

**To:** Administration & Finance Committee

**Date:** 7/3/2018

**From:** Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Marketing

**Reviewed by:** 

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**SUBJECT: Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 5 Grant Funding**

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**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 recommends that the Committee approve use of the Lifeline funds to continue to fund routes serving Communities of Concern in Central Contra Costa County. A resolution is required by MTC and will be included in the Board packet if approved by the Committee.