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To: Board of Directors

Date: 7/3/2018

From: Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Marketing

Reviewed by: 

SUBJECT: Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 5 Grant Funding

Background:

On February 6, 2018, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) released guidelines for the Cycle 5 Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP). The purpose of the LTP is to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents of Contra Costa. Approximately \$3.1 million is expected to be available to Contra Costa through MTC from two funding sources over a two-year funding cycle (FY 2017 and FY 2018). The funding sources available are State Transit Assistance and Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 (formula) funding. To be eligible to receive these funds the entity must be a recognized public transit operator.

On February 21, 2018 the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) authorized the release of a Call for Projects for the Contra Costa LTP program. Applications for project funding were due on April 6, 2018. County Connection submitted an application for continued funding for services funded by previous LTP cycles. The routes supported by this funding source all serve the Monument Corridor, which includes Route 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 311, 314, and 316. These routes provide basic transportation services to County Connection riders; 35 percent of whom are low income. All lines serve and/or are predominantly located in Communities of Concern. Public Transit is a primary means of transportation for both the adult and youth populations within the Communities of Concern. All lines presently provide service to employment, services, retail, schools, health care and coordination to BART stations. Funding this project would preserve existing headways and service span.

Financial Implications:

CCTA estimates awarding County Connection \$766,723 to preserve operations in Central County Communities of Concern. The required local match would be funded with TDA funds and farebox revenues.

Action Requested:

Staff and the A&F Committee respectfully requests the board adopt Resolution No. 2019-01 to approve the use of the Lifeline funds dedicated to Communities of Concern in Central Contra Costa County.

Attachments:

Resolution 2019-01

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01

**CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SUPPORT FOR CYCLE 5 LIFELINE PROJECT FUNDING

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 ("County Connection"), 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; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission ("MTC") has established a Lifeline Transportation Program to assist in funding projects that 1) are intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties, 2) are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process and 3) are proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a substantive community-based transportation plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted principles, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4309, to guide implementation of the Lifeline Transportation Program for the two year period from Fiscal Year 2016-17 through Fiscal Year 2017-18, and has designated the County Congestion Management Agency in each of the nine bay area counties to help with recommending project selections and project administration; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Transportation Authority has been designated by MTC to assist with the Lifeline Transportation Program in Contra Costa County on behalf of MTC; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Transportation Authority conducted a competitive call for projects for the Lifeline Transportation Program in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority submitted a project(s) in response to the competitive call for projects; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Transportation Authority has confirmed that Central Contra Costa Transit Authority's proposed project(s), described more fully on Attachment A to this Resolution, attached to and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, is consistent with the Lifeline Transportation Program goals as set out in MTC Resolution No. 4309; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, after review, recommends Central Contra Costa Transit Authority's proposed project(s), described more fully on Attachment A to this Resolution, attached to and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, be funded in part under the Lifeline Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the Lifeline Transportation Program, provide for the required local matching funds, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4309; and

WHEREAS, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority certifies that the project(s) and purpose(s) for which funds are being requested is in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.) and if relevant the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et seq. and the applicable regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, there is no legal impediment to Central Contra Costa Transit Authority making the funding request; and

WHEREAS, there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of Central Contra Costa Transit Authority to deliver the proposed project(s) for which funds are being requested, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Central Contra Costa Transit Authority requests that MTC program funds available under its Lifeline Transportation Program, in the amounts requested for which Central Contra Costa Transit Authority is eligible, for the project(s) described in Attachment A of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that staff of Central Contra Costa Transit Authority shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and such other agencies as may be appropriate.

Regularly passed and adopted this 19th day of July 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chair, Rob Schroder
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board

ATTACHMENT A
Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 5 Projects
FY17 & FY18

Project Name	Project Description	Lifeline Transportation Program Funding Amounts			Local Match Amount	Total Project Cost
		STA	5307	Total Lifeline Funding		
Lifeline Service Preservation	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.	\$752,666	\$14,057	\$766,723	\$6,344,444	\$7,111,167