

**City of Hercules  
Agenda Item Transmittal**

**Meeting Date:** February 9, 2010

**Agenda Item Number:** VIII.2

**Agenda Item Wording:**

Receive And File Report Regarding Upcoming Federal Funding Opportunities For Projects In The City Of Hercules

**Submitting Department:** City Manager

**Contact Name:** Lisa Hammon, Assistant City Manager

For action by:

- City Council
- RDA Board
- PFA Commission

Placement on agenda:

- Intro./Presentation
- Consent Calendar
- Public Hearing
- Communications
- Council Rpts./Reso
- C.M. Rpts/Reso.
- Intergov. Issues

**Department Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Receive and file the information provided herein.

**Discussion and information:**

The City of Hercules is working with Patricia Jordan & Associates in Washington, DC to identify and apply for federal funding for various projects in the City of Hercules. The following is an update on previously submitted funding applications and funding opportunities that are coming up in the near future:

- A. **Pending Applications** – TIGER Grant for the Hercules Intermodal Transit Center (\$6M) – should be announced in February 2010; Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Bill for Chelsea Wetlands (\$1.65M) and channel dredging for the ferry (\$9M) – currently on Congressman Miller’s list but the final outcome will not be known until later this year; and reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill – Hercules Transit Interconnectivity Project (two components: Intermodal Transit Center and Willow Avenue Off-Ramp Relocation Project - \$12.35 M) – the bill has been extended through February 2010 and will likely pass sometime in 2010 at which time we will know if our projects were recommended for final funding.
- B. **Federal Appropriations** – the City is submitting three appropriations requests through our federal legislators (Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, and George Miller): the Intermodal Transit Center Bus and Bus Access Project in coordination with WestCAT (\$3.12M for access infrastructure and one bus to serve the Intermodal Transit Center); the Willow Avenue Safety and Access Improvements to the New Town Center Transit-Oriented Development (\$1.6M for engineering and right-of-way); and the Hercules

Intermodal Transit Center Infrastructure Improvements (\$10.296M for UPRR signal design and construction, utility relocations, sitework, grading, and track work). These are the projects that Council Member Balico and Mayor Valstad will be discussing with the legislators at the end of February during a three-day trip to Washington, DC.

C. **Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Grants through the Federal Railroad Administration** – The City submitted a grant last round for this funding but was unsuccessful. All of the funds were not allocated, so there may be another competitive round of funding in 2010 in which case we will apply again.

D. **Livability Initiatives through Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD)** – There are two parts of this funding: Urban Circulator Grants and Bus Livability Projects and they are due February 8, 2010. We will be jointly applying for the Bus Livability Projects grant in cooperation with WestCAT for the bus shelters at the Intermodal Transit Center and may also apply for the Urban Circulator grant.

*Financial Impact*

There is no impact on the budget.

**Funding Source:**

New Revenue:	\$	Lost Revenue:	\$
Amount Budgeted:	\$	New Personnel:	\$
New funding required:	\$		
Council Policy Change:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Subcommittee Review and Approval:**

Trans. & Housing

Date: February 2, 2010