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RTD Awarded \$8.517 Million "State of Good Repair" Federal Grant

(Stockton, CA) – On October 17, 2011, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced that San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD) was awarded \$8.517 million in federal funds through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) fiscal year 2011 Alternatives Analysis, Bus Livability, and State of Good Repair Programs. This is RTD's largest federal competitive grant award to date and the third largest in the state of California among the 32 awarded under the State of Good Repair Program. Funds from this federal grant are designated for public transportation projects in urban, suburban, and rural areas.

RTD will use these designated capital funds to build a fuel and bus wash facility as part of a new facility to consolidate its transit operations. The Regional Transportation Center will eventually be built on the site of its current County facility and adjoining properties owned by RTD and house a maintenance facility, an operations building, and administrative offices in one location. The future facility will increase operational efficiency and provide the capacity to expand transportation services.

The grant selection process was highly competitive, and the FTA reviewed 839 project applications representing \$4.9 billion in funding requests from transit providers across the country for the Fiscal Year 2011 discretionary grants.

"These grant funds will make sure that bus service in our communities remains reliable and desirable while putting thousands of Americans to work at the same time," said Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff in a statement announcing the recipients of the federal grant.

The FTA's Alternatives Analysis, Bus Livability, and State of Good Repair Programs provide \$928.5 million earmarked for replacing or refurbishing aging buses; building or improving bus terminals, garages, and other transit facilities; installing bus-related equipment; and conducting studies to help communities select the best transit options to meet future transportation needs.

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