



## GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor  
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#### EFFECTS OF PUBLIC LAW 35-26

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero’s signing of Public Law 35-26 provided huge boost to the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA). GRTA thanks the Leon Guerrero/Tenorio Team, Senator Jose (Pedo) Terlaje, author of the bill, and senators of the 35<sup>th</sup> Guam legislature for their support.

The legislation transferred 6,120 square meters of land to GRTA and thus secured \$1,237,500 that otherwise would have been returned back to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) September 30, 2019. As a result, \$237,500 will be used to design the GRTA facility and \$1 million plus another \$1.5 million from FY19 funds from the FTA to construct the building with maintenance, transit operations, and administration in one location. Design will begin in August 2020 and hopefully be completed in several months. Cel Babauta, Interim Executive Manager, is hoping that ground breaking will take place during the first quarter of 2021.

GRTA is proposing to have 6,000 square feet of space on a 2-story building for transit operations and administrative offices.

On a single story building next to operations will be the maintenance facility with over 5,000 square feet of area. GRTA programmed \$300,000 from FY20 FTA funds to equip the facility with state-of-the-art equipment for maintenance. The maintenance building will also have the infrastructure for electric buses that GRTA hopes to add to its vehicle fleet. The building will be in compliance with the ADA statute.



#### \$2.7 MILLION FROM THE CARES ACT

The agency was awarded \$2.7 million in federal funds through the CARES Act. GRTA’s spending proposal consist of \$1.7 million to purchase 24 passenger buses, \$991,000 to hire additional bus drivers for paratransit and fixed route transit operations, and the remainder for personnel protective equipment.

The buses will enable GRTA to fulfill COVID 19 social distancing prerequisites, provide transportation to the most vulnerable disabled populations of Guam, transport workers to and from work, and afford students transportation to GCC and UOG.

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