

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FUNDS
UNDER LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 6

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution; 1) authorize submittal of a matching grant application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Lifeline Transportation Program for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds in the amount of \$203,782 for the proposed "Lifeline Route Operation Funds" project; 2) authorize matching funds from the City of \$203,782; and 3) direct Transit Division staff to forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required, to Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Sonoma County Transportation Authority, and such other agencies as may be appropriate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fund source for the Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 is the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula funds and will support continued existing operations of the Santa Rosa CityBus Lifeline routes in the Roseland area which include routes 2, 2B, 3, and 12. The Transit Division has already budgeted for and will provide a local match of 50% (\$203,782) to match the \$203,782 in federal Section 5307 funds, for a total project amount of \$407,564. This program is meant to support projects that improve mobility for low-income residents. This funding is programmed for FY21 and FY22 and will assist in reducing the amount of operating reserves needed to maintain the service on these routes.

BACKGROUND

1. The Transit Division has prepared an application for funding under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Lifeline Transportation Program. The Lifeline Transportation Program supports projects that address mobility and

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accessibility needs in low-income communities throughout the region. It is funded with federal operating and capital funds. The Transit Division's grant application for Lifeline Transportation Program funds seeks \$203,782 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.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On April 17th, 2018, the City Council, with Resolution No. RES-2018-057, authorized the application for Cycle V of the Lifeline Transportation Program.

On March 10th, 2015, the City Council, with Resolution No. 28613, authorized the application for Cycle IV of the Lifeline Transportation Program.

Council has also acted on previous cycles of Lifeline Transportation Funding on May 2, 2012 and December 2, 2008.

ANALYSIS

1. The Transit Division has prepared an application requesting \$203,782 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds to support continued operation of the existing Lifeline routes serving the Roseland area (an MTC-designated Community of Concern) 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 50% (\$203,782) to match the \$203,782 Section 5307 funds, for a total project amount of \$407,564. These matching funds will be drawn from the Transit Division's annual state Transportation Development Action Article IV (TDA IV) allocation.
3. This funding is already programmed for the FY21 and FY22 budget to provide continued operations of existing Lifeline routes in Roseland area. This funding will assist to offset the need to use more of our TDA IV funding, which reduces the amount of operating reserves needed to provide the service.

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4. 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

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund. These matching grant funds are included in the FY 2021-21 Transit Division budget for appropriation.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The Council finds that the proposed action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under section 15061(b)(3) and 15378 in that there is no possibility that the implementation of this action may have significant effects on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 Project List for the City of Santa Rosa)

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