

CASCO BAY ISLAND TRANSIT DISTRICT

FREIGHT HANDLING EQUIPMENT PROPOSAL

Part 1

Name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address for project contact person and name or organization (s) submitting the proposal

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Provide a description of the proposed project or capital item including a location map (if appropriate) along with the following items:

Problem statement

The District's two forklifts are close to the end of their useful lives and in need of replacement. The inventory of associated cargo handling equipment has been depleted over time with the need for replacement. The District not only transports passengers, but also handles cargo shipments to and from the islands.

Proposed scope of work with as much detail as possible

To purchase two new forklifts and associated cargo handling equipment such as pallet jacks, hand trucks, and freight carts and cages to replace aged, damaged and lost equipment.

Cost estimate and basis for amount, including any other sources of funding that may be used

The estimated cost of \$65,000 is based upon quotes received from vendors. No other funding has been identified at this time.

Identify who will be responsible for maintaining the project or capital item

Hank Berg

Board/Municipal Endorsement and date (or expected date) of endorsement

February 25, 2010

Part 2

Describe how this project will fulfill one or more of the priority recommendations from the PACTS Transit Study Coordination Study? Does this project facilitate better coordination between providers or create better connections and transfers?

As stated in the Capital Investment Priority, this project will increase ridership, revenues and customer service by making investments in facilities and infrastructure.

This funding will enhance reliability and, because the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal is a multi-modal hub, it will facilitate better connections and transfers for our riders.

Describe how this project will benefit the PACTS region. Explain how this project has regional and/or statewide significance. Which communities will the project serve, and how many people will benefit? Will this project increase transit ridership?

The District is the only year round provider of passenger, freight and vehicle transit service to and from the islands of Casco Bay. From a regional perspective, the District directly services three communities: Portland (including Peaks, Little Diamond, Great Diamond and Cliff Islands), the Town of Long Island and the Town of Chebeague Island. Passengers, including tourists, from the entire state and region travel on District ferries to and from the islands of Casco Bay. Maintaining an adequate inventory of safe and reliable cargo handling equipment enhances reliability, improves customer service and, consequently, helps to increase ridership.

Describe how this project will improve or replace existing transit capacity. How will the project maintain or improve existing or extend new transit routes, terminals, and/or services.

The project will ensure an adequate inventory of safe and reliable cargo handling equipment. Consequently, existing routes will be maintained and, to the extent possible, accommodate any additional service adopted by the District Board of Directors. .

Describe how this project is part of an approved or pending transportation plan or study, or addresses a requirement by a State or Federal mandate and not conflict with a municipality's comprehensive plan or other policy document. Plans may include the Regional Transit Coordination Study, Destination Tomorrow, Maine DOT's Strategic Passenger Transportation Plan (Explore Maine), the Portland Peninsula Transit Plan, a Transportation Demand Management Plan, the provider's Strategic Plan or other local, regional, State or Federal document. Specifically, explain how this project is consistent with and supports: the

recommendations of the Regional Transit Coordination Study and the Guiding Principles in the Destination Tomorrow Plan. Examples of mandates include safety, security, and The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The service provided by the District is mandated by State law through its enabling legislation. The project is not in conflict with any municipal Comprehensive Plans. As stated in the PACTS Regional Transit Coordination Study's Capital Investment Priority, this project will increase ridership, revenues and customer service by making investments in facilities and infrastructure. It enhances the safety of the operation, as well as requirements associated with security regulations. This project also is consistent with Destination Tomorrow Goals concerning Economic Development, Mobility, Safety and Accessibility and Energy Conservation.

Describe how this project will reduce air pollution and/or conserve energy. Does this project promote or use alternatively fueled vehicles?

It is anticipated that the new forklifts will provide greater fuel efficiency than the older models being replaced.

Describe how the project addresses the connection between transportation and land use. Does the project increase access to a designated growth area as depicted in the municipal comprehensive plan(s)? Does the project improve access to an area that encourages mixed use development? Does the project establish or enhance transit service between activity centers?

The project does make a connection between transportation and land use. The District provides transportation from the islands to the City of Portland. In fact, much of the City is designated as a growth area. This includes the area, adjacent to the Ferry Terminal, along the eastern waterfront which is designated for mixed use redevelopment. Implementation of this project will likely increase ridership and island residency. Consequently, access to designated growth areas on the mainland will also increase.

Describe how the project directly includes or involves more than one transit provider, including private providers. Does the project involve a public/private partnership?

N/A

Describe how the project benefits several different alternative modes of travel, such as bus & rail, or bicycle & ferry?

This project benefits ferry service by ensuring an adequate supply of safe and reliable freight handling equipment to meet the needs of the District's residential and commercial customers. .

