



Approve Programming Recommendations for Funding of Transit Route Optimization and Transit Asset Management Projects with Recovered Section 5307 Discretionary Share Apportionments

Consent

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Attachments: No

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Referring Committee: Transportation

Issue:

The Sacramento Urbanized Area has \$626,110 in Recovered Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds that the SACOG Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) has recommended SACOG utilize for the Transit Route Optimization (REMIX) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) regional projects.

Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommended that the board program the Recovered FTA Section 5307 funds for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 to the Transit Route Optimization (REMIX) and Transit Asset Management (TAM) regional projects.

Background/Analysis:

The FTA 5307 and 5339 discretionary share funding is available to SACOG and eligible transit operators in the Sacramento Urbanized Area (UZA). In September 2021, the board approved programming of the Earned Share portion of Sections 5307 and 5339 for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2020 and 2021 in the amounts of \$26,407,136 and \$26,077,016 respectively to eligible transit operators in the Sacramento Urbanized Area. In March 2022, the board approved the programming of the Discretionary Share of the FTA the 5307 and 5339 funds for FFYs 2020 and 2021 in the amount of \$7,156,930. These funds apply to transit operators in the Sacramento UZA as well as any public transportation provider that had previously received FTA Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) funds. Eligible transit operators include El Dorado County Transit, Placer County Transit, Roseville Transit, Sacramento Regional Transit District, and Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority. SACOG and non-profit human service transportation providers are also eligible for funding for projects benefiting multiple transit agency areas in the region.

Discussion/Analysis:

In late 2023, SACOG was notified by the Federal Transit Administration that previous FFY 2020 allocations of FTA 5307 Discretionary Share funds had been obligated or made available to the previously awarded transit operators using prior year FTA 5307 funds from other regions of the country to prevent those funds from lapsing. This obligation of prior year FTA 5307 funds left \$626,110 in Recovered FFY 2020 FTA 5307 funds available for reprogramming in the Sacramento Urbanized Area.

At the February 2024, meeting, SACOG staff notified the Transit Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the availability of the Recovered FFY 2020 FTA 5307 funds. By a majority vote, the TCC group endorsed SACOG reprogramming the Recovered FFY 2020 FTA 5307 funds to the regional multi-agency Transit Asset Management Planning effort, and for the Transit Route Optimization (REMIX) tool to maintain availability of these important transit planning tools to our regional transit operators. The TCC group stated that this was a good regionally beneficial use of the Recovered funds and would ensure the funds could be programmed and used without risk of them lapsing and being lost to the region. The Transit Route Optimization (REMIX) project would use \$360,000 of the Recovered funds, with the Transit Asset Management project using the remaining \$266,110 for a combined allocation total of \$626,110.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

If approved, funds allocated to SACOG will support the regional Transit Asset Management and Transit Route Optimization (REMIX) efforts. Board action will allow SACOG to submit applications to FTA for the allocation of the Recovered FFY 2020 FTA 5307 funds and authorize the executive director to execute the FTA funding agreement and to take all budget actions consistent therewith.