



Approve Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Master Agreement Resolution

Consent

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Attachments: Yes

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Referring Committee: Transportation

1. Issue:

SACOG has received a grant award from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). A new Master Agreement is required to accept these funds.

2. Recommendation:

The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board of Directors approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Master Agreement and all Program Supplements for the TIRCP program and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

3. Background/Analysis:

The TIRCP is a grant funding program that provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements to modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. This program is administered through a collaboration between California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans.

In July 2022, SACOG along with City of Sacramento, Sacramento Regional Transit, and Capitol Corridor JPA, were awarded \$49.8 million for projects supporting the Sacramento Valley Station. SACOG was awarded \$2.18 million to equip the region's bus fleet with contactless fare payment readers. This award is expected to be passed through SACOG to the various transit operators around the region to purchase the specific fare payment hardware. In order for SACOG to accept these funds from the program we will need to enter into a TIRCP specific master agreement with Caltrans.

4. Discussion/Analysis:

Caltrans requires a master agreement for agencies to accept grant funds. These agreements are used to ensure that agencies have sufficient capacity to accept and administer state and federal funds. Once a master agreement is in effect, agencies will use a program supplemental agreement for each individual project which outlines the scope and the timeline of the project. SACOG currently has a master agreement with Caltrans to be able to accept grants funds but the TIRCP program uses a similar but program specific Master Agreement.

5. Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

\$2.18 million in grant funds have been awarded to SACOG from the TIRCP program. These funds are anticipated to be passed through to the region's transit operators.