

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Federal Tax ID: 92-0059987****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Anchorage - Transit Fleet Replacement

State Funding Requested: \$75,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This grant will be used to replace old buses in the People Mover and AnchorRIDES fleets with ADA accessible vehicles.

Funding Plan:

Total Project Cost:	\$2,185,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$2,110,000)
FY2013 State Funding Request:	<u>(\$75,000)</u>
Project Deficit:	\$0

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Public Transportation Department is seeking a \$75,000 state capital grant to provide funds to replace buses reaching the end of their useful life. The buses were acquired in 1998 and have met or exceed their useful life of 12-years or 500,000 miles. Many AnchorRIDES vehicles are approaching 200,000 miles. An aging transit fleet increases maintenance costs. Replacing vehicles will reduce maintenance costs and improve rider safety benefits to the residents and visitors of Alaska.

This investment is highly cost effective over multiple years by providing alternatives to single occupancy commuting. Federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funds passed through the State of Alaska; DOT&PF has been used to replace the aging fleet and an additional \$2,000,000 will be available in 2012 and \$110,000 in local funds.

People Mover buses carry more than 4,100,000 passengers per year; AnchorRIDES will carry almost another 180,000 trips for seniors, people with disabilities, children in homeless situations and others. Public transportation systems provide critical transportation services to many sectors of the Greater Anchorage community including, students, seniors, people with disabilities, minorities and low income individuals. The majority of transit riders have no other effective or affordable travel alternative. This funding will provide partial funding to replace up to sixteen (6) 40-foot buses and up to sixteen (9) AnchorRIDES wheelchair-accessible vehicles over a two-year procurement process.

Project Timeline:

Expenditures will begin in 2012.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No