

# ATTACHMENT 1



## OPINION OF COUNSEL

**DATE:** AUGUST 8, 2018

**TO:** METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** CITY OF SANTA ROSA

**SUBJECT:** ELIGIBILITY OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT AND OR STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS, FY 2018-2019

This communication will serve as the requisite Opinion of Counsel in connection with the application of the City of Santa Rosa for an allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) and/or State Transit Assistance (STA) funds.

1. The City of Santa Rosa is authorized to provide and assist public transportation by acquisition, construction, and operation of existing or additional transit facilities. This assistance may be provided directly or by contractual arrangement with other parties.
2. The City of Santa Rosa is an eligible applicant for the TDA funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 99260(a) and STA funds pursuant to Title 21 – California Code of Regulations § 6730(a).
3. I have reviewed the pertinent state and local laws, and I am of the opinion that there is no legal impediment to the City of Santa Rosa making application for TDA and/or STA funds. Furthermore, as a result of my examinations, I find that there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the proposed projects, or the ability of the City of Santa Rosa to carry out such projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue Gallagher".

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Sue A. Gallagher, City Attorney