



PUBLIC HEARING

Authorizing Filing Grant Application for FTA Section 5310 Funds for Purchase of replacement ADA Paratransit Vehicles

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CURRENT

- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Program funds improve mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Caltrans is recipient of FTA Section 5310 funds and administers the program.
- Transit Division seeks approval to submit grant application with Caltrans requesting \$742,500 to purchase six replacement ADA Paratransit vehicles.

CURRENT

- The 5310 application process requires public agency to certify there are no other non-profit agencies “readily available” to provide the proposed service.
- Readily available = “Willing, interested and **capable** of providing the proposed service at a comparable cost to the identified clientele in the same service area, with the same hours of frequency, and at the same level of service.”

CURRENT

- Santa Rosa Paratransit (within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of CityBus routes) is provided using City-owned vehicles and City-contracted operations.
- Other non-profits may competitively apply for funding from the 5310 Program, even if not replacing our paratransit service.

RECOMMENDATION

The Transportation and Public Works Department recommends that the Council:

- 1) hold a public hearing to receive public comment and to determine whether any private non-profit is readily available to provide paratransit services within the City; and,
- 2) by resolution, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute and file a grant application with the California Department of Transportation under Federal Transit Act Section 5310 to purchase replacement ADA Paratransit cutaway vehicles.

Questions?