

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5310 GRANT APPLICATION
FOR PARATRANSIT VEHICLES
STAFF PRESENTER: MICHAEL IVORY, TRANSIT PLANNER
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

ISSUE(S)

Shall the City of Santa Rosa submit a Federal Section 5310 grant application for two replacement ADA accessible mini-vans to provide Paratransit Service in the City of Santa Rosa?



COUNCIL GOALS AND STRATEGIES

This item relates to Council Goal 3.6: “Improve our transportation system to reduce vehicle miles and promote multi-modal transportation.” New paratransit mini-vans will allow Santa Rosa Paratransit to continue providing efficient, on-time service to customers.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 program is a statewide, competitive grant process that is administered through the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The program provides funds to local non-profits and public agencies for the purchase of accessible vehicles and related equipment such as security cameras, scheduling software and AVL system components. However, funding is made available to public agencies, such as Santa Rosa CityBus, as long as no other local, non-profit organizations are readily available to provide paratransit service within the CityBus service area, as required by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Requirements for the grant include that vans be at least 4 years old before they are replaced; CALTRANS will utilize surplus toll credits to satisfy applicant’s local match requirement; and public agencies applying for a grant must hold a public hearing to allow local non-profit organizations to comment on both their ability to provide ADA

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complementary paratransit service and the City's interest in submitting a Federal Section 5310 grant application in the current competitive grant cycle.

ANALYSIS

1. The grant funds the replacement of two paratransit minivans that will be 5 years old by the time the replacement minivans arrive.
2. Equipment purchased by the funds from this grant will be used only for providing paratransit services within Santa Rosa CityBus' geographical area of responsibility serving clients who are incapable of traveling on fixed-route bus systems or operating an automobile independently.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department, that the Council, by resolution, authorizes the submittal of an application for Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds to Caltrans in the amount of \$92,084.26 for the acquisition of two replacement ADA accessible paratransit mini-vans.

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