

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: RACHEL EDE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-TRANSIT
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDING APPLICATION FOR STATE
TRANSIT ASSISTANCE AND FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FUNDS UNDER CYCLE 5
LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution, 1) requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) program \$383,261 in State Transit Assistance funds and \$148,112 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds available under its Lifeline Transportation Program for the proposed "Lifeline Route Operation Funds" project, and 2) directs Transit Division staff to forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, and such other agencies as may be appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

These Lifeline Transportation Program funds will support continued operations of Santa Rosa CityBus Lifeline routes including routes 2/2B, 3, and 12.

BACKGROUND

1. The Transit Division has prepared an application for funding under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Lifeline Transportation Program which is administered locally by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA). The Lifeline Transportation Program supports projects that address mobility and accessibility needs in low-income communities throughout the region. It is funded by a combination of federal and state operating and capital funds. The Transit Division's proposal for Lifeline Transportation Program funds consists of \$383,261 in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds and \$148,112 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds.

2. Section 5307 funding is generated by a Federal Transit Administration program that funds transit capital and operating projects.
3. State Transit Assistance (STA) funding is derived from a portion of the state sales tax on gasoline and diesel fuel and can be used for transit capital or operating projects.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

The City of Santa Rosa has received funding from previous cycles of the Lifeline Transportation Program, with Council action occurring on December 2, 2008, May 2, 2012, and March 10, 2015.

ANALYSIS

1. The Transit Division has prepared an application requesting \$383,261 in STA funds and \$148,112 in Section 5307 funds to support continued operation of Lifeline routes serving Roseland (an MTC-designated Community of Concern) and meeting needs identified in the Roseland Community Based Transportation Plan and more recently affirmed by the Reimagining CityBus comprehensive operational analysis process, which involved extensive outreach and community engagement in identifying riders' priorities for transit system changes and improvements.
2. A stipulation of receiving the funds through the Lifeline Transportation Program is providing local matching funds. As required by the program guidelines, the Transit Division will provide a local match of 20% (\$132,842) to match the combined \$531,383 in combined STA and Section 5307 funds, for a total project cost of \$664,216. These matching funds will be drawn from the Division's annual state Transportation Development Action Article IV (TDA IV) allocation.
3. To submit the full grant application, the Transit Division must submit a Council-approved Local Support Resolution containing specific clauses required by MTC.

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no financial impact to the General Fund. These funds are included in the FY 2018-19 budget for appropriation.

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/Exhibit A—Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle V Project List for the City of Santa Rosa

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