

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	5/8/13
SUBJECT:	Adopt Resolution 13-06 for a 2013 Section 5311(f) Capital Project Assistance Application – First Class Shuttle, Inc.
AGENDA ITEM:	5-7
STAFF CONTACT:	Ellen Talbo

SUMMARY:

First Class Shuttle, Inc. is applying for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program funding in the amount of \$61,957 to purchase a new shuttle bus with wheelchair accessibility. SRTA is required to authorize the application with a resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Adopt Resolution 13-06 authorizing First Class Shuttle, Inc. to apply to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide any other information and assurances as may be appropriate and required of SRTA by Caltrans in order for the application to proceed.

DISCUSSION:

Caltrans administers the FTA 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program, which provides assistance to eligible non-profit and private for-profit companies that provide connections between non-urbanized and urbanized areas. First Class Shuttle, Inc. is a private company that provides service between Redding and the Sacramento Airport with stops in Red Bluff, Corning, Orland, and Williams. First Class Shuttle, Inc. is applying for funds to purchase one new vehicle that will include a wheelchair lift and accommodate wheelchair seating. A signed resolution from SRTA is needed to complete the application.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may choose not to adopt the resolution. This would disqualify the application.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Caltrans will select applicants for grant funding and issue award notices by June 30, 2013.

FINANCING:

There is no fiscal impact to the agency. Authorization of the grant does not obligate SRTA to contribute or otherwise support the service. If the grant is successful, funds will be administered directly between the applicant and Caltrans. SRTA would program the funds into the FTIP.

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment: Resolution 13-06
SRTA Letter of Support

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	13-06
SUBJECT:	Federal Transportation Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application Funding for Fiscal Year 2013/14

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support operating and capital assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C9040.1F); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311(f) grants for transportation projects for the general public for rural transit and intercity bus ; and

WHEREAS, First Class Shuttle, Inc., a private for-profit company, desires to apply for said financial assistance to purchase a wheelchair-left equipped vehicle for services from Redding to Sacramento with various intermediate passenger stops; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Shuttle, Inc., a for profit private company, has to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires a resolution of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) authorizing submittal of the application before it can be considered for funding; and

WHEREAS, submittal and approval of the grant does not imply or impart any obligation on the part of SRTA to fund or operate the First Class Shuttle, Inc. service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency:

1. Authorizes the submittal of a 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application by First Class Shuttle, Inc.; and
2. Authorizes the executive director to provide any other information and assurances as may be appropriate and required of SRTA by Caltrans in order for the application to proceed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2013, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Greg Watkins, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency



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Subject: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311(f)

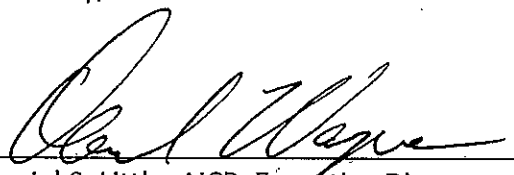
Dear Mr. Ogbonna:

The Shasta Regional Transportation Agency would like to express support for First Class Shuttle, Inc. First Class Shuttle, Inc. is applying for FTA Section 5311(f) grant funds for capital assistance to purchase a vehicle with wheelchair capacity to augment the intercity service they provide between Redding and the Sacramento Airport.

First Class Shuttle, Inc. is the only transit provider with direct service from Redding to the Sacramento Airport with connections to intercity transit providers in Anderson, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland, and Willows. Its current service helps bridge the gap for travelers making intercity connections from the north state to and beyond the airport.

The proposed capital assistance will increase accessibility and passenger comfort for mobility impaired travelers making connections between these rural towns and the Sacramento Airport or beyond. First Class Shuttle, Inc. has approached the designated Consolidated Transportation Services Agency in an effort to coordinate transit service for those needing to make flight-bound connections throughout the state.

Sincerely,


Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (MPO)

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