

To: Administration & Finance
From: Ruby Horta, Manager of Planning

Date: 02/21/2017
Reviewed by:

SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Program

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is responsible for the allocation of the FTA Formula Program comprised of Section 5307 Urbanized Area, 5337 State of Good Repair, or Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities. The Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) process helps ensure that federal transit dollars are available for essential capital projects. County Connection uses this process to schedule vehicle replacement, as we did, most recently with the fixed route vehicles. The current call for project covers FY 2016-17 through FY2019-20 in which County Connection has submitted a request for FTA funds to replace forty-two (42) 22' paratransit vans and three (3) paratransit vans that will reach the end of their useful life.

The total amount of FTA funds being requested is \$4,025,380 with a local match of \$883,620, for a total project cost of \$4,909,000.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends submittal of the attached resolution (Resolution No. 2017-013) to the Board, for approval.

Financial Implications:

Required local match: \$883,620.

Resolution No. 2017-013

AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FTA FORMULA PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FUNDING FOR PARATRANSIT VEHICLE REPLACEMENT AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH FOR THE PROJECT(S) AND STATING THE ASSURANCE OF CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSITS AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Clayton, Concord, the Town of Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, the Town of Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek (hereinafter "Member Jurisdictions") have formed the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority ("CCCTA"), a joint exercise of powers agency created under California Government Code Section 6500 et seq., for the joint exercise of certain powers to provide coordinated and integrated public transportation services within the area of its Member Jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST, Public Law 114-94) continues and establishes new Federal Transit Administration formula programs (23 U.S.C. §53) and continues the Surface Transportation Program (23 U.S.C. § 133); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to FAST, and the regulations promulgated there under, eligible project sponsors wishing to receive Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area, Section 5337 State of Good Repair, or Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities (collectively, FTA Formula Program) grants or Surface Transportation Program (STP) grants for a project shall submit an application first with the appropriate metropolitan transportation planning organization (MPO), for review and inclusion in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is the MPO for the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, CCCTA is an eligible project sponsor for FTA Formula Program or STP funds; and

WHEREAS, CCCTA wishes to submit a grant application to MTC for funds from the FY2016-17 through FY2019-20 FTA Formula Program or STP funds, for the following project(s):

- Replace forty-two (42) 22' paratransit vans
- Replace three (3) paratransit minivans

WHEREAS, MTC requires, as part of the application, a resolution stating the following:

- 1) the commitment of necessary local matching funds (18-50% for FTA Formula Program funds, depending on project type, and 11.47% for STP funds); and
- 2) that the sponsor understands that the FTA Formula Program and STP funding is fixed at the programmed amount, and therefore any cost increase cannot be expected to be funded from FTA Formula Program or STP funds; and
- 3) the assurance of the sponsor to complete the project as described in the application, and if approved, as programmed in MTC's TIP; and
- 4) that the sponsor understands that FTA Formula Program funds must be obligated within three years of programming and STP funds must be obligated by January 31 of the year that the project is programmed for in the TIP, or the project may be removed from the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors that CCCTA is authorized to execute and file an application for funding under the FTA Formula Program and/or Surface Transportation Program in the amount of \$4,025,380 for paratransit vehicle replacement and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors by adopting this resolution does hereby state that:

- 1) CCCTA will provide \$883,620 in local matching funds; and
- 2) CCCTA understands that the FTA Formula Program and STP funding for the project is fixed at \$4,025,380 , and that any cost increases must be funded by the CCCTA from local matching funds, and that CCCTA does not expect any cost increases to be funded with FTA Formula Program and Surface Transportation Program funds; and
- 3) The paratransit vehicle replacement will be built as described in this resolution and, if approved, for the amount shown in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with obligation occurring within the timeframe established below; and
- 4) The program funds are expected to be obligated by January 31 of the year the project is programmed for in the TIP; and
- 5) CCCTA will comply with FTA requirements and all other applicable Federal, State and Local laws and regulations with respect to the proposed project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that CCCTA is an eligible sponsor of projects in the program for FTA Formula Program and STP funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that CCCTA is authorized to submit an application for FTA Formula Program and STP funds for the paratransit vehicle replacement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that there is no legal impediment to CCCTA making applications for FTA Formula Program and STP funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the proposed project, or the ability of CCCTA to deliver such project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CCCTA agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan as set forth in MTC Resolution 3866; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the MTC prior to MTC programming the FTA Formula Program or Surface Transportation Program funded projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MTC is requested to support the application for the project described in the resolution and to program the project, if approved, in MTC's TIP.

Regularly passed and adopted this 16th day of March 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Laura Hoffmeister, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board