

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	2/28/2012
SUBJECT:	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) Transit System Safety Grant
AGENDA ITEM:	4-5
STAFF CONTACT:	Sue Crowe

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board approve Resolution No. 12-01 granting RABA legal authority to apply for financial assistance through the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS).

DISCUSSION:

Proposition 1B set aside \$100 million for transit system safety, security and disaster response projects. Transit operators who receive State Transit Assistance revenue formula funds may annually apply to OHS with consent from the RTPA. RABA is the only eligible applicant in the region.

The annual allocation is \$153,561. The state delayed the 2010/11 funding cycle. Two years of funding is available now. RABA is requesting \$307,122 in Proposition 1B funds to provide the following enhanced security measures at various RABA facilities:

- Install video cameras on the demand-response vehicles
- Install automatic vehicle locators (AVL) on the fixed-route vehicles
- Place solar bus stop lighting units at various bus stop locations
- Security improvements at the Masonic Transfer Center

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

RABA has worked with RTPA staff on this request. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

OHS grant funds provide resources for capital investments – no match is required.

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: Resolution No. 12-01
RABA Report to Board dated 1/12/12

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	12-01
SUBJECT:	Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) Transit System Safety Grant Authorization

WHEREAS, the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency is the regional entity eligible for Transit System, Security and Disaster Response Account GC8879.58(a)(2) allocations for Shasta County; and

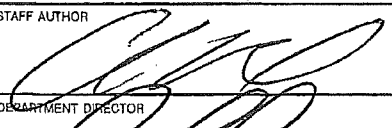
WHEREAS, the grant funds are administered by the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (OHS); and

WHEREAS, RABA is applying for fiscal year 2010/11 and 2011/12 Proposition 1B funds totaling \$307,122 to purchase video cameras, automatic vehicle locators (AVL), solar bus stop lighting and transfer station security improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency hereby grants legal authority to RABA to perform any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance from the OHS for video cameras, AVL equipment, solar bus stop lighting and security improvements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of February 2012, by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency.

Leonard Moty, Chair
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency

ITEM NO.	4
MEETING DATE	January 23, 2012
APPROVED BY	
STAFF AUTHOR	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	

REDDING AREA BUS AUTHORITY REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: January 12, 2012
R-010-280-500

FROM: Brian F. Crane, Director
Public Works

SUBJECT: Authorization to Apply for
Proposition 1B Funds for Transit
System Safety, Security & Disaster
Response-2010-11 and 2011-12 Cycle
Funds and Adopt the Governing Body
Resolutions

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors (Board) of the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) authorize the submission of applications for State of California Proposition 1B funds for enhanced security measures at RABA's Maintenance Facility, Downtown Transit Center, and at various bus stop locations.

Background

The Governor's Office of Homeland Security, known as CalEMA, as an administrative agency for Proposition 1B funds, announced a call to fund eligible projects from the Transit System Safety, Security & Disaster Response Account. Investment justification applications are due by February 15, 2012, to retain the option to receive these funds. The proposed funding would provide:

- **Video Cameras on the Demand Response fleet**
The cameras would be installed on the demand response fleet. The same cameras have been successfully installed in the fixed route and will provide an added layer of security. The cameras have provided numerous instances where the video has resolved disputes and provided training and education to drivers and staff-\$90,000.
- **Provide Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) on the Fixed Route fleet**
AVL units have been successfully installed on the Demand Response fleet. Regional Transportation Planning Agency staff has suggested that the fixed route install them as well in order to help in disaster response coordination. The AVL units will also allow staff to track the buses, monitor speed and watch for delays in real time. This technology will provide the future improvements that will also allow the public to find the nearest bus and track when the next bus will arrive at the nearest bus stop-\$115,000.
- **Solar Bus Stop Lighting Units**
The previous grant cycle approved the purchase of solar lights at various bus stop locations in the RABA system. This grant will allow staff to purchase additional lights to continue to place lights at rural unlit bus stops-\$67,000.

- **Security improvements at the Masonic Transfer Center**

The local businesses located adjacent to the Masonic Transfer Station have requested that RABA provide better security at this facility to deter loitering and trespassing. Staff has proposed to add fencing, video cameras, and rehabilitate the benches and shelters to keep the facility in good repair—\$45,000.

The past funding has been delayed due to the difficulty in funding bond measures. However, CalEMA staff has requested that we submit applications for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 cycles. The applications require the Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to be the Authorized Agent for all actions necessary to obtain the financial assistance.

The Proposition 1B formula allocations to Shasta County are \$7,436 for RABA directly and \$146,125 for the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) in each fiscal year for a two-year total of \$307,122. CalEMA has provided guidance to applicants that if transit agencies wish to use the county transportation agency's allocation that a resolution must be approved before an award of those monies can be made to the transit agency. As these monies can only be used for transit capital projects, staff anticipates the RTPA will adopt that resolution at their February 28, 2012, scheduled meeting. RABA staff has been in contact with RTPA staff regarding the use of these monies and has their support.

Issue(s)

Should the Board authorize staff to apply for Proposition 1B funds?

Alternatives; Implications of Alternatives

The Board has the following alternatives to consider:

1. Authorize staff to apply for Proposition 1B Safety and Security funds for Demand Response video cameras, Fixed Route AVL units, solar lighting equipment, and Masonic Transfer Center Improvements and adopt the attached Governing Body Resolution. (Staff Recommendation)
2. Direct staff to submit an application for Proposition 1B funding for enhanced security measures other than the use identified in Alternative 1. Under this alternative, the Board would provide staff with direction as to what enhanced measure would be considered.
3. Do not authorize staff to seek the use of Proposition 1B funding at this time.

Fiscal Impact

This additional funding can be used for the purchase and installation of necessary equipment to provide cameras, AVL units, solar lighting and Masonic security improvements. The Board adopted

2010-11 and 2011-12 budget includes necessary appropriations for these capital projects utilizing Proposition 1B funding in the amount of \$153,000 in each fiscal year. Use of these funds will not require a local match of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds. If the application is unsuccessful, no further action will be necessary.

Conclusion

The passing of Proposition 1B has provided an opportunity to enhance security measures within RABA's transit system without impacting any other funding allocations already approved. This additional Proposition 1B program monies are to be used for enhanced security of transit systems. Utilization of these funds for video cameras, AVL units, solar lighting and Masonic security improvements are appropriate expenditures for this program.

Attachment(s)

- A. Governing Body Resolution
- B. Authorized Agent Signature Authority

- c: Gary Otremba, Traffic Operations Manager
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