



Approve Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Regional Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5311 Funds

Consent

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Transportation

1. Issue:

SACOG, working with the three eligible rural transit operators, has prepared the Fiscal Years (FYs) 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Regional Program of Projects (POP) for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 rural transit funding.

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the board approve by resolution the FYs 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects.

3. Background/Analysis:

The FTA Section 5311 program provides funding for public transportation in non-urbanized areas. The FTA apportions funds to the states according to a statutory formula based on each state's population in non-urbanized areas (those under 50,000 population). The funds are available to the state for obligation for the year of apportionment plus two additional years.

In California, ten percent of the funds are set aside in a state reserve, 15 percent are allocated for intercity bus transportation, and 75 percent are apportioned to the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for the support of non-urbanized public transportation. The Program of Projects (POP) adopted by each RTPA for its apportioned funds must be included in the State POP submitted by Caltrans to the FTA.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

In the SACOG region, three public transportation providers are currently eligible to apply for FTA Section 5311 funds: Sacramento County's South County Transit (SCT/LINK), Yolo County Transportation District (YCTD), and Yuba-Sutter Transit. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission complete FTA Section 5311 POPs for the respective counties they serve as RTPAs.

The FTA Section 5311 programmed apportionments for the SACOG region is \$1,094,911 for FY 2021-2022 and \$1,116,809 for FY 2022-2023 for a total of \$2,211,720. Per Board policy, these funds are apportioned to the three eligible providers based on their share of the rural population in the decennial census (2010 Census). The regional POP (Attachment A) provides a total of \$1,254,562 for rural transit operations of SCT/LINK and YCTD, and \$400,000 for Yuba-Sutter Transit's rural operating assistance, with \$557,158 for Yuba-Sutter Transit

to purchase replacement buses for rural demand-response services. Upon Board approval, SACOG will submit the POP to Caltrans for submission to the FTA, enabling the agencies to apply for the 5311 funds for these purposes.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

The FTA 5311 Program of Projects do not impact SACOG's operating budget beyond the staff time already included in the agency's overall work program. If approved by resolution, the FTA 5311 Program of Projects will be forwarded to Caltrans allowing the eligible transit operators to apply for funds to support the continued operation of important rural transit services.

6. This staff report aligns with the following SACOG Work Plan Objectives:

Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity

Objective 3: Improve people's ability to get to jobs, schools, and other economic opportunities.