



Approve Reallocation of Public Transportation Modernization Improvements and Service Enhancement Account Funding to Yuba-Sutter Transit Bus Acquisition

Consent

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Transportation

1. Issue:

The Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) Program was created by Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. The PTMISEA funds may be used for transit rehabilitation, safety or modernization improvements, capital service enhancements or expansion, new capital projects, bus rapid transit improvements or rolling stock (buses and rail cars) procurement, rehabilitation or replacement.

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Directors: (a) approve the reprogramming of \$550,000 in regional Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 2015 PTMISEA earned interest funds for Yuba-Sutter Bus Acquisition; (b) approve the resolution in Attachment A to authorize the Executive Director to submit a reprogramming request to Caltrans; and (c) execute a sub-recipient funding agreement with Yuba-Sutter to develop and implement the project.

3. Background/Analysis:

The repurposed funds are part of the Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA). The PTMISEA program is a 10-year, transit capital bond program that was approved by the California State Legislature in 2008. SACOG is the recipient of these regional funds for the four-county region. (Govt. Code, Section 8879.55 (a)(2); Pub. Util. Code, Section 99313.) Funds are appropriated to the State Controller's Office for allocation to SACOG, which passes the funding to transit agencies who act as project managers. In FY 2007-2008, Senate Bill 88 identified the Department of Transportation as the administering agency. The final appropriation of program funds was made in the FY 2014-2015 State Budget.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

The PTMISEA program has an allocated earned interest over the past ten years. A total of \$860,000 is projected to be earned by the sunset date of June 30, 2023. SACOG staff is requesting to reprogram \$550,000 to Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority for the Bus Acquisition project which is eligible under PTMISEA guidelines.

Yuba-Sutter Transit has completed a competitive bid process to acquire six cut-away buses. Yuba-Sutter Transit will acquire six low floor gas powered Frontrunner cutaway buses which consists of a modified Ram 3500 chassis with single rear wheel. The buses are 12-passenger, low-floor buses that are designed for easy boarding and

alighting. The low floor buses will be delivered in 2023 and replace six 2014 Chevy/Glaval Titan II 4500 diesel cutaways that have exceeded their useful life. The new low floor buses will serve Yuba-Sutter Transit's demand response, rural routes, and future micro transit services.

The Yuba-Sutter Bus Acquisition project is ready for implementation and will ensure the project is completed and the funds are expended by the program sunset date of June 30, 2023.

Staff is recommending the SACOG board approval to:

- 1) Reprogramming PTMISEA earned interest funds for the Yuba-Sutter Bus Acquisition project by:
 - (a) approving the reprogramming of \$550,000 in regional Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 PTMISEA earned interest funds for Yuba-Sutter Bus Acquisition;
 - (b) approving the resolution in Attachment A authorizing the Executive Director to submit a reallocation request to Caltrans; and
 - (c) executing a sub-recipient funding agreement with Yuba-Sutter to develop and implement the project.

The recommended action is administrative and not a new funding commitment being made by the Board. The reprogramming of PTMISEA funds is made possible from the PTMISEA earned interest. Therefore, this is simply the project delivery means to implement these prior funding awards by the Board.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

This action will reallocate funds for Yuba-Sutter Transit Bus Acquisition project. There is no fiscal impact to SACOG's operating budget from the PTMISEA program. SACOG receives no funding to administer the PTMISEA program. The staff time to administer the funds is included in the agency's adopted Overall Work Program. PTMISEA funds are for transit capital projects and therefore allocated to qualifying transit operator projects.

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

Goal 1 : Advance Economic Prosperity

Objective 1: Invest in and protect the transportation infrastructure needed to implement the region's economic prosperity plan.

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

Objective 5: Begin sustained effort to address the racial inequities related to economic prosperity indicators associated with housing, transportation, and opportunity.

Goal 2 : Connected Communities

Objective 1: Develop more sustainable sources of future transportation funding while winning new competitive state and federal transportation grants.

Objective 2: Support innovative mobility options that develop equitable, accessible transportation options for all residents.

Objective 3: Prioritize cost-effective transportation investments that enhance mobility while improving safety, air quality, and the condition of transportation infrastructure and assets.