

Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (SUMMARY)

Project Information:

Lead Agency:	CITY OF TAFT
Project Name:	PURCHASE TRANSIT PASSES AND TICKETS FOR PROMOTION, TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES
Project Type: <i>See Attachment A</i>	A5: Free or reduced-fare transit vouchers
Description of Project (Short):	PURCHASE TRANSIT BUS PASSES AND TICKETS TO ENCOURAGES AND PROMOTE RIDERSHIP FOCUSING ON INCREASING NEW RIDERSHIP.
Project Location:	CITY OF TAFT AND ATTACHED COUNTY AREAS, SEE ATTACHED MAP
Project Start Date (anticipated):	MARCH 2016
Project End Date (anticipated):	FEBRAURY 2021

Funding Information:

Funding Year:	2015-2016
Requested Amount of PUC 99313:	\$22,164
Requested Amount of PUC 99314:	\$3,331
Total LCTOP Funding:	\$25,495
Total Project Cost:	\$25,495

Project Benefits:

Greenhouse Gas Benefits (off of worksheet)

Estimated GHG Reduction:	BY PROVIDING BUS TICKETS TO THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO RIDE ON THE BUS INSTEAD OF USING THEIR VEHICLES REDUCES GREENHOUSE GAS.
Project Life:	5 YEARS
Estimated Total GHG Reduction:	0

Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Benefits:

Does your service area have a DAC?	PER THE SB535 DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES MAP, DAC IS NOT APPLICABLE FOT THE CITY OF TAFT.
Does the Project Benefit a DAC?	N/A
Identify the DAC Census Tracts?	N/A
Identify Specific DAC Benefit Criteria? <i>See Attachment B</i>	
Qualitative Description of DAC Benefit?	N/A
Describe the DAC Need Project Addresses?	N/A
Total GGRF \$ Allocated to DAC	N/A

Co-benefit

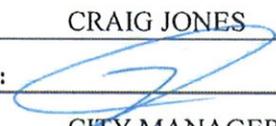
Critical Air Pollution Reduction:	
VMT Reduction:	
Ridership Increase	
Fuel Ues Reduction:	
Energy Use Reduction:	

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (ALLOCATION)

Regional Entity: KERN	
Project Lead: CITY OF TAFT	KERN
Project Title: PURCHASE TRANSIT PASSES AND TICKETS FOR PROMOTION, TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES	

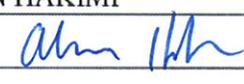
Project Lead:

I certify the scope, cost, schedule, and benefits as identified in the attached Allocation Request (Request) and attachments are true and accurate and demonstrate a fully funded operable project. I understand the Request is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations or conditions that may be enacted by the State Legislature, including the State's budgetary process and/or auction receipts. In the event the project cannot be completed as originally scoped, scheduled and estimated, or the project is terminated prior to completion, project lead shall, at its own expense, ensure that the project is in a safe and operable condition for the public. I understand this project will be monitored by the California Department of Transportation - Division of Rail and Mass Transportation.

Name: CRAIG JONES
Signature: 
Title: CITY MANAGER
Agency: CITY OF TAFT
Date: 1/28/2016 **Amount:** \$25,495.00

Contributing Sponsor(s):

*If this project includes funding from more than one project sponsor, the project lead above becomes the "recipient agency" and the additional contributing project sponsor(s) must also sign and state the amount and type of LCTOP funds (PUC Sections 99313 and 99314) contribution. Sign below or attach a separate officially signed letter providing that information. If there is more than one contributing sponsor, please submit additional page, or a letter from the additional contributors.

Name: AHRON HAKIMI
Signature: 
Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Agency: KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Date: **Amount:** \$25,495.00

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (FUNDING)

<i>LCTOP Allocation</i>	15/16	16/17	17/18
Request Amount per PUC 99313:	\$22,164	\$0	\$0
Request Amount per PUC 99314:	\$3,331	\$0	\$0
Total Project Allocation Request:	\$25,495	\$0	\$0

Project Title: PURCHASE TRANSIT PASSES AND TICKETS FOR PROMOTIC
Project Location/Address: _____

Table 1: Project Lead Information

		Legislative District Numbers	
Agency Name:	CITY OF TAFT	Assembly:	18
Contact Person:	TERESA BINKLEY	Senate:	32
Contact Phone #:	(661) 763-1350x18	Congressional:	20
Email Address:	tbinkley@cityoftaft.org	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Address:	209 E. KERN STREET	\$ 22,164	99313
	TAFT, CA 93268	\$ 3,331	99314

Table 2: Contributing Sponsor Information

Name:	KERN COG	Amount :	PUC Fund Type:
Contact:	BOB SNODDY	\$ _____	_____
Contact Phone #:	(661) 861-2191	\$ _____	_____
Email Address:	bsnoddy@kerncog.org		
Address:	1401 19TH STREET BAKERSFIELD, CA		
<i>Other Contributing Sponsors: (Attach sheet with contact information)</i>		Amount:	PUC Fund Type:
Name:	_____	\$ _____	_____
Name:	_____	\$ _____	_____
Name:	_____	\$ _____	_____
TOTAL		\$25,495	

(*Contributing project sponsors provide signed letters of verification as to amount and eligibility or sign cover page)

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (PROJECT)

Table 3: Type of Project

See Attachment A for category of project (example: Category 1A Implement new or expanded transit service (for new routes or expansion of existing routes)).

Operations Projects				Capital Projects			
	A1		Ai		B1		Bi
	A2		Aii		B2		Bii
X	A3		Aiii		B3		Bii
X	A4		Aiv		B4		
	A5						

Table 4: Project Summary

a) Project Description - Describe the project in your own words, using comprehensive overall project description regarding improvements to be made, increased level of service and performance goals.

Providing free rides can encourage new members in the community to ride the fixed route system. Promoting ridership at the senior centers, the career services center, promote the transit system in the farm labor community and at the local food banks. The Taft Area Transit (TAT) also provides transit service to the community of Maricopa, providing services to this community allows citizens to come to shop, medical visits, go to school and they could link to the Kern Regional Transit system that offer rides to Bakersfield (closes metropolitan area- 40 miles away) where they could possibly link to the Amtrak or the Greyhound bus system. Also we have many individuals unemployed due to the change in the oil industry and offering free transportation to these individuals who could utilize the transit system to search for employment and leaving their vehicle at home with the long term goal that these new riders and returning customers will continue to ride the transit bus once they are aware and more familiar with the services that are available, the convenience of riding the transit bus and encourage them to leave their vehicles at home ia the ultimate goal to help reduce greenhouse gases.

b) Project Location - Describe the location of the project. Also provide an 8 1/2" X 11" project site map that shows the transit service area and project location. Use link to CalEPA website for information,

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/GHGInvest/default.htm>.

Attached maps.

c) Project Life - For capital projects, state the Useful Life of the Project. For operations project state the number of months service will operate.

Capital:

Operations: 5 YEARS

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (BENEFITS/OUTCOMES)

Table 5: Description of Major Benefits/Outcomes

a) **Greenhouse Gas Reduction** - Describe how this project will reduce greenhouse gases and any assumptions or data that support this description. For example, "The expanded transit service will reduce VMT and greenhouse gas emissions by replacing auto trips with transit trips. Initial estimates indicate that the expansion could add 50 commuter bus riders per day to replace an average auto trip of 10 miles each way." If available, please provide the expected amount of VMT reductions and greenhouse gas reductions.

By allowing the TAT to purchase bus tickets and providing them to the community members (City of Taft , City of Maricopa along with the unincorporated areas-South Taft, Ford City, Taft Heights) and allowing them to ride on several occasions and making riding the transit system and normal part of their daily routine. Making the decision to leave their vehicle at home or having a relative or friend transport them to shop, doctor appointments, able to apply for employment, job interviews, or to work will reduce the greenhouses gases. Our goal is to increase ridership by adding 3 additional riders per day.

b) **Increased Mode Share** - Describe how this project will directly increase mode share.

Our transit system is currently being under utilized, by offering bus tickets and passes to new and/or returning riders, could potentially increase ridership in the long term, by reducing travel that would have otherwise been made in private vehicles.

c) **Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) Project Criteria**

See Attachment B for DAC Criteria to Evaluate Projects (example: Category 1B Project provides transit incentives to residents with a physical address in a disadvantage community (e.g., vouchers, reduced fares, transit passes).

Low Carbon Transportation Projects				Transit Projects					
	1A		2A		1A		1G		2E
	1B		2B		1B		1H		2F
X	1C	X	2C		1C		2A		2G
X	1D				1D		2B		2H
					1E		2C		2I
					1F		2D		

d) **Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) (if applicable*)** - Describe how this project will directly benefit the DAC(s) within your service area in your own words. For agencies whose service area includes disadvantaged communities, at least 50 percent of the total moneys received shall be expended on projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (BENEFITS/OUTCOMES)

Table 5: Description of Major Benefits/Outcomes

e) Co-Benefits - Check all additional Benefits/Outcomes.

<input type="checkbox"/> Improved Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Public Health <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Operating/Maintenance Cost <input type="checkbox"/> Increase System Reliability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Benefits (describe below)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordination with Educational Institutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Grades K-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes Active Transportation (walking, biking) <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes integration with other modes of transportation
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f) Co-Benefits - Describe benefits indicated above in d) and any other benefits not listed.

Improve Public Health- By providing mobility to individuals who may not be able to afford to drive their vehicles or have no transportation available. **Education Institutions-** Taft College has a great program for disabled students called **Transitant to Independent Living (TIL)**, which teaches students how to be monile by using the transit system. The TAT coordinates with the college to allow a bus stop located at the college allowing the students feel comfortable with using the bus system. **Other Benefits-** Providing transportation to individuals trying to find employment or job training. Linking individuals to other means of transportation.

Table 6: Project Schedule

Capital Projects	
Begin Construction Phase (Contract Award)	
End Construction Phase (Contract Acceptance)	
Begin Vehicle/Equipment Order (Contract Award)	
End Vehicle/Equipment Order (Contract Acceptance)	
Begin Closeout Phase	
End Closeout Phase	
Operations Projects	
Begin expanded/enhanced transit services	3/1/2016
End expanded/enhanced transit services	2/29/2021
Begin Closeout Phase	4/30/2021
End Closeout Phase	5/31/2021

START DATE FOR LCTOP FUNDED PHASES MAY NOT PROCEED PROJECT APPROVAL LETTER.

Pre-construction costs (e.g design, environmental and right-a-way) are not eligible to be funded by LCTOP funds,they must be funded by other soures.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND ALLOCATION REQUEST (OPERATIONS DESCRIPTION)

Table 7: Operations Project Description

a) Describe the operating plan for this system.

Currently the TAT operates a fixed route system that services the City and connecting unincorporated communities of Kern County and the City of Maricopa. The TAT also provides links to the other modes of public transportation.

b) Describe the fare structure for this system.

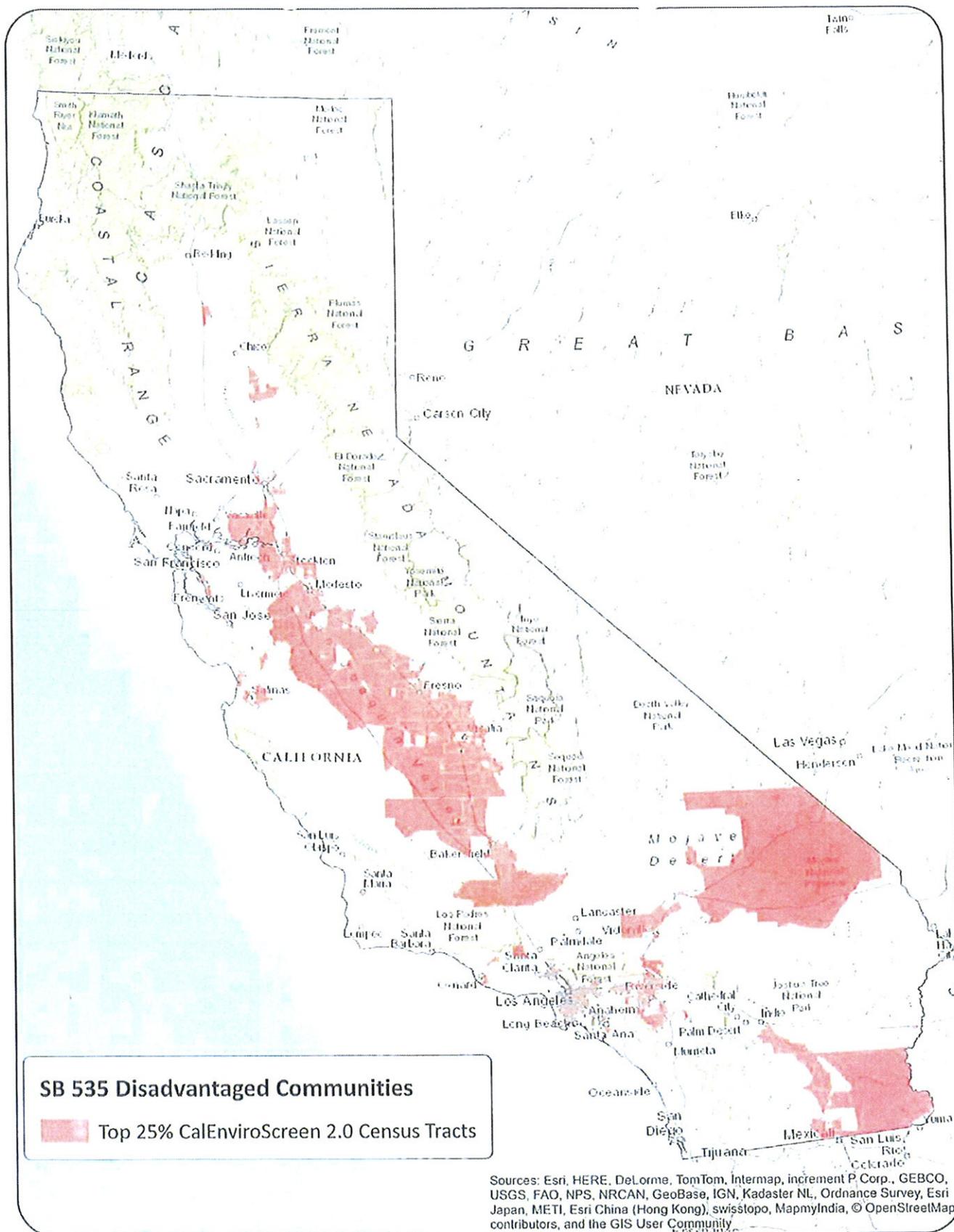
Taft Route System- General \$1.00, Senior \$.75, ADA-Certified \$.75, Children under 5 with fare paying adult \$0.00, ADA Attendant (with paid ADA patron) \$0.00, (12-Trip Passes) General \$15.00, Senior/ADA \$7.50, Youth \$7.50, Maricopa System - All fares are \$1.50, excluding Youth under 5 or ADA Attendant and still free with a paying fare.

c) Describe the assumptions and process that were used to develop the ridership projections shown in the request.

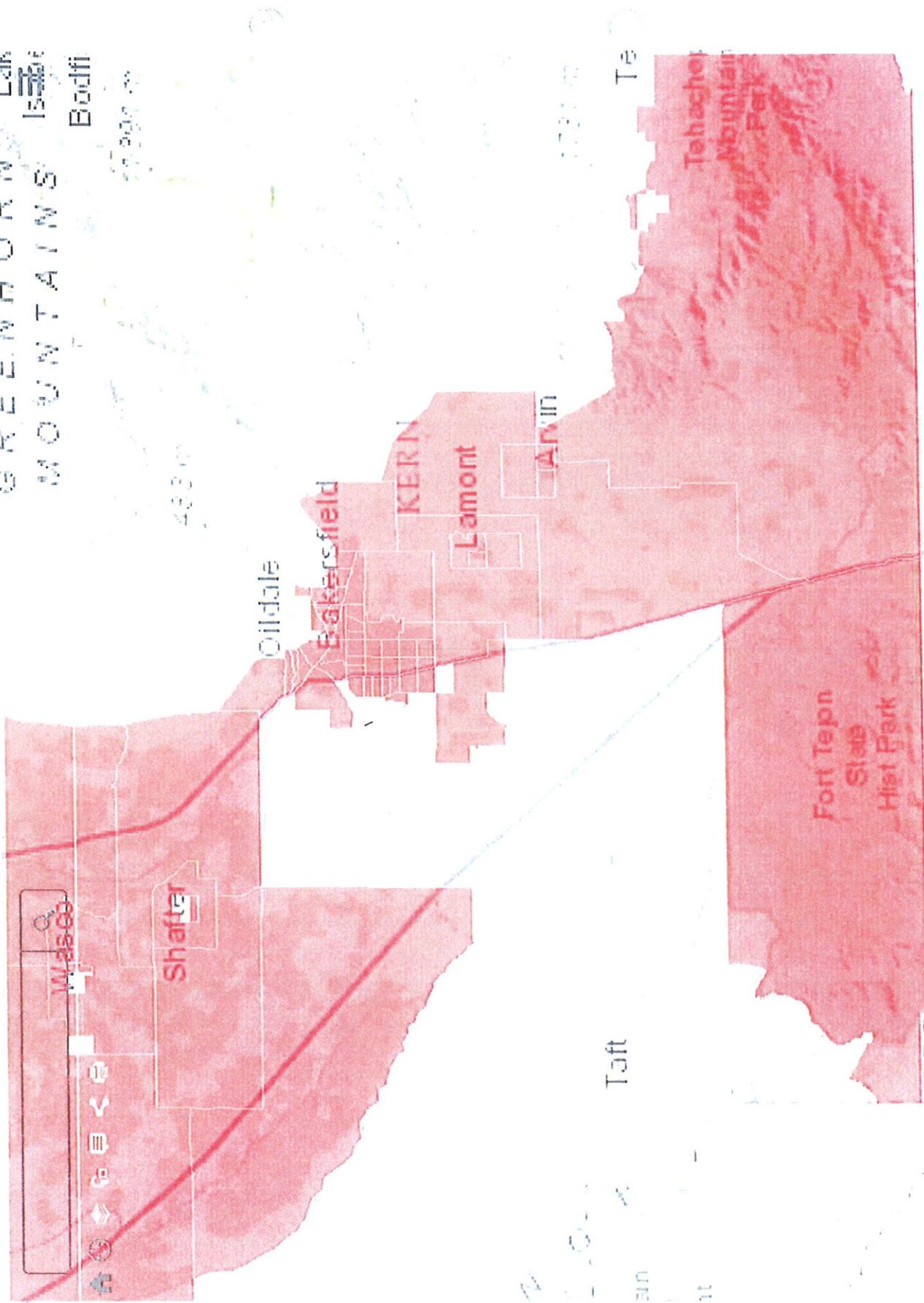
N/A

d) Describe the assumptions and process for how the operating cost projections were developed.

The TAT is assuming 3 new riders per day. With the organizations that are being planned to be targeted for this program, and the targeted citizens that will receive these free bus tickets it would average to approximately .5 riders per day from each location. (Taft College, 2 food banks, 2 senior programs, farm labor communities).



GENERAL
MOUNTAINS
LAKES
ISLANDS
BODFI



Service Area

