

To: Administration and Finance Committee

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Reviewed by:

Subject: Lifeline Cycle 4 Grant Funding

Summary:

As part of County Connection's Lifeline Cycle 4 grant application, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires the adoption of a resolution of local support.

Background:

The Lifeline Transportation Program funds projects that improve mobility for low-income residents of the Bay Area. It supports community-based transportation projects that improve a range of transportation choices by adding a variety of new or expanded services.

Cycle 4 covers a three-year programming cycle, FY2013-14 to FY2015-16 and is funded with: State Transit Assistance (STA), Proposition 1B, and Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) funds.

The STA and JARC funds are assigned to counties based on their share of the regional low-income population.

Prop. 1B is assigned directly to transit operators based on a formula that distributes half of the funds according to the transit operators' share of the regional low-income ridership, and half of the funds according to the transit operators' share of the regional low-income population.

County Connection was allocated \$255,194 in Prop. 1B funds and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) was allocated \$5,628,449 in STA and JARC funds, \$1,600,000 of which was subsequently allocated to County Connection.

County Connection submitted the following projects which received concurrence from CCTA and MTC:

Project	Fund Source	Funding Amount	Local Match	Total	Project Description
City of Concord - Bus Stop Access Improvement	Prop. 1B	\$255,194	\$63,798	\$318,992	Improve access to bus stops in the Monument Corridor. Improvements include: Reconstructing Concrete Sidewalks, Reconstructing Driveways, Installing Red Curb, Install Concrete Surfaces (Pedestrian Landings), Reconstructing ADA Ramps, Installing Concrete Bus Pads, Installing Pedestrian Scale Light posts, and adding street furniture including shelters and benches.
Lifeline Service Preservation	Lifeline	\$1,600,000	\$7,998,697	\$9,598,697	Funds will be utilized to continue service to Communities of Concern in the Central portions of Contra Costa County. Funding this project would preserve existing headways and service span on the following routes: 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 311, 314, and 316.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve use of the Lifeline funds to complete the projects listed above. A resolution is required by MTC and will be included in the Board packet if approved by the committee.

Financial Implications:

The required local match would be funded with TDA funds and farebox revenues.