

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: RACHEL EDE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-TRANSIT
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A JOINT
APPLICATION TO CYCLE 6 OF THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY
RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the City to request \$15,900,000 in grant funds for the City from a joint application to the state Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 6 for transit fleet electrification and passenger amenities; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to file and execute all documents necessary for receipt of TIRCP funds; and 3) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in the appropriate JL key for any awarded funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Transportation and Public Works Department seeks authorization to participate in a joint application to Cycle 6 of the state Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program for funds to further electrify the Santa Rosa CityBus fleet and upgrade passenger amenities at transit hubs. The joint application will be submitted by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) on behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Transit, and SMART.

BACKGROUND

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by Senate Bill 862 and modified by Senate Bill 9 to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's rail, bus, and ferry systems to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by reducing congestion and vehicle miles travelled throughout California.

In 2022 the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) submitted a successful application to TIRCP Cycle 5 on behalf of Santa Rosa CityBus, Sonoma County Transit,

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SMART, and Petaluma Transit. The City of Santa Rosa was awarded \$4.3 million through the Cycle 5 TIRCP award. The funds will support expansion of electric bus charging infrastructure at the MSCS yard and additional electric bus purchases.

SCTA plans to submit another joint application to TIRCP Cycle 6 in February 2023 seeking funding for additional projects in Sonoma County.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On October 25, 2022, the City Council, by Resolution No. 2022-208, approved execution of a Master Agreement with Caltrans enabling the City to receive funds awarded from the TIRCP program.

ANALYSIS

For TIRCP Cycle 6, SCTA plans to submit a request of up to \$475 million in funding for the following projects:

- SMART
 - \$128.5 million to extend service from Windsor to Healdsburg
 - \$308 million to extend Service from Healdsburg to Cloverdale
- Sonoma County Transit
 - \$11.8 million for 13 zero-emission buses
- City of Santa Rosa – Public Works
 - \$9.4 million for the Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing
- City of Santa Rosa – Transit
 - \$8 million for six replacement zero-emission buses
 - \$4.4 million for bus charging infrastructure and battery backup
 - \$2.5 million for a charging infrastructure roof structure and a solar photovoltaic canopy
 - \$1 million for passenger amenities at major transit stops
- SCTA
 - \$1 million for transit network integration activities

Staff seeks Council authorization to apply for a total of \$15.9 million for replacement of six model-year 2013 diesel buses with battery-electric buses, development of bus charging and resiliency infrastructure to support an expanded electric bus fleet, and upgrades to Santa Rosa's transit hubs. Staff has included \$9.4 million for the Highway 101 Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing in the proposal under an existing Council authorization.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund or the Transit Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines 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 no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution

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