

**MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RIP) - APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Agency: Mendocino Transit Authority

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PROJECT INFORMATION (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS AS NECESSARY)

Project Mode: *(Check One)*

Highways/Streets/Roads _____ Transit X Bike & Pedestrian _____ Rail _____

Project Category: *(Check One)*

Safety _____ Construction _____ Reconstruction _____ Capital Acquisition X

Project Title: Acquisition of one Heavy Duty Clean Diesel Transit Bus

Project Purpose: What transportation deficiency will this project address? (safety, congestion, operations, plan implementation, etc. This project is part of MTA's on-going vehicle replacement program which replaces vehicles at the end of their useful life for safety, cost control and reliability.

MTA service requires 9 Heavy Duty Buses in order to have adequate capacity for our passengers. By the end of 2013 we will have replaced eight of the nine. The one remaining vehicle, a 1999 Gillig is 14 years old today and has accumulated nearly 400,000 miles (these vehicles have a useful life of 12 years and 350,000 miles). We propose to replace this last vehicle with an Clean Diesel Heavy-Duty bus. Compared to the bus we are replacing the new bus offers almost double the mileage and emits 90% less green house gas, as well and being safer and more reliable.

Public transit greatly reduces congestion by enabling riders to avoid using an auto when making a single trip. Transit provides a regional benefit in that it reduces single car trips and provides transportation to the transit dependent.

Project Location: County Wide

Project Description: Replace an aging 1999 Gillig bus with an Clean Diesel Bus

		<u>Committed</u>	<u>Pending</u>
Proposed Funding:	Total Project	\$ <u>520,000</u>	_____
	RIP Request	\$ <u>457,600</u>	_____
	City	\$ _____	_____
	County	\$ _____	_____
	State	\$ <u>62,400</u>	_____
	Federal	\$ _____	_____
	Other	\$ _____	_____

Leverage: Requested RIP Funds/Total Funding Needs \$457,600 / \$520,000

What alternative sources of funding have already been sought for this project?

Source: TIGGER Date: 2010 Status: unsuccessful Date Funding Available:

Project Cost

Project Component	Cost Estimate
Environmental Studies & Permits	\$ _____
Plans, Specifications & Estimates	\$ _____
Right of Way	\$ _____
Construction-Vehicle Acquisition	\$ <u>520,000</u>
for Caltrans projects only:	
R/W Support	\$ _____
Construction Support	\$ _____
Total	\$ <u>520,000</u>

Project Readiness: Use "Project Milestone" section of Project Programming Request Form.
MTA will write specs or arrange for a piggyback.

Does project have a completed Project Study Report (PSR) or equivalent? Yes _____ No X

If yes, indicate date and who performed PSR _____

If no, will PSR be performed in-house, by state, or through MCOG? In-house

Estimated PSR completion date: after MCOG Board approves the project (PSRs due prior to STIP programming)

Is project consistent with current Regional Transportation Plan? Yes X No _____

If no, has an RTP amendment been requested? _____

Is project identified in other plans? Yes X No _____ If yes, which one(s)? MTA Vehicle Replacement Plan (Attachment A), Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Study, July 2009 (Attachment B & C), Short Range Transit Development Plans (March 2012) and Mendocino County Coordinated Public Transit/Human Services Transportation Plan. Triennial Performance Audit recommendation (Attachment D)

Will project implement a specific plan that has been developed for the area? Yes No If yes, which one? MTA Vehicle Replacement Plan

Environmental Clearance Status

NEPA/CEQA (both) Status Automatic
Categorical Exemption Negative Declaration EIR
Adoption Date _____ Date of Filing _____

Permits Required None Status _____

If the project is on or adjacent to a highway, street, or road, what is the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) of the facility? N/A

Is this project considered urgent? Yes No If yes, explain why. Vehicle is already well past it's useful life, maintenance costs and fuel costs are already high, many parts are no longer available. Passenger and driver safety is greatly improved with a new vehicle.

How does this project address the 2008 Complete Streets legislation (AB 1358)?

Explain: Transit is an integral element of the Complete Streets legislation in that it improves access and mobility for travelers in Mendocino County, in addition we provide access for bicycles on all our vehicles, greatly increasing access, safety and mobility for bicyclists.