

Santa Fe Regional Planning Authority

Memo

To: Regional Planning Authority (RPA)

From: Mary Helen Follingstad

Date: October 29, 2009

Re: **Use of New Transit Funds**

BACKGROUND

On September 28, 2009 the RPA voted to use the new funds to support expansion of existing services in and by the City - Routes "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E". The vote also included use of the new funds to replace revenues now being used from various sources by the NCRTD for an existing service - the Greater Eldorado Express "P" that runs from Santa Fe to Edgewood and back.

In addition, the RPA voted to use the new funds for a reconfigured route from Espanola to Santa Fe, including stops at the pueblos "Z".

For FY 10 the RPA voted to use the new funds for three routes that do not meet the criteria adopted by the RPA - "F", "H", and "I".

FY10 routes, RPA criteria and the priority sheet are attached for reference purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

RPA staff recommends use of the new transit funds adopted by the RPA on September 28, 2009 for FY 10 **only**. There is several months time for the County and the NCRTD to budget for the routes that do not meet the criteria adopted by the RPA in July of 2009 (Routes "F", "H" and "I").

The recommendation also includes dropping the Greater Eldorado Express (GEE) Route "P" and replacing it with the more cost effective Eldorado to Santa Fe route "L". This would free up funds to add additional GEE round trips that are coordinated with Rail Runner service, thus meeting the RPA adopted criteria #2.

City route #22 - "C" should be combined with proposed new route "R" and "U" for service from the Santa Fe Place, the 599 RR station, and the State Pen.

Thus - for FY 11, and the next three outlying years, and to meet RPA criteria #2 and the NCRTD resolution, the new funds should be used for the following routes that fit with the criteria adopted by the RPA in July 2009 "A", "B", "C" combined with "R" and "U", "E", "L", and "Z".