

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Advise the Agency of Letter of Support for Greyhound Lines, Inc. Planning Grant	7/23/02	3-4

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information purposes only.

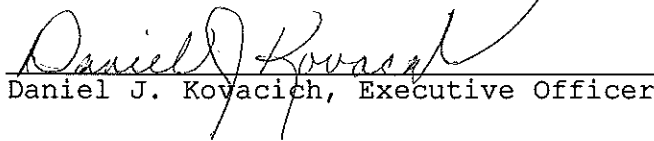
SUMMARY

Greyhound Lines Inc. has applied for a transit planning grant, to continue the service between Redding and Eureka. Part of the grant application process is to submit letters of support from other stakeholders.

DISCUSSION

Caltrans has available funds for planning grants associated with 5311 (f) Inter-City Bus Program Grants. Greyhound Lines, Inc. is in the process of submitting a grant application. This request was received by RTPA on May 14, 2002, with a required deadline of May 30, 2002. Given this short time frame, it was not feasible to present this to the Agency for their approval.

The purpose of this item is to advise the Agency that the attached letter of support was sent to Greyhound Lines, Inc. in support of their project.


Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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Attachment: Greyhound Lines Inc. Letter of Support

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May 28, 2002

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Subject: Greyhound Inter-City Bus Program Grant

Dear Mr. Renner:

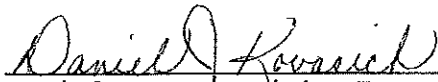
The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for a 5311(f) Inter-City Bus Program Grant, submitted by Greyhound to continue service between Redding and Eureka. The current twice-a-day route is an important connection for many of the riders from a Shasta County perspective. We understand that commuter demand is growing since its inception in January of this year. This route is consistent with our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) objective, to increase use of the existing transit system for commuting, and for other trips that would normally be made with an automobile.

With the approaching summer, it is expected that demand will be steady as commuters from Redding will want to go to the coast for the cool sea breezes and people from Eureka will want to go to Redding for the warmer temperatures. We have been informed that the Greyhound manager in Redding monitors the ridership of this route (which runs seven days a week), and there have been as many as twenty commuters per route who benefit from this service. The last time this route connection was available for service was in the early nineties. We sincerely hope that this route continues to grow and becomes self sufficient over time.

Mr. Chris Renner
Greyhound Inter-City Bus Program Grant
May 28, 2002

It is for these reasons that we wholeheartedly support and encourage Greyhound's request for an Inter-City Program Grant, to continue this service for the region's travel needs.

Very truly yours,


Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer
Shasta County Regional Transportation
Planning Agency (MPO)

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