



MEMORANDUM

Date: July 29, 2025
From: Yuri Koslen, Transit Planner
CC: Rachel Ede, Deputy Director Transit Division
Subject: Letters of Support for Grant Application for FTA Section 5310 Funds for Purchase of Replacement ADA Paratransit Vehicles

The City of Santa Rosa seeks to apply for funding for replacement of ADA Paratransit vehicles that have exceeded their useful life. The funds are being requested from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 program. These funds are appropriated to urbanized areas across the United States to support transportation services for older adults and persons living with a disability. Applications for the 5310 in California are administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in conjunction with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Caltrans requires the local jurisdiction to hold a public hearing as well as adopt a resolution prior to applying.

To ensure that non-profits within the UZA have been notified of this opportunity to comment on the City's 5310 application, City staff published a notice of the public hearing in the Press Democrat and directly emailed the public meeting notice to over thirty non-profit and governmental organizations.

Attached is the email sent to non-profits and the letters of support that were received in response to the letter.

1. City Email send to non-profits.
2. Letters of Support
 - a. Alchemia
 - b. Catholic Charities of Northwest California
 - c. Sonoma County Department of Health Services
 - d. Oakmont Village Association
 - e. Santa Rosa Junior College
 - f. Sonoma Community Action Network
 - g. Sonoma County Department of Human Services, Adult and Aging Services Division

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Subject: Letter of support for 5310 funded paratransit vehicles
Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 3:49:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)
[Sample Letter of Support.docx](#)

Dear Santa Rosa partners,

I am writing to request a letter of support for the City of Santa Rosa's 5310 grant application (please submit letters of support by August 4th if possible) and to ensure you are aware of the public hearing on this matter conducted by the City Council on Tuesday August 5, 2025, at or after 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment and recommendations prior to the City Council acting on FTA Section 5310 Grant Application for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessible Vehicles.

This application is for the acquisition of replacement paratransit vehicles that have reached their useful life expectancy. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires that public agencies hold a public hearing to allow local non-profits to comment on both their ability to provide ADA complementary paratransit service and the City's interest in submitting a Section 5310 grant application.

Meeting access information (including instructions) and meeting documents are available online at: <https://santa-rosa.legistar.com/Calendar>. Members of the public can provide public comment by attending in person from Council Chamber at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa.

The public can also view or listen to the meeting live at:

1. <https://santa-rosa.legistar.com/Calendar>. Click on the "In Progress" link to view;
2. Via Zoom by visiting <https://srcity-org.zoom.us/J/84471867952>, or by dialing 877-

853-5257 and entering Webinar ID: 844 7186 7952;

3. Comcast Channel 28, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99; and
4. Via YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/cityofsantarosa>.

Comments and questions may be directed to Yuri Koslen, Department of Transportation and Public Works, City of Santa Rosa, 45 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401, telephone (707) 543-3335, ykoslen@srcity.org.

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July 16, 2025

Yuri Koslen
Transit Planner
City of Santa Rosa
45 Stony Point Rd
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Mr. Koslen:

I am writing this letter of support for the City of Santa Rosa's submittal of a Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Formula Grant for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities to purchase replacement ADA accessible buses for the Santa Rosa Paratransit service.

Based in Santa Rosa, Alchemia is a nonprofit organization that provides services to nearly 100 adults who identify as having an intellectual or developmental disability. The people Alchemia supports rely on transit operators to safely and reliably access their communities. Your understanding of the specific needs of the Santa Rosa community and your strict adherence to the requirements of the ADA in delivering truly accessible transportation do not go unnoticed.

It is an understatement to say that our organization is grateful for the array of services provided by the City of Santa Rosa. Your Paratransit services set the benchmark for excellence, leading the way in service quality. We are hopeful that your application, if successful, will support CityBus to continue to provide reliable and efficient transportation to the community you serve and the individuals we support.

Though our organization is unable to send a representative to the August 5 public hearing on this matter, we fully support the City of Santa Rosa's application. Again, thank you for the stellar support CityBus provides to our community.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Clary, MPA
Executive Director

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July 17, 2025

Yuri Koslen
Transit Planner
City of Santa Rosa
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Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Dear Mr. Koslen:

I am writing this letter of support for the City of Santa Rosa's submittal of a Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Formula Grant for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities to purchase replacement ADA accessible buses for the Santa Rosa Paratransit service.

This application, if successful, will allow Santa Rosa to continue to provide efficient and reliable service to the City of Santa Rosa community.

I understand that a public hearing on this matter will be held on August 5, 2025; and again, fully support the City of Santa Rosa's application.

Sincerely,



Matthew Verscheure
Chief Program Officer
707.525.0227
mverscheure@ccnwc.org

July 15, 2025

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Nolan Sullivan
Director
Department of Health Services

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Sincerely,

Christie Andre, General Manager
Oakmont Village Association



Office of the President

July 21, 2025

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration
Office of Program Management
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Grants Committee Members,

On behalf of Santa Rosa Junior College, I am writing to express strong support for the City of Santa Rosa's application for FTA Section 5310 Grant Application for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessible Vehicles.

The Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) is a California Community College located in Sonoma County and is a pillar in the community providing high quality education and services for its community. SRJC Disability Resources Department cultivates an accessible and inclusive community and is committed to creating an accessible and inclusive college experience for disabled students. SRJC has first-hand knowledge of the transportation challenges its students, and employees living with disabilities experience. The City of Santa Rosa paratransit services provided by the City of Santa Rosa is an essential life line for the success of SRJC students to succeed in their education.

We fully endorse Santa Rosa's FTA Section 5310 Grant Application for Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessible Vehicles.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical investment in the transportation access and well-being of all Santa Rosa residents. Please feel free to contact me at KJolley@santarosa.edu if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Jolley".

Kate Jolley
Acting Superintendent/President
Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services / Assistant Superintendent
Santa Rosa Junior College



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Sincerely,
Cynthia King
Cynthia King
CEO
Sonoma Community Action Network



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July 23, 2025

Yuri Koslen
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Dunaway".

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