traffic congestion, preservation of air quality, and delayed necessity of road maintenance and expansion.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? Yes, Senators Wyden and Merkley

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$750,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$600,000 Federal funds

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.) \$150,000 Local funds

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? Not for this project

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000): Purchase two buses at \$375,000 each; Total cost \$750,000

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project: City of Sandy, Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, JPACT, Oregon Transit Association

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, we could purchase one bus