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From: Leo Marretta
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 4:20 PM
To: Joni Tuck (jonit@lafourchegov.org); Grayling Hadnott (hadnottg@lafourchegov.org)
Cc: Archie Chaisson III (chaissonap@lafourchegov.org); JEFFERY LEUENBERGER (leuenbergerjl@lafourchegov.org); Cassie Parker; Josh Manning (josh@scpd.org); Kevin Belanger (kevin@scpd.org)
Subject: Lafourche Parish Transit Feasibility Study Update
Importance: High

Hi Joni and Grayling,

In short, the time frame for the 5303 grant process is different and not a concern as far as the Lafourche Parish Transit Feasibility Study project is concerned. Please see the email chain below for an update as to our progress in obtaining grant funding.

The following two quotes from those emails sum it up ...

“The funding would be Section 5303 that SCPDC gets from LADOTD.” Laura Wallace at FTA Region VI

“Please submit a revised 2013/2014 UPWP to include the feasibility study for Lafourche Parish Transit that includes the budget reflecting \$120,000 FTA (FTA Grant# LA-80-0018) and \$30,000 local. You will need to provide documentation that you have the \$30,000 in hand when submitting the revised 2013/2014 UPWP.”
Michelle Horne at DOTD Transit

We expect that at our Policy Committee meeting on Jan 23, 2014, the MPO’s annual work plan and budget (the UPWP) will be amended to include the Lafourche Parish Transit Feasibility Study. After that Michelle at DOTD will submit the budget revision to FTA for approval. Once FTA has approved the budget revision, she will send a supplemental contract for SCPDC to sign. We are not entirely certain how long this will take, but we’ll start the process on the 23rd.

Meanwhile, we have a call in to Archie Chaisson asking for a point of contact for this project to be named by the Parish. So far Jeff thinks it may be him, but we do not have anything definitive from the Administration. Who should I keep in the loop at this point? So far I’ve got Joni, Grayling, Jeff and Archie.

Please call if there are any other questions and otherwise we’ll keep you posted.

Many Thanks,

- Leo

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From: Joni B. Tuck [mailto:tuckjb@lafourchegov.org]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 3:22 PM
To: Leo Marretta
Cc: Grayling Hadnott
Subject: FW: 5311 Applications Are DUE FEBRUARY 3rd
Importance: High

Hey Leo,

We're not targeting getting our application for a Lafourche 5311 grant in this grant cycle, are we?

You guys are still looking for the funding for the study, right?

Just checking in to make sure I didn't miss the boat in a massive way...

Hope you had a great holiday, and a happy new year!

Joni

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From: Michelle Horne [mailto:Michelle.Horne@LA.GOV]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 10:51 AM
To: Cassie Parker
Cc: Josh Manning; Leo Marretta; Donna Lavigne
Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Cassie,

This will work. I'll be waiting for the revised UPWP. You can send it electronic once its approved.

Thanks!
Michelle

From: Cassie Parker [mailto:cassie@scpd.org]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 10:42 AM
To: Michelle Horne
Cc: Josh Manning; Leo Marretta; Donna Lavigne
Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Michelle:
Please see attached for the Lafourche Parish Council Transit Feasibility Study Resolution. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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From: Michelle Horne [<mailto:Michelle.Horne@LA.GOV>]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 10:40 AM
To: Cassie Parker
Cc: Josh Manning; Leo Marretta; Donna Lavigne
Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Great! I'll start preparing documents on my end so that once the UPWP is approved, I can send to FTA quickly. Also, if you have the resolution already, please send it to me to review. It should work but I'd like to see it before I give you a definitive answer.

Michelle

From: Cassie Parker [<mailto:cassie@scpdc.org>]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 10:37 AM
To: Michelle Horne
Cc: Josh Manning; Leo Marretta; Donna Lavigne
Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Michelle:

With regards to the documentation for the \$30,000 local match, will the Lafourche Parish Council resolution suffice or do you need further documentation? We will be updating the 2013/2014 UPWP during the next Policy Committee scheduled for January 23, 2013. As soon as the Policy Committee approves the changes, we will email you a copy. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to expedite this process with the exception of the above mentioned documentation. Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Have a great day!

Sincerely,

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From: Michelle Horne [<mailto:Michelle.Horne@LA.GOV>]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 10:16 AM
To: Cassie Parker
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Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Cassie,

Please submit a revised 2013/2014 UPWP to include the feasibility study for Lafourche Parish Transit that includes the budget reflecting \$120,000 FTA (FTA Grant# LA-80-0018) and \$30,000 local. You will need to provide documentation that you have the \$30,000 in hand when submitting the revised 2013/2014 UPWP. As soon as I receive the above information, I will submit a budget revision to FTA for approval. You may submit the documents to me via email to expedite the process.

Once FTA has approved the budget revision, I will send you a supplemental contract for signatures.

Thanks,
Michelle

From: Michelle Horne
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 11:31 AM
To: 'Cassie Parker'
Cc: Leo Marretta; Josh Manning; Donna Lavigne
Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Hi Cassie/Leo,

I apologize for not getting back with you sooner. The scope below looks good. I need to verify budget in my FTA grants. This will require a 20% local match. Hopefully, I can get back with you the first of next week.

Thanks!

Michelle Horne

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From: Cassie Parker [<mailto:cassie@scpd.org>]
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2013 2:54 PM
To: Michelle Horne
Cc: Leo Marretta; Josh Manning
Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Hi Michelle,

Thanks for helping us with this one.

Here is a rough sketch of what has been proposed to date. I hope that it will be enough to get the process started. We can supply a more detailed Scope of Service once we meet with the Parish to finalize.

On October 08, 2013, Lafourche Parish Council approved the resolution authorizing South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC) to apply for grants for the funding of a study of potential public transportation systems to service Lafourche Parish and conduct a transportation feasibility study in accordance with a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement approved under resolution No. 13-297; and authorizing the parish president to sign, execute and administer any and all relevant documents.

The feasibility study will determine the potential demand for public transit service in Lafourche Parish and to quantify the demand by estimating potential system ridership. This is then contrasted with estimates of the cost of providing the service. The Lafourche Parish Council will then be able to consider the benefits of a public transit system versus the cost of operating a system. The feasibility study is expected to cost approximately \$150K. Lafourche Parish has agreed to provide the local match if required.

The goal of the proposed public transportation system would be to increase the mobility of residents and positively influence the development of Lafourche Parish. For such a system to be effective it must provide efficient, reliable, safe, cost effective public transit service in Lafourche Parish. Fares must be sensible and equitable and routes must connect the transit users with their desired travel destinations. Public transportation service will improve the transportation opportunities of citizens that do not have adequate access to transportation. Lack of access to transportation may be the result of not having an available automobile or being unable to operate an automobile. Persons may be in lower income brackets and not be able to afford an automobile or may live in a household that has only one vehicle that has to be shared by household members for transportation. Elderly or young persons may not be able to drive or persons may have physical or mental disabilities that do not allow them to operate a vehicle. In general these are the persons that will typically utilize public transit services in an area like Lafourche Parish.

Please let us know if this will do for now. Also, what sort of turnaround time should we expect. Please also let us know if there are deadlines as far as finalizing the Scope of Service.

Many Thanks,

- Leo

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From: Michelle Horne [<mailto:Michelle.Horne@LA.GOV>]

Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 2:34 PM

To: Cassie Parker

Cc: Leo Marretta; Josh Manning; Scott Leger; Donna Lavigne; FTA - Laura Wallace (Laura.Wallace@dot.gov)

Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Hi Cassie,

Please provide send me a Scope of Service and budget for the feasibility study. Please identify the 20% local match source in the budget. Once we review the Scope of Service and budget, I will notify you to amend your UPWP to include the task. After I receive the approved UPWP, I will send a copy along with a budget revision to FTA for approval.

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 2:23 PM
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Subject: RE: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

The funding would be Section 5303 that SCPDC gets from LADOTD. We love for transit funding to go for transit studies.

Laura

From: Cassie Parker [<mailto:cassie@scpd.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2013 2:19 PM
To: Wallace, Laura (FTA)
Cc: Leo Marretta; Josh Manning; Scott Leger
Subject: Feasibility Study for Lafourche Parish Transit

Laura:

Good afternoon! Lafourche Parish just authorized us to do a feasibility study implementing some sort of transit system in the parish. Is this something you guys would fund? If so, please let me know the process for doing that. We are looking at needing approximately \$150K for the study. Thank you and have a great day!

Sincerely,

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