

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20060248

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:

Support LeeTran's request for Federal Transit Administration earmarks for the replacement of buses and for construction of a new transit facility.

2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Provides the Federal Transit Administration an endorsement from the Board in support of LeeTran's request for federal earmarks for the purchase of replacement buses and funding for the construction of a new transit facility.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:

Support LeeTran's effort to secure federal earmarks from the Federal Transit Administration for capital needs which are currently unmet.

4. Departmental Category: 06 **C6J** **5. Meeting Date:** **03-14-2006**

6. Agenda: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Walk-On	7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)		8. Request Initiated:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Statute		Commissioner	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance		Department <u>Independent</u>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Admin. Code		Division <u>Transit</u>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other		By: <u>Steve Myers, Director</u>	

9. Background:

LeeTran is completing for unallocated funds under the USC 5309 Special Appropriations program administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This discretionary funding is allocated through the earmark process on a national basis to competing transit properties.

LeeTran has identified capital needs which are unfunded and of critical importance to the safe and efficient operation of transit in Lee County. These needs include the replacement of seven full size transit buses and trolleys and seven ADA paratransit vehicles which are approaching the end of their useful lives, at an estimated cost of \$3 million dollars. LeeTran is also requesting a federal earmark in the amount of \$7 million dollars for the development and construction of a new transit facility to consolidate fixed route and Paratransit operations and provide for a safer and more efficient operation. The current facility on 4.5 acres cannot be expanded and was original designed for operations one-third the current size.

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
<i>S. Myers</i> 3/1/06				<i>Dudra</i> <i>Patricia</i> <i>Scheduling</i> 3/1/06	<i>3/1/06</i>	<i>3/2/06</i>	<i>3/1/06</i>	<i>3/2/06</i>	<i>HS</i> 3/2/06

11. Commission Action:

- Approved**
- Deferred**
- Denied**
- Other**

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The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

- Whereas:* Lee County Transit operates fixed route bus services, ADA paratransit service, vanpool and commuter services to the residents and visitors of Lee County, Florida resulting in more than 2.8 million fixed-route passenger trips and more than 139,000 ADA Paratransit passenger trips, and
- Whereas* LeeTran, a department of Lee County has identified the need to replace seven full size buses and trolleys and seven ADA paratransit vehicles has been determined as a critical need for LeeTran and the services LeeTran provides, and
- Whereas* LeeTran's current facility was built more than twenty-five years ago for an operation one-third the size and a new transit facility must be developed to accommodate the safe and efficient operation of the current transit system and allow for planned growth, and
- Whereas* LeeTran has submitted a request for an earmark in the amount of \$3 million for the purchases of replacement buses and \$7 million for the construction of new a transit maintenance facility, and
- Whereas* LeeTran's request is necessary to the continued efficient and effective of transit services provided in Lee County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida does hereby support LeeTran's request for Federal Transit Administration earmarks for the replacement of buses and the construction of a new transit facility.

Duly Executed this _____ day of _____ 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairwoman