

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – REVISED PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT FUNDING FOR THE CITY OF DAVIS/UNITRANS

Unitrans has proposed a revised Program of Projects that will form the basis for an amended grant application to be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FTA regulatory guidance requires the City of Davis and Unitrans to make the proposed POP available for public inspection and comment. To receive a copy of this notice in another language, please contact Unitrans by any of the methods listed at the end of this notice. All comments received by Monday, February 12, 2018 will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration at its March 6, 2018 meeting.

The City submits and executes FTA grant applications and agreements and then passes most of these funds through to Unitrans through a sub-recipient agreement. A total of \$7,597,990 in FTA Section 5307 Small Urban Area Formula Funds and \$583,956 in FTA Section 5339 Bus & Bus Facilities Formula Funds has been made available to the City of Davis and Unitrans. These funds do not include FY 2018 allocations and apportionments, as a federal transportation appropriations bill has not yet been approved. The City and Unitrans will come forward with a new program of projects for FY 2018 funding when such funds are available.

The City and Unitrans propose that available funds be dedicated to several critical transit needs outlined below. The difference between the “Total Estimated Cost” and “Proposed FTA Amount” are made up from a combination of other committed FTA funds, State grants, ASUCD Student Fee funds, City of Davis Transportation Development Act funds, and various other revenues.

- Unitrans Operating Assistance: FTA Section 5307 funds, in combination with a variety of other funding sources, allow Unitrans to operate 18 weekday and 7 weekend fixed routes approximately 360 days a year. Unitrans carries over 3.9 passenger trips annually, which is the second-highest ridership level in the six-county Sacramento metropolitan area. The Total Estimated Cost and Proposed FTA Amount cover operating costs for a two year period (FY 2015 & FY 2016).
Total Estimated Cost: \$10,366,342
Proposed FTA Amount: \$ 2,593,280
- Unitrans Paratransit Bus Replacement: Unitrans proposes to replace small buses that have far surpassed their useful lives and whose equipment has become obsolete. Although Unitrans does not provide demand-response paratransit service, the buses are used for occasional shuttle service and may be called upon to supplement Unitrans or Davis Community Transit service.
Total Estimated Cost: \$300,000
Proposed FTA Amount: \$240,000
- Unitrans 40-Foot Bus Replacement: Purchase five full size (40-foot) 40 passenger urban transit buses to replace buses that will soon surpass their useful lives.
Total Estimated Cost: \$3,097,607
Proposed FTA Amount: \$1,713,651 (FTA Section 5307) \$583,956 (FTA Section 5339)
- Unitrans Miscellaneous Equipment Purchases: Purchase new and replacement maintenance, administration, and operations equipment to efficiently run bus service and maintain/ repair vehicles and facilities.
Total Estimated Cost: \$475,000
Proposed FTA Amount: \$380,000
- Unitrans Bus Stop Access & Passenger Amenities: Work with the City of Davis to identify and prioritize a variety of bus stop improvements for customer safety, comfort, and convenience.
Total Estimated Cost: \$300,000
Proposed FTA Amount: \$240,000
- Unitrans Maintenance Facility Improvements: Replace operating equipment in the maintenance facility that has surpassed its useful life. Specifically, the funding in this will allow Unitrans to complete the replacement of bus lifts and initiate the replacement of the two natural gas compressors used to fuel all of the 40-foot bus fleet.
Total Estimated Cost: \$3,400,000
Proposed FTA Amount: \$2,311,059
- Unitrans Electric Bus Infrastructure Technical Specifications: Prepare preliminary engineering and technical specification documents to implement the introduction of electric propulsion urban transit buses into the Unitrans fleet.
Total Estimated Cost: \$150,000
Proposed FTA Amount: \$120,000
- YCTD Operating Assistance: The Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD), as the provider of intercity bus services within Yolo County and to Sacramento, requests \$150,000 from the City of Davis to pay for a portion of Yolo bus services that directly benefit the City of Davis.
Total Estimated Cost: NA (Total included in YCTD annual budget)
Proposed FTA Amount: \$150,000

The City and Unitrans welcome all comments from the general public and providers of other transportation services on this proposed program of projects in the most convenient format available. The most common ways in which to submit comments include the following: 1) Send an email message with the subject “Program of Projects” to comments@unitrans.com, 2) Send a letter addressed to Unitrans ATTN: AGMA, 5 South Hall, 1 Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616, or 3) Bring written comments to the Unitrans Business Office in 5 South Hall on the UCD campus.