

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING AND EXECUTION OF  
AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL  
TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION BUSES AND BUS FACILITIES  
PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND APPROPRIATING  
NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by Resolution: 1) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to file and execute a grant application and related documents under the Federal Transit Administration Buses and Bus Facilities Program, requesting \$3,280,000 in federal funds for the purchase of replacement vehicles, bus electrification infrastructure, and customer facility rehabilitation; and 2) appropriate necessary matching funds.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 provides funding for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program, which provides funding for capital projects related to transit fleets, facilities, and technology. The Transportation and Public Works Department is preparing three grant applications for the FY 2019 program to request replacement vehicles, fleet electrification infrastructure, and customer facility improvements. FTA requires a resolution adopted by the governing board to be included in the grant application for the FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program to identify the local cost share for a successful award.

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BACKGROUND

1. Section 5339(b) of Title 49, United States Code, as amended under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 provides funding for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.
2. The Buses and Bus Facilities Program provides funding for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses, vans, and related equipment, and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
3. The FAST Act authorizes the FTA to award grants to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities.
4. Federal transit law authorized \$423.35 million in Fiscal Year 2019 for competitive grants under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program.
5. The Buses and Bus Facilities Program covers 80% of the net project cost and requires a 20% local match of funds.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On April 30, 2019, the City Council approved RES-2019-043 for submission of an application for the 2019 FTA Low or No Emission Bus Discretionary Program. The same project will also be submitted for funding under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program as part of these applications.

ANALYSIS

1. Transportation and Public Works wishes to submit the separate project applications for the acquisition of replacement vehicles, bus electrification infrastructure, and customer facility improvements.
2. The Buses and Bus Facilities Program grant will cover 80% of the costs to purchase proposed project equipment.

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3. If the grant is awarded to Santa Rosa, the 20% required match is anticipated to come from Transportation Development Act Article IV funds. Additionally, the Transit Division will pursue other grants that may offset the use of TDA IV funds.
4. These projects support the Tier 1 goal of the City to implement the City's Climate Action Plan by supporting electrification of the City's transit fleet and improving customer facilities to support increased transit ridership.
5. The FTA requires a resolution of the City Council authorizing the submittal of the grant application and committing the matching funds for the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action has no impact on the General Fund. The required 20% local match of \$820,000 would be drawn from the Transit Division's annual allocation of Transportation Development Act Article IV funds. However, the Transit Division will seek funding from other grant opportunities that could be used as local share in place of TDA IV funds if successful.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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