

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
TRANSIT DIVISION – TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
SUBJECT: MASTER AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS FOR
STATE-FUNDED TRANSIT PROJECTS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) approve a Master Agreement with the California Department of Transportation for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to execute the Master Agreement and any Award Agreements, Program Supplement(s), and any other documents necessary to implement the Master Agreement or any specific project(s) under the Master Agreement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Master Agreements have previously been executed by the City Council for federal and state funded projects. The previous Master Agreement for State Funded Transit Projects was in place from 2009-2019 and no state funded transit projects required a new agreement since then. A new Master Agreement was authorized to be executed by Council in August 2022 for the City to access a grant award through the State Local Partnership Program. The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program is a State funding source that is not covered by the recently authorized Master Agreement and has its own Master Agreement that the City must complete to obtain and utilize the awarded funds.

BACKGROUND

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by Senate Bill 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) and modified by Senate Bill 9 (Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015) to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, urban rail systems, bus, and ferry transit systems to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing congestion and vehicle miles travelled throughout California. The legislation of these bills is codified in Sections 75220 through 75225 of the Public

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Resources Code (PRC). Assembly Bill (AB) 398 (Chapter 135, Statutes of 2017) extended the Cap-and-Trade Program that supports the TIRCP from 2020 through 2030.

The City of Santa Rosa submitted a program of projects to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) with Council approval in March 2022. SCTA applied for the TIRCP as a joint application that included the elements of the program of projects from Santa Rosa CityBus (CityBus), Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), Sonoma County Transit (SCT), Petaluma Transit and SCTA.

Of the \$796.1 million awarded to 23 project applications in Cycle 5 of the TIRCP, SCTA's joint application was among those and was awarded \$24,825,000, of which CityBus' projects will receive \$4,268,000. Before these funds will be made available for projects, the City and the State are required to enter into an agreement to establish terms and condition for receiving state funds.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On September 14,2021, the City Council, by Resolution No. RES-2021-158, approved the project list submitted to SCTA from their 2021 call for projects.

ANALYSIS

The City is required to enter into a Master Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) the agency responsible for administering the TIRCP, as well as any Program Supplements, before TIRCP funds can be committed to the City.

Master Agreements have previously been executed by the City Council for state funded transit projects, including one that Council recently authorized for CityBus to enter into for other State funded projects.

The CityBus projects under this agreement to be funded by the TIRCP program award are:

- Replace six diesel buses with Battery Electric buses
- Expand existing charging infrastructure to support these additional buses

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund from executing this Master Agreement.

Board adoption of this resolution is a prerequisite for the receipt of funding under the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution / Exhibit A –Master Agreement Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program (Draft)

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