

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: PAM LORENCE, RESEARCH & PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL  
TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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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 standard grant applications and all other required documentation with the Federal Transit Administration; acknowledging the City's eligibility to continue to receive these grant funds as the City has for many years.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Federal Transit Administration requires a resolution adopted by the City Council to be included in all Federal Transit Administration grant applications for transit assistance.

BACKGROUND

The Transit Division of the Transportation and Public Works Department receives grant funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support the operating, maintenance and capital expenses for the fixed-route transit and Paratransit service.

This funding is from Federal formula grants, authorized by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act that was signed into law on December 4, 2015. The funds are apportioned to the Santa Rosa urbanized area and then divided between Santa Rosa and Sonoma County for their transit services using a formula based on population and population density.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On December 11, 2012, the City Council approved a resolution similar to the one that is recommended by staff in this report under the previous Federal law authorizing FTA

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transit grants submittals by transit operators.

ANALYSIS

The Federal Transit Administration requires a new Council resolution formally recognizing the City's eligibility to received FTA grant funds and authorizing the City Manager or designee to file grant applications and related FTA required documents with the FTA. This funding, which the Transit division has received in the past years. has comprised a significant amount of the total budget for CityBus and Paratransit service operations, maintenance and capital projects. Without this funding, the City would be unable to continue to provide excellent, high-quality service to its riders.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund

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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