

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 FEDERAL FY 2021 AND COMMITTING ANY
NECESSARY MATCHING FUNDS

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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 \$4,288,300 in federal funds for battery electric buses and electric bus charging infrastructure; and 2) appropriate necessary matching funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act) 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 a grant application for the Federal FY 2021 program to request funding supporting purchase of six battery-electric buses and related electric bus charging infrastructure. 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.

BACKGROUND

1. Section 5339(b) of Title 49, United States Code, as amended under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act) provides funding for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

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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 \$409.59 million in Federal Fiscal Year 2021 for competitive grants under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program.
5. The Buses and Bus Facilities Program covers 85-90% of the net project cost and requires a 10-15% match of local funds depending on the type of project activity that is funded.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On March 3, 2020, the City Council approved RES-2020-030 for submission of an application for the 2020 FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program.

On June 4, 2019, the City Council approved RES-2019-060 for submission of an application for the 2019 FTA Buses and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program.

ANALYSIS

1. Transportation and Public Works wishes to submit an application for the acquisition of six battery electric buses to replace model year 2011 vehicles and implementation of related electric bus charging infrastructure.
2. The Buses and Bus Facilities Program grant will cover 85-90% of the costs of the proposed project, depending on the project activities funded.
3. If the grant is awarded to Santa Rosa, the 10-15% 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. The anticipated total cost of the project is \$4,944,722, with \$4,288,300 in federal funds and \$656,422 in local match.

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5. The project supports implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan and the Council's goal for climate action by supporting accelerated electrification of the City's transit fleet.
6. 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 local match of up to \$656,422 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 Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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