

Job Access & Reverse Commute and New Freedom Workshop

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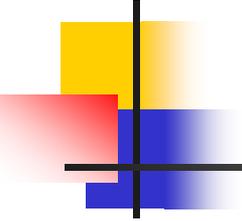
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Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

Transit Grants Programs



- Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC)
FTA Section 5316

- New Freedom Program
FTA Section 5317

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Job Access & Reverse Commute (FTA Section 5316)



FTA Section 5316

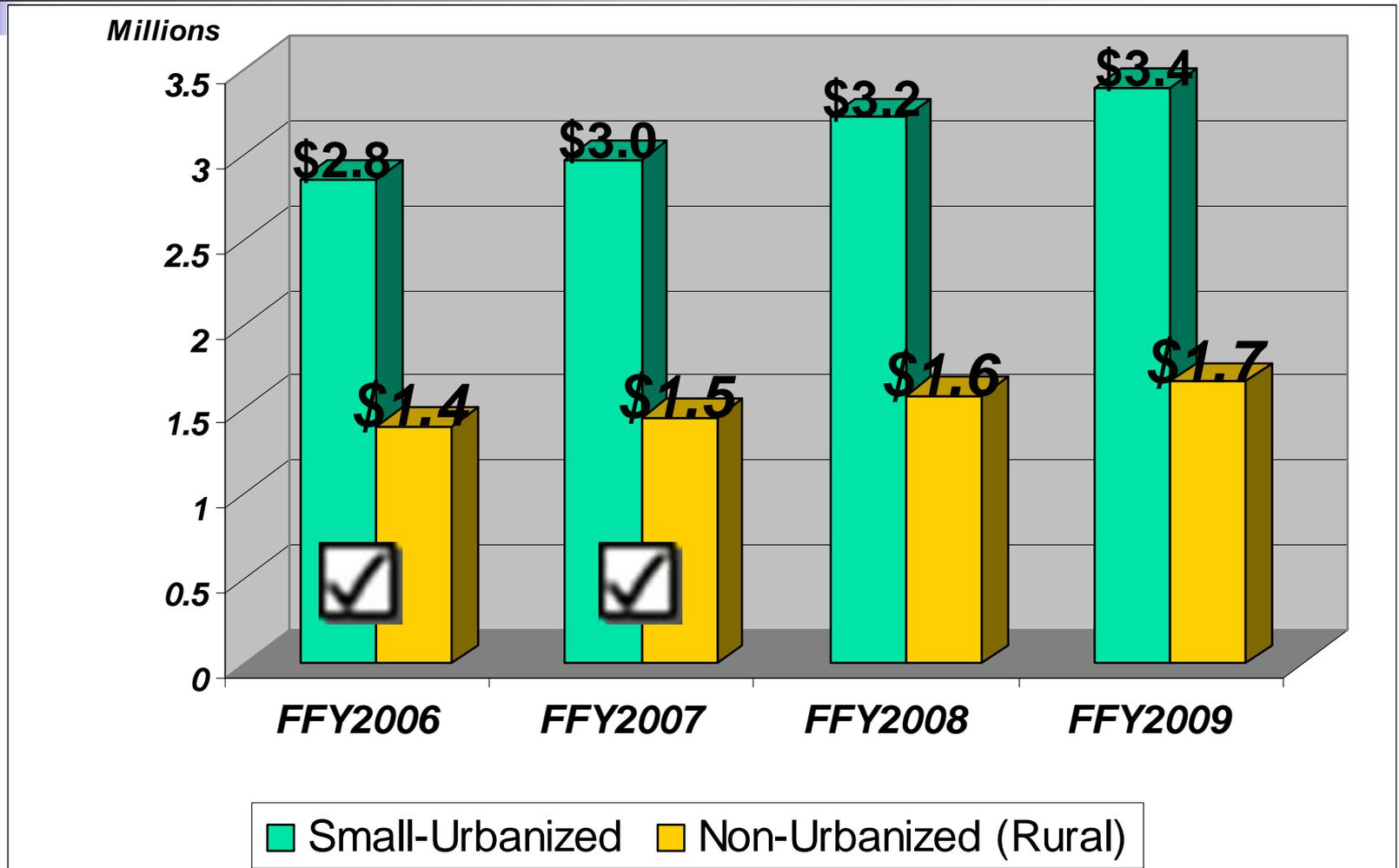
Program Purpose

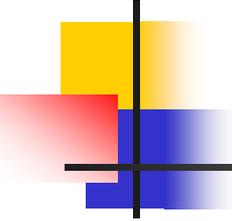
- Serves Individuals with Lower Incomes
- Access to Employment/Employment Related Activities
- Reverse Commute Services
- *Change from National Discretionary to Formula Grant Program to the States*

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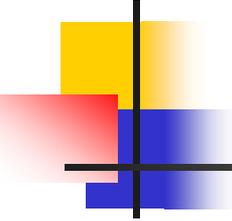
FTA Section 5316 Funding Levels for California





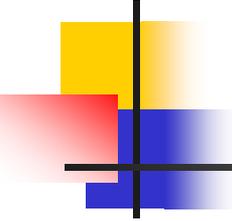
JARC Cycle 2/3 Project Presentations

- **Yolo County Transportation District (Operating) - \$30,000:** Operating Assistance for continuation service on Route 215 which operates 4:55am - 1:55am, seven (7) days a week, 365 days a year. This service provides low income and rural individuals transit services to and from employment related activities.
- **Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority (Operating) - \$12,750:** Operating Assistance for continuation of a range of transit services for improved access by low-income urban and rural residents to local and regional employment and training opportunities. Including a weekday general public demand response, extension of local fixed route Sat services, expanded weekday inter-county service. Evening service hours Mon - Fri 6pm - 9:30pm. Fixed route 9:00am - 4:30 pm including Sat.



JARC Cycle 2/3 Project Presentations (Cont.)

- **City of Rio Vista (Capital) - \$45,600:** Assisted with the purchase of two (2) cutaway busses, medium size, using gas to continue the intercity transit services along several state routes within the City of Rio Vista, and to Fairfield, Suisun City, Isleton, Lodi, Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station, Antioch and Suisun City. These routes connect low income, transit dependent riders between communities to urban areas for job opportunities, recreation, social services, medical care, and shopping.
- **City of Escalon (Capital) - \$52,000:** Purchase one (1) replacement transit cutaway bus. Medium Type II, (18 passenger with two wheelchair positions), GAS, <30ft.



JARC Cycle 2/3 Project Presentations (Cont.)

- **Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (Mobility Management) - \$52,219**: Improve access to transportation services for employment and employment related activities for eligible low-income individuals and transport residents of urbanized areas and non-urbanized areas to suburban employment opportunities. This project involves training staff of organizations that work with low-fixed income to help clients use local public transit.
- **Commute Connection (Mobility Management) - \$274,560**: Mobility Management project will seek to make program improvements that help local workers find reliable and affordable transportation solutions to get to work. Services include Guaranteed Ride Home, Unscheduled Overtime, Vanpool Subsidy and Park and Ride Lot Program.

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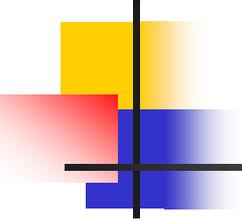
New Freedom Program (FTA Section 5317)



FTA Section 5317

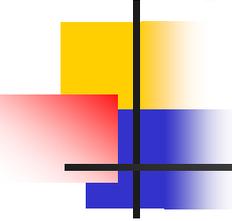
Program Purpose

- New formula program to the states
- Enhances transportation for people with disabilities
- New public transportation beyond the ADA
- New alternatives to public transportation beyond the ADA



Existing New Freedom

- Existing: The New Freedom Program (49 USC § 5317) funds are available to public transportation service providers whose services go beyond those required by the ADA, which are:
 - New Public transportation, or
 - New alternatives to public transportation



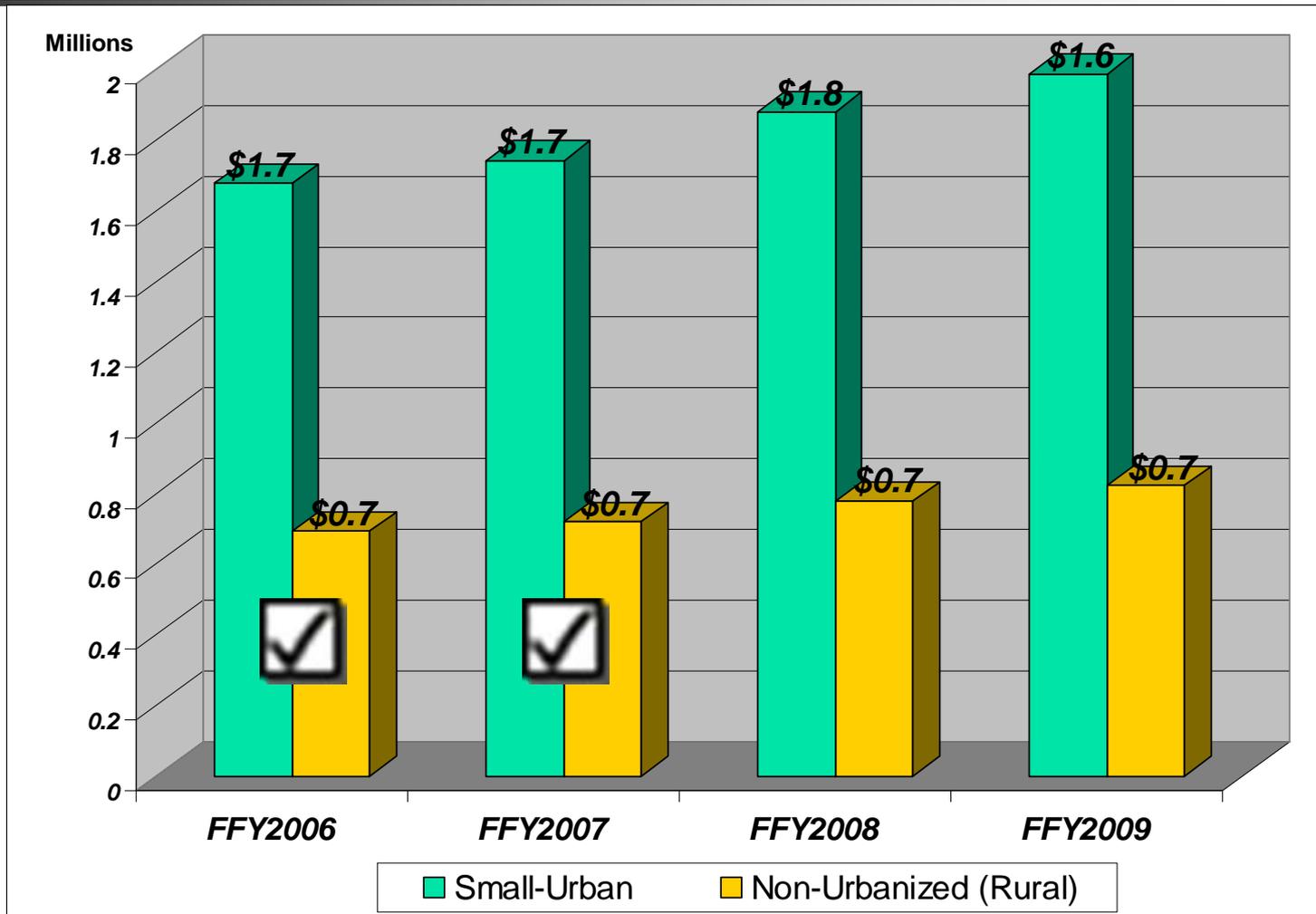
FTA Policy Statement for Eligible NF Projects

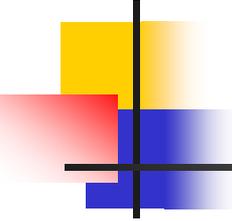
- Federal Register V. 74, No. 81 - Effective May 29, 2009
- New or Expanded Fixed Route Service and New or Expanded Demand Response Service constitute new public transportation services beyond those required by ADA and are eligible for funding under the New Freedom Program provided that these services meet certain criteria.

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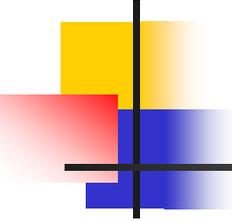
FTA Section 5317 Funding Levels for California





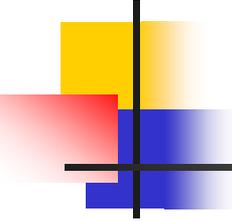
NF Cycle 2/3 Project Presentations

- **Yolo County Transportation District (Operating) - \$30,000:** Provide medical appointment services, outside current ADA requirements, to Kaiser Hospitals in both Sacramento and Vacaville and to medical facilities in the Eastern side of downtown Sacramento. This project serviced those elderly persons and/or persons with disabilities with complete trips for their medical appointments.
- **South Tahoe Area Transit Authority (Operating) - \$250,000:** Operating Assistance to initiate new door to door flexible fixed route shuttle service, which will operate from 7am to 7pm. This service will provide disabled riders access to social service events, medical appointments, shopping, and other essential services. Currently curb to curb service, will be door to door service. Will be known as Route 55.



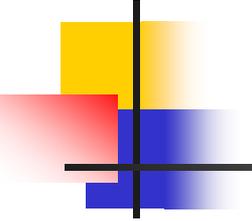
NF Cycle 2/3 Project Presentations (Cont.)

- **Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority (Capital) - \$35,154:**
Project will result in the construction of an ADA accessible path to a currently inaccessible, high-use bus stop. This project will include the provision of sidewalks, curb cuts, accessible pedestrian signals and other accessibility features as necessary.
- **Calaveras County Department of Public Works (Capital) - \$112,200:** Design and construction of three (3) bus stop improvements at existing bus stop locations (not key stations) within Calaveras County. Project includes surfacing improvements, construction and placement of three(3) shelters and benches. Will help with accessibility that exceed the minimum guidelines required by ADA.



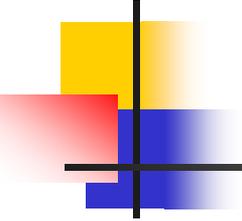
NF Cycle 2/3 Project Presentations (Cont.)

- **Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (Mobility Management) - \$52,219**: This mobility management project will implement a travel training program, which will allow disabled individuals much more freedom of choice with respect to travel plans, including more spontaneous trip opportunities.
- **Amador Regional Transit System (Mobility Management) - \$250,000**: Development of a Mobility Management Center. Expand current services to include increased mobility management activities. (i.e. developing and managing a database of the transportation providers and services, staff position develop to manage the database, coordinate stakeholder meetings, outreach)



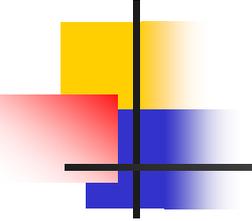
Data Reporting for JARC and New Freedom Programs

- All designated recipients are required to report JARC and/or New Freedom performance measures as a condition of receiving funds from FTA
- FTA uses this information to report program accomplishments as required under the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA).



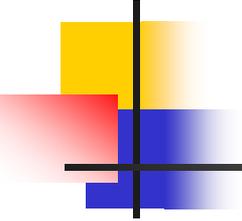
Data Reporting for JARC and New Freedom Programs

- JARC – funded projects during FY 2007 & 2008 (Oct. 1, 2006 – Sept. 30, 2007 and Oct. 1, 2007 – Sept. 30, 2008)
- NF – funded projects during FY 2007 & 2008 (Oct. 1, 2006 – Sept. 30, 2007 and Oct. 1, 2007 – Sept. 30, 2008)



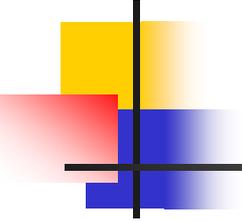
Data Reporting for JARC and New Freedom Programs

- FTA has developed basic criteria to categorize JARC and NF funded services for reporting purposes.
- Separate matrices will be available for JARC and NF funded services, but they will have the same structure.



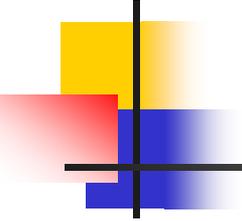
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- FTA reporting includes three basic categories:
 - Trip-based services,
 - Information-based services, and
 - Capital investment projects.
- Each category includes a list of eligible service types.



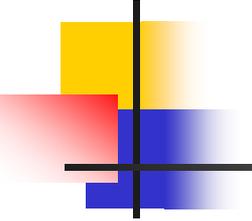
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- The five primary service goals:
 - Expanded geographic coverage
 - Extended hours or days of service
 - Improved system capacity
 - Improved access or improved connections
 - Improved customer knowledge



Data Reporting Example

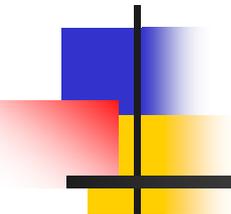
- A mobility manager with a primary goal of improved access/connections would be asked to report the number of customer contacts. If the mobility manager was also responsible for overseeing or providing trips, a second measure of the number of one-way trips would also be reported.



Grant Application Overview

**FTA Section 5316
Job Access & Reverse Commute (JARC)
or
FTA Section 5317
New Freedom (NF) Grant Program**

**Grant Application for Small Urban and
Rural (Non-Urban) Areas**



DBE Title VI ADA Civil Rights Requirements

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What's Next?

NEW!

JARC & New Freedom Programs

- March 12, 2009 – Call for Project Release
- April through July 2009 – Workshops
- Applications for small-urbanized projects with an MOU are due postmarked to regional planning agencies on **August 31, 2009** (extended from July 31, 2009).

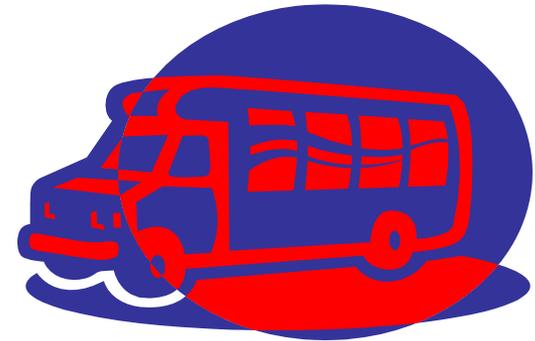
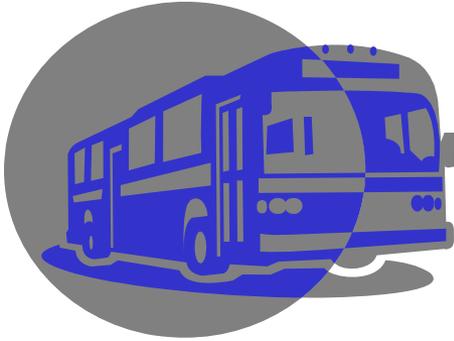
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- Applications for rural projects are due postmarked to Caltrans, Division of Mass Transportation on or before **October 31, 2009**.
- December 2009 – State review, evaluation and Program of Projects (POP).
- January 2010 – Submission to FTA for approval.

THANK YOU!



QUESTIONS?

