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TO: CMAP Human Services Committee

FROM: Janelle Brown

Re: Proposed FFY 2008 JARC and New Freedom Program or Projects

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On September 15, 2008 the RTA Board of Directors approved the release of the preliminary Program of Projects for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom (NF) programs for public comment. At the upcoming October 20<sup>th</sup> CMAP Human Services Committee meeting RTA staff will present the proposed FFY 2008 Program of Projects for the JARC and New Freedom programs.

A five member Selection Review Committee (SRC) made up of staff from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and the RTA evaluated the applications. The evaluation process utilized the criteria included in the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) that were developed with input from this committee and the HSTP Project Advisory Committee. All applications submitted to the RTA are available for public viewing on the JARC/NF website (<http://jarcnf.rtachicago.com/jarc-nf/applications-received.html>).

As a result of that evaluation the following projects are recommended for the FFY 2008 Program of Projects:

**Projects Proposed for JARC Funding**

- Ride DuPage to Work
- CTA Route #1 Indiana/ Hyde Park Service Expansion
- CTA 31<sup>st</sup> Street – New Bus Route
- CTA Route #44 Wallace/Racine Bus Route Extension and Service Expansion
- CTA Route 54A North Cicero/Skokie Blvd. – Midday Service
- CTA Route #67 67<sup>th</sup>/69<sup>th</sup>/71<sup>st</sup> Street Bus Route Expansion
- CTA East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street – New Bus Route
- CTA #92 Foster – Weekend Service Extension
- Pace Ride-in-Kane

**Projects Proposed for New Freedom Funding**

- Lake County Northwest Demonstration Project
- Pace Ride-in-Kane
- Washington Township Operation to Enhance Disabled, Senior, and Regular Transportation in Rural Community

Attached are descriptions of each project and the proposed award by project.

**FFY 2008 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) / New Freedom (NF) Program of Projects**

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Title and Description</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Local Match<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Project Budget</b>
DuPage County	<i><b>Ride DuPage to Work (JARC)</b></i> – This is a continuation of the Ride DuPage to Work project that originally received funding from the FFY 2006 JARC Program. The Ride DuPage to Work and DuPage County Transportation to Work Program is a service under the existing Ride DuPage system designed to enable persons with disabilities greater opportunities to obtain and maintain employment through affordable transportation.	\$265,040	\$265,040	\$530,080
CTA	<i><b>#1 Indiana/Hyde Park Service Expansion (JARC)</b></i> – This project expands service from morning and evening rush hours to 6:00 am – 8:00 pm thus increasing access to jobs for low income individuals working non-traditional and/or extended hours in corridor.	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$520,000
CTA	<i><b>31<sup>st</sup> Street - New Bus Route (JARC)</b></i> – New fixed route service along the 31 <sup>st</sup> street corridor between Cicero Avenue and King Drive operating 7 days a week from 5:00 am until 8:00 pm. Route will improve mobility and access to an employment center, rail lines, and other bus routes for low income individuals, seniors, and the disabled.	\$1,067,659	\$1,067,659	\$2,135,318
CTA	<i><b>#44 Wallace/Racine Bus Route Extension and Service Expansion (JARC)</b></i> – Through the expansion of this bus route by 2 miles and the extension of weekend service hours from 7:00pm to 11:00 pm, this project will provide greater accessibility to a rapidly growing retail corridor along Roosevelt Rd. from State to Clinton resulting in increased access to jobs for low income individuals, seniors, the disabled, and other residents.	\$459,769	\$459,769	\$919,538
CTA	<i><b>#54A North Cicero/Skokie Blvd. - Midday Service (JARC)</b></i> – New midday service operating weekdays between the hours of 10am and 2pm between Irving Park/Pulaski (Blue Line) and Westfield Old Orchard Shopping Center/Cook County Courts in Skokie. The service will allow additional access to jobs and medical appointments for low income individuals.	\$130,908	\$130,908	\$261,816
CTA	<i><b>#67 67<sup>th</sup>/69<sup>th</sup>/71<sup>st</sup> St. – Bus Route Extension (JARC)</b></i> – Expansion of this route from its present terminal at 71 <sup>st</sup> St. & Pulaski to the Ford Center Shopping Center improves access to major retail and industrial establishments that provide job opportunities for low income individuals.	\$160,372	\$160,372	\$320,744
CTA	<i><b>East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street – New Bus Route (JARC)</b></i> – New fixed route service connecting retail district at 92 <sup>nd</sup> /Commerical to 83 <sup>rd</sup> Street providing service from east 83 <sup>rd</sup> Street to 79 <sup>th</sup> Street Dan Ryan Red Line station. This service will provide low income individuals access to jobs located in the Chicago Central Business District, employment centers in Hyde Park, and other retail districts accessible via the rail system.	\$1,272,135	\$1,272,135	\$2,544,270

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CTA	<i>#92 Foster - Late Night Weekend Service (JARC)</i> – Extension of weekend service from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am between Jefferson Park and Berwyn Red Line station providing access to major medical center and retail establishments for low income individuals and the disabled.	\$121,500	\$121,500	\$243,000
Pace	<i>Ride-In-Kane (JARC/NF)</i> – This is continuation of the Ride-in-Kane project that originally received funding from the FFY 2006 JARC/NF Program. The project coordinates paratransit services in Kane County and optimizes resources through the use of a centralized call center. The project increases the mobility of older adults, persons with disabilities, and low income individuals by providing access to needed services and employment.	\$1,753,365	\$1,753,365	\$3,506,730
Lake County	<i>Lake County Northwest Demonstration Project (NF)</i> – This dial-a-ride service will operate weekdays in Antioch, Avon, Grant, and Lake Villa townships. A portion of the service will be a flexible route connecting three Metra stations on the NCS Line and Milwaukee District – North Line with residential areas to offer greater access to employment opportunities primarily for individuals with limited mobility and other transit dependent populations.	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$800,000
Washington Township	<i>Operation to Enhance Disabled, Senior, and Regular Transportation in Rural Community (NF)</i> – This dial-a-ride service will be expanded from the current two day a week operation to five days a week. The service provides general purpose transportation within Washington Township and medical trips beyond the Township. In addition to providing increased service for the disabled and senior populations, eligible participants will also be able to obtain same day service.	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>		<b>\$5,920,748</b>	<b>\$5,920,748</b>	<b>\$11,841,496</b>

– Program of Projects includes only operating projects, which require a 50% local match