

FY2010 Appropriations Request Form

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Individuals/Organizations must respond to all questions on the form. Incomplete proposals will not be considered.

All requests will be evaluated before the 12th Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov. The panel will convene on the following days; Saturday, March 7, Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2009. All proposals must be submitted by March 2, 2009.

Date Submitted: March 2, 2009

Project Name: Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI)

Individual/Organization: San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)

Amount Requested (*if requesting report language, please attach.*): \$1,000,000

Appropriations Bill/Account/Relevant Authorization law/bill/status (e.g., "Public Law 107-111"; "FY2008 DOD Authorization", "Currently pursuing authorization through Agriculture Committee", "Safe Drinking Water Act" or "Hatch Act"):

Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD)/ Transportation and Community and System Preservation (TCSP)

Local Contact (*Please provide full contact information, including any relevant phone extensions, and indicate if there is a separate D.C. contact.*):

Local Contact: Seamus Murphy, Government Affairs Manager, (650) 508-6388, murphys@samtrans.com

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Organization's Main Activities. (*Please limit your response to 250 words and indicate whether it is a public, private, non-profit or private for-profit entity.*)

The San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) is a public agency that operates fixed-route paratransit and bus service in San Mateo County. SamTrans' mission is to

increase quality of life for County residents and visitors by increasing access and mobility, reducing congestion, improving the environment and promoting economic vitality.

Please show main items in the project and total cost in a simplified chart form.

(Please include the amount of any Federal/State/Local/Private funds, including any in-kind resources.)

This FY2010 request of \$1,000,000 will be fully spent on construction/improvement and planning/administration of the Grand Boulevard Initiative project.

Total Cost: \$3,000,000 (Est.)

Budget Breakdown:	Construction & Improvement*	\$2,400,000
	Planning & Administration	\$ 300,000
	Contingency	\$ 300,000

*Source of estimate based on 2007 call for projects where requests received were for over \$5 million in infrastructure improvements, exceeding the \$2 million awarded by the District to enable the construction of on-the-ground improvements.

Proposed Fund Sources:	Contributions from participating jurisdictions	\$1,000,000
	SamTrans capital funds and State Proposition 1C TOD category funds	\$1,000,000

Assuming a dollar-for-dollar match on federal earmark funds from local jurisdictions, federal funds would be used proportionately throughout the project (i.e. federal funds would fund both planning/administration and construction/improvement costs).

Project Description, including a timeline, goals, expected outcomes and specific uses of Federal Funds. *(Your response must focus on the requested funds rather than the organization's mission and general activities. Please limit your response to 250 – 500 words.)*

The San Mateo County Transit District is seeking federal support help to implement capital improvement projects on El Camino Real/Mission Street that support the Grand Boulevard vision of revitalizing the roadway, including improving pedestrian access, transit use and the quality of life along El Camino Real. Funding will be used for infrastructure improvements which strive to follow the Guiding Principles of the Grand Boulevard Initiative, which include targeting housing and job growth, creating a pedestrian-oriented environment, pursuing environmentally sustainable and economically viable development patterns, encouraging high quality urban design and construction, providing vibrant public spaces, and improving public safety and health. These much-needed infrastructure improvements will provide the ideal environment for job growth and increases in affordable housing along the corridor. This collaborative model has the

potential for far ranging impact not only for the region, but also for the state of California and nationally.

A number of cities along El Camino Real have recently embarked upon or completed specific plans for both land use and transportation improvements along the corridor. The Initiative has gained momentum among the cities as policy makers begin to understand the great potential of this corridor for strategic housing and employment center development. It is crucial that these cities are supported as they form Smart Growth policies that foster increases in affordable housing and jobs for the Peninsula. Planning projects along the corridor have resulted in numerous pedestrian and streetscape projects in need of funding, and the Grand Boulevard Initiative is seen as the best vehicle to seek federal funding and distribute this to projects which fulfill the guiding principles agreed upon by the coalition.

The San Mateo County Transit District is seeking federal funding support for the Grand Boulevard Initiative in order to offer another series of grants to cities along El Camino Real. Awards would be granted for infrastructure improvements which strive to follow the Guiding Principles of the Grand Boulevard Initiative:

1. Target housing and job growth in strategic areas along the corridor
2. Encourage compact mixed-use development an high quality urban design and construction
3. Create a pedestrian-oriented environment and improve streetscapes, ensuring full access to and between public areas and private developments
4. Develop a balanced multimodal corridor to maintain and improve mobility of people and vehicles along the corridor
5. Manage parking assets
6. Provide vibrant public spaces and gathering places
7. Preserve and accentuate unique and desirable community character and the existing quality of life in adjacent neighborhoods
8. Improve safety and public health
9. Strengthen pedestrian and bicycle connections with the corridor
10. Pursue environmentally sustainable and economically viable development patterns

Funding key infrastructure improvements will encourage the type of development desired by cities along the corridor to take place while improving pedestrian safety and livability and supporting transit use.

How will this earmark serve to expand the capacity of your organization and how will your organization sustain this work beyond the federal funding? *(Your response must focus on the impact of the requested funds rather than the organization's long-term goals.)*

As the leader and primary financial supporter of the Grand Boulevard Initiative, SamTrans is fulfilling a much needed role to promote and coordinate efforts among cities

and regional agencies to integrate transportation and land use and create a sustainable environment that is walkable and transit supportive. The Initiative presents a new paradigm for regional transportation planning and economic development based on collaboration. Our momentum is evidenced by the over 100 projects that are now in the planning and development phases in the Corridor. These partnerships and sustainable economic development will increase the capacity of the District to maximize funding for transit and transportation infrastructure, increase cost efficiency, and partner to leverage local funding.

What is the local significance of this project?

The Grand Boulevard Initiative is a collaboration of 19 cities, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, local and regional agencies and other stakeholders united to improve the performance, safety and aesthetics of El Camino Real. El Camino Real will achieve its full potential as a place for residents to work, live, shop and play, creating links between communities that promote walking and transit and an improved and meaningful quality of life. This broad federation of interested public and private parties will enhance the corridor's potential for housing and urban development, reduce greenhouse gases, and provide a more eco-friendly environment as directed by the California State Legislature with the passage of SB 375.

How many residents of the 12th CD will benefit from this project? (i.e. jobs created, services rendered to, how many people, etc.)

Since improvements will be made throughout the portion of CD 12 that is in San Mateo County, all of these residents will benefit. In addition, the creation of new housing will benefit many people who work in CD 12, by creating more opportunities for them to live near their jobs. The project includes many infrastructure improvements that will create thousands of jobs in CD 12 communities.

List any other organizations or state/local elected officials who have expressed support for the project in writing. (Please submit copies of support letters along with the proposal.)

The City of Daly City

The City of Burlingame

The City of Millbrae

The City of San Mateo

The City of Redwood City

The City of Palo Alto

The City of South San Francisco

The City of Menlo Park

The San Mateo County Economic Development Association

The Redwood City – San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce

The San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce

The San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG)

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1574

The Building and Construction Trades Council of San Mateo County

Greenbelt Alliance

Does the organization have any other funding requests for this project? (Federal, State, Local or private pending?)

Yes.

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Has the organization previously received Federal funds for this project? (Please list any funds received [by fiscal year] and briefly describe how those funds were spent.)

Yes. SamTrans received \$3,000,000 in SAFETEA-LU to complete an initial series of projects along the corridor. Examples of projects funded through this initiative include:

Daly City - \$700,000 was awarded for the Top-of-the-Hill Improvements. This project will greatly improve the safety of pedestrians in the area and provide pedestrian-friendly access to transit at a site that has the highest-daily SamTrans boardings.

Millbrae - \$438,000 was awarded for the Victoria Crossing. This project offers effective pedestrian safety improvements at a key intersection and fosters transit use with the creation of two new SamTrans bus stops.

San Carlos - \$297,620 was awarded for Grand Boulevard Improvements. This project will be undertaken in conjunction with a city project to improve the safety and aesthetics of the intersection of San Carlos Avenue and El Camino Real, where a significant TOD project is planned.

San Mateo - \$282,000 was awarded for the El Camino Real Master Plan Phase I Improvements. This project will create a “themed” intersection that improves the pedestrian environment and traffic flow in conjunction with the city’s long-range plans for development of TOD on the Bay Meadows property.

San Bruno - \$282,000 was awarded for the El Camino Street Median, Gateway and Pedestrian Improvement Project. This project creates a visually pleasing, pedestrian friendly gateway to the city and its primary shopping center, the Shops at Tanforan and an adjacent TOD residential project already constructed.

Please attach a list of your organization’s staff and board members (if any).

Attached

Please attach any additional relevant materials.

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