

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF LOCAL SUPPORT FOR ONE BAY AREA
GRANT 1 TRANSIT PERFORMANCE INITIATIVE PROGRAM
GRANT APPLICATION

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute and file the grant application under the One Bay Area Grant 1, Transit Performance Initiative Program to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the "Santa Rosa CityBus New Transit System Optimization" project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Excess One Bay Area Grant 1 Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Program funds have been made available to CityBus. To receive these funds, the City must submit an application form for the specific program detailing how the funds will be utilized. In addition, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) requires a resolution adopted by the governing board to be included in the grant application.

BACKGROUND

1. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) programs Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds and One Bay Area Grant 1 funds for the Transit Performance Initiative Program (TPI). All are federal funds provided through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

2. MTC has remaining TPI funding that can be used for a transit project in Sonoma County.
3. The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) proposed that Santa Rosa utilize these funds to assist in the implementation of the Reimagining CityBus project.
4. There is a total of \$411,000 available to Santa Rosa.
5. Projects eligible for funding through this program should focus on increasing ridership or improving productivity of the transit system.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

None

ANALYSIS

1. The TPI grant funds will be used to support the following initiatives, up to the total grant amount of \$411,000 plus the local match:
 - a. Technology for transit system management, including advanced dispatching and scheduling software enabling CityBus staff to manage high-frequency service more effectively and implement schedule adjustments that are more responsive to rider needs.
 - b. Customer-facing technology to improve the rider experience, which may include real-time information signage, mobile ticketing, ticket vending machines, etc.
 - c. Improved passenger amenities such as shelter, seating, customer information at transfer centers as well as key bus stops on high frequency corridors or serving major destinations and intermodal transfer points.
2. The MTC grant process requires that the grant be submitted at this time, allowing the funds to be available in FY 17-18.
3. The MTC requires a resolution of the City Council:
 - a. authorizing the submittal of the grant application;
 - b. committing the matching funds for the grant of 11.47%;
 - c. assuring that the City will comply with the requirements of MTC for this funding, and the project will be completed as described in the application; and
 - d. authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute and file the application for funds with MTC.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund as Transit enterprise funds will be used to cover the local match of \$47,142.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project at this time. It is anticipated that the projects accommodated by this funding will be exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 in that the projects involve improvements to existing transit facilities with negligible expansion of the use.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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