

**NOVEMBER 2009 BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION AGENDA
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**

Public Transportation Grant Program

<p>WBS 36223.53.4.1</p>	<p>This action will support the Public Transportation Division's allocation, as determined by the NCDOT's Fiscal Section, of the FY2009-10 annual maintenance cost for the department's financial management system.</p>	<p>\$459,563</p>	<p>State</p>
<p>Project No. 10-IC-013</p>	<p>Greyhound is requesting funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Intercity Bus Program (Section 5311(f)). This program provides federal funds to support intercity bus service that connects rural areas to urban centers. The department must allocate 15% of its annual apportionment of Section 5311 funds for nonurbanized area public transportation services to this program unless the Governor certifies that the state's intercity bus needs are substantially met. This grant will provide 50% of the net cost of the service. Greyhound is providing the non-FTA subsidized capital cost to operate the service as the nonfederal match under a pilot program.</p> <p>The funds to Greyhound will support five (5) routes serving 15 communities in eastern North Carolina. This area is predominately rural. Sixty-seven percent (67%) of the communities served by these routes have populations below 50,000. Of these communities, 7 have populations below 25,000. The five routes include: Winston-Salem-Raleigh-Norfolk (2 routes); Richmond-Raleigh-Wilmington; Manning-Raleigh-Camp Lejeune; and Charlotte-Raleigh-Myrtle Beach. Note that the funds will only support service to the NC state line if the route travels into another state. The estimated ridership for the period July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010 is 28,360 passengers.</p>	<p>\$2,853,810 \$1,426,905 \$1,426,905</p>	<p>Total Federal Greyhound</p>



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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009” (Pub. L. 111-5; “ARRA”), signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009, includes funds for transit capital improvements. The ARRA provides funding under the Transit Capital Assistance Program to nonurbanized areas based on 49 U.S.C. section 5311. The purpose of these ARRA transportation funds is to provide grant monies to local agencies for rural public transportation capital projects, as defined in 49 U.S.C. section 5302(a)(1), consistent with the intent of the legislation and to support efforts to stimulate the economy. Public bodies, nonprofit agencies, private operators and Indian Tribes that provide transit service in the nonurbanized areas of the state are eligible subrecipients for ARRA Section 5311 funds.

Eligible rural capital projects will be funded with 100% ARRA Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Funds. The program requires that 15%, or \$4,958,325 of the ARRA funds for nonurbanized areas be utilized for intercity bus service unless the Governor certifies that the needs of the state have been substantially met.

This is to request Board of Transportation approval to replace the Greyhound station construction project in the City of Charlotte with the project as specified below; amend the Section 5311 ARRA application to the FTA in the amount of \$4,958,325 in federal funds; and enter into an agreement with USDOT. Negotiations for the purchase of the existing station in Charlotte have not been finalized and the remaining ARRA funds must be awarded in a grant by March 2010.

Statewide

10-AR-905	<p>Greyhound is requesting ARRA funds to purchase MCI, full-size over-the-road buses (OTRBs) Model D4505 for intercity bus routes that serve North Carolina. Each bus will be fully wheelchair-accessible, carry the new Greyhound paint scheme, include the new seating package with 3-point seat belts and power outlets at each seating location, and free WiFi for customer convenience and enjoyment. Greyhound is the first company in the nation to introduce seat belts on OTRBs. The unit cost per OTRB is \$472,605. For ten (10) buses, the cost is \$4,726,050. The remaining balance of \$232,275 will be used to purchase statewide bus terminal signage replacements and upgrades, and for Greyhound-owned station/terminal improvements.</p> <p>Other state DOTs utilize Section 5311(f) funds to purchase buses, construct bus terminals, acquire passenger amenities and for operating costs. The department will hold a nonfinancial lien on the buses and conduct annual vehicle inspections.</p>	\$4,958,325 Federal
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