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Phoenix Public Transit awards funds to support commuters, riders with disabilities JARC, New Freedom grant awards total more than \$6 million

Several Valley transit agencies and municipalities will receive funding through two Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs created to expand transportation services for persons with disabilities or low-income individuals. The New Freedom grant program supports new public transportation services and public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program assists in developing new or expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low income persons to jobs and other employment-related services. More than \$6 million was awarded to agencies from the two grant programs.

The projects selected for funding were chosen through a competitive process administered by the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department as the designated regional recipient of federal transit funds for large urbanized areas in Maricopa County. Eligible applicants include private non-profit organizations, state or local governmental authorities, and operators of public transportation services including private operators. The FTA is expected to award the funds by spring 2011. Awardees and grant amounts are listed below:

Job Access Reverse Commute

\$1.6 million to the City of Phoenix for funding of Route 29, and upgrades to its vehicle management system.

\$1.1 million to the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA) for funding of Routes 72, 685, 184, 66; and purchase of MyStop/Bus Arrival Technology.

\$1.1 million to the City of Glendale for funding of Route 60 and the Glendale Urban Shuttle (GUS) 1 & 2 services.

\$153,000 to the City of Tolleson for funding of Route 3A.

\$32,000 to the City of El Mirage to fund a transportation needs assessment.

New Freedom

\$1.5 million to the RPTA to fund Northwest Valley Dial-a-Ride, East Valley Alternatives, Regional Mobility Management, travel training, and recurring medical trips for seniors and persons with disabilities.

\$342,000 to the City of Glendale to fund GUS 3 service, travel training, and a taxi voucher program.

\$241,000 to the City of Phoenix to fund its Senior Cab taxi voucher program, and to upgrade Dial-a-Ride trip planning software.

\$42,000 to the Arizona Statewide Independent Living Council to fund a one-on-one travel training program for people with disabilities.

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