

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

July 11, 2018

Agenda Item 2i

MTC Resolution No. 4353

Subject: MTC Resolution No. 4353. Approval of the FY2018-19 and FY2019-20 FTA Section 5311 Rural Transit Program of Projects.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural Area Formula Program (Section 5311) makes funding available to each state for public transportation projects in rural areas. MTC annually develops a regional Program of Projects for submittal to Caltrans. Caltrans then submits a statewide program to FTA for approval. MTC's objective is to program capital and operating funds to maintain needed transit services in the rural areas of the MTC region.

Funding Availability

Caltrans has provided FY2018-19 fund estimates for the 5311 program based on the apportionment amounts for FY2017-18. MTC staff developed fund estimates for FY2019-20 based on increases from FY2018-19 to FY2019-20 in the FAST Act authorization. The estimated amount of Rural Area funds available for the MTC region is approximately \$1.6 million in each fiscal year, or \$3.2 million over the two-year period. Should the actual regional apportionments be different than the amount estimated to be available, project sponsors will be notified and adjustments may be made in order to financially constrain the program.

Programming Process

MTC Resolution No. 4036, the FTA Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program Funding Objectives and Criteria, states that the region's Section 5311 funds will be distributed to transit operators using a formula based on rural area population and rural area route miles. Consistent with the Funding Objectives and Criteria, MTC requires recipients to give the highest priority to the replacement of capital equipment. If recipients request funds for operations, they are required to submit documentation explaining why the funds are not needed for capital replacement. Furthermore, if an operator does not want to participate in the Section 5311 program (e.g., if the operator's 5311 share is so small that the administrative effort required to apply for and report on the funds outweighs the benefits to the operator), then they are able to opt out of the program, and their share of the funds is then redistributed to other eligible operators.

Per the request of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), MTC provides a target programming amount for all of Solano County, and STA works with the Solano County transit operators to determine individual shares.

Recommended Program of Projects

MTC conducted a call for projects in May of 2018. Some eligible operators did elect to opt out. Most operators who applied for funds are requesting operating rather than capital support, and submitted the required justification. Attachment A lists the amounts recommended for the FY2018-19 and FY2019-20 programs of projects.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 4353 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: Attachment A – Program Summaries
MTC Resolution No. 4353.

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**Attachment A
 Program Summaries**

Proposed FY2018-19 Program of Projects

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	Purpose	5311 Amount (\$)
County Connection	Rural Contra Costa County	Operating	52,524
Marin Transit	West Marin Stagecoach	Operating	215,087
NVTA	Northern Napa County	Operating	214,413
SamTrans	Coastside, Rt. 17	Operating	158,411
<i>Solano County</i>			
Dixon	Readi-Ride	Operating	203,235
Rio Vista	Delta Breeze	Operating	135,000
Rio Vista	Vehicle Replacements	Capital	75,000
Sonoma County Transit	Vehicle Replacements	Capital	490,750
VTA	Route 68	Operating	81,816
<i>Total</i>			<i>1,626,236</i>

Proposed FY2019-20 Program of Projects

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	Purpose	5311 Amount (\$)
County Connection	Rural Contra Costa County	Operating	53,741
Marin Transit	West Marin Stagecoach	Operating	220,071
NVTA	Northern Napa County	Operating	219,381
SamTrans	Coastside, Rt. 17	Operating	162,082
<i>Solano County</i>			
Dixon	Readi-Ride	Operating	222,811
Dixon	SolanoExpress Bus Stop	Capital	50,000
Rio Vista	Delta Breeze	Operating	150,000
Sonoma County Transit	Vehicle Replacements	Capital	502,122
VTA	Route 68	Operating	83,711
<i>Total</i>			<i>1,663,920</i>

Date: July 25, 2018
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4353

This resolution adopts the FY2018-19 and FY2019-20 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) Programs of Projects for the San Francisco Bay Area.

The resolution includes the following attachment:

Attachment A - FTA Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program for FY2018-19

Attachment B - FTA Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program for FY2019-20

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated July 11, 2018.

Date: July 25, 2018
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

Re: Program of Projects in the San Francisco Bay Area for the FY2018-19 and FY2019-20 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4353

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code sections 66500 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has adopted rules and regulations (23 CFR 450 and CFR 613) which require that the MPO, in cooperation with the state and publicly-owned operators of mass transportation services, carry on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance; and

WHEREAS, Section 5311 Title 49 of the United States Code (formerly Section 18 of the Federal Transit Act) provides for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula grant program for public transportation projects in rural areas (49 U.S.C. Section 5311); and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 4036, which sets forth MTC's FTA Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program Funding Objectives and Criteria for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, MTC has developed, in consultation with interested transportation providers and in accordance with the MTC's Section 5311 Funding Objectives and Criteria, FY2018-19 and FY 2019-20 FTA Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) Programs of Projects for the San Francisco Bay Area, attached hereto as Attachments A, and B, respectively, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the FY2018-19 FTA Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) Program of Projects as listed on Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the FY2019-20 FTA Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) Program of Projects as listed on Attachment B; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC is authorized and directed to modify the FY2018-19 and FY2019-20 Program of Projects as listed on Attachments A and B to match the actual FTA Rural Area Formula fund appropriation if needed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Caltrans, and such agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Jake Mackenzie, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by
the Metropolitan Transportation Commission
at a regular meeting of the Commission held in
San Francisco, California, on July 25, 2018.

Federal Transit Administration
Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program
FY2018-19

FY2018-19 Funding Available:

Estimated Apportionments	\$ 1,626,236
Prior Year Carryover:	\$ -
Total Funding Available:	\$ 1,626,236

FY 2018-19 Programming:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Sect. 5311 Program</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
County Connection	Operating Assistance (Rural Contra Costa County)	\$ 52,524	\$ 42,405	\$ 94,929
Marin Transit	Operating Assistance (West Marin Stagecoach)	\$ 215,087	\$ 173,648	\$ 388,735
NVTA	Operating Assistance (Northern Napa Co.)	\$ 214,413	\$ 173,103	\$ 387,516
SamTrans	Operating Assistance (Coastside, Rt. 17)	\$ 158,411	\$ 127,892	\$ 286,303
VTA	Operating Assistance (Rt. 68)	\$ 81,816	\$ 66,053	\$ 147,868
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Operating Assistance	\$ 135,000	\$ 108,991	\$ 243,991
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Transit Vehicle Replacement	\$ 75,000	\$ 9,717	\$ 84,717
City of Dixon	Operating Assistance (Readi-Ride)	\$ 203,235	\$ 164,079	\$ 367,314
Sonoma County Transit	Transit Vehicle Replacement	\$ 490,750	\$ 63,582	\$ 554,332
Total Programming		\$ 1,626,236	\$ 929,469	\$ 2,555,705
Total Available		\$ 1,626,236		
Available for Carryover		\$ 0		

Federal Transit Administration
Section 5311 Rural Area Formula Program
FY2019-20

FY2019-20 Funding Available:

Estimated Apportionments	\$ 1,663,920
Prior Year Carryover:	\$ -
Total Funding Available:	\$ 1,663,920

FY 2019-20 Programming:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Sect. 5311 Program</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>
County Connection	Operating Assistance (Rural Contra Costa County)	\$ 53,741	\$ 43,387	\$ 97,129
Marin Transit	Operating Assistance (West Marin Stagecoach)	\$ 220,071	\$ 177,672	\$ 397,743
NVTA	Operating Assistance (Northern Napa Co.)	\$ 219,381	\$ 177,115	\$ 396,496
SamTrans	Operating Assistance (Coastside, Rt. 17)	\$ 162,082	\$ 130,855	\$ 292,937
VTA	Operating Assistance (Rt. 68)	\$ 83,711	\$ 67,583	\$ 151,295
City of Dixon	Solano Express Bus Stop (Transit Capital)	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,478	\$ 56,478
City of Dixon	Operating Assistance (Readi-Ride)	\$ 222,811	\$ 179,884	\$ 402,695
Rio Vista Delta Breeze	Operating Assistance	\$ 150,000	\$ 121,101	\$ 271,101
Sonoma County Transit	TBD	\$ 502,122	\$ 405,382	\$ 907,505
Total Programming		\$ 1,663,920	\$ 1,309,457	\$ 2,973,378
Total Available		\$ 1,663,920		
Available for Carryover		\$ (0)		