

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	October 26, 2023
SUBJECT:	Adopt Resolution 23-11 Certifying Federal Transit Administration Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Applications
AGENDA ITEM:	11
STAFF CONTACT:	Jennifer Pollom, AICP, Senior Transportation Planner

SUMMARY

The Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) submitted two applications for funding under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Caltrans requires that regional transportation planning agencies review and score capital applications submitted in their region before Caltrans reviews them. Caltrans also requires that regional transportation planning agencies certify all applications. SRTA staff reviewed and scored the capital applications and recommends the SRTA Board of Directors certify all project applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Adopt Resolution 23-11 (Attachment), certifying the FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) applications; and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide any other needed information for the grant applications to proceed.

DISCUSSION:

FTA 5310 is a competitive grant program providing capital (Traditional) and operating (Expanded) assistance for the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Caltrans issued a call for projects on June 14, 2023; the deadline was August 30, 2023. Approximately \$22.3 million is available statewide for projects in small urban and rural areas.

RABA submitted two applications requesting up to \$634,000 for capital projects and up to \$1.2 million for operating projects. Project details are provided on the table on page 2. Caltrans requires that SRTA certify by resolution that the FTA Section 5310 applications are consistent with regional planning documents and that SRTA score capital project applications. Staff recommends the following projects and scores (see next page).

Applicant	Project Description	Funding Request	Score
RABA (Capital)	Small bus with 8 spots for ambulatory passengers & 2 spots for wheelchairs	\$131,000	67
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	New scheduling software	\$100,000	62
	18 tablets	\$10,000	62
RABA (Operating)	Expansion for RABA Demand Response	\$600,000	Scoring not required
	Mobility Management Program	\$600,000	Scoring not required

ALTERNATIVES:

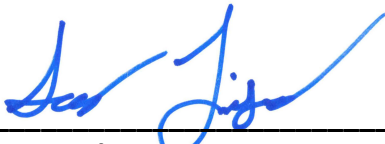
The board of directors may choose not to adopt the resolution or exclude either of the two applications received. This would make the applications ineligible for funding.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

SRTA distributed grant program information to a wide range of agencies and organizations. Caltrans administers the FTA Section 5310 program. The Caltrans State Review Committee submits scores and priorities to the California Transportation Commission (CTC). The CTC adopts the prioritized list. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on October 11, 2023, to review and discuss the applications.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact to SRTA. If awarded, use of competitive federal funds frees up regional transit funding for other future transit projects in the region.



Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment:

Resolution 23-11 to Certify Federal Transportation Administration Section 5310 Applications

RESOLUTION 23-11



A RESOLUTION OF THE SHASTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY CERTIFYING FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (SECTION 5310) APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities under Title 49 U.S.C. 5310 (FTA C 9070.1G); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects for seniors and individuals with disabilities in urbanized areas with populations less than 200,000 and in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, FTA requires the regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) to certify, by resolution, that all capital grant applications have been evaluated by the RTPA based on FTA-established evaluation criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) is the designated RTPA for the Shasta Region; and

WHEREAS, Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency that:

1. RABA's grant applications for FTA's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) are consistent with the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2017 Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan; and
2. Traditional 5310 grant applications from RABA have been evaluated by SRTA based on California Transportation Commission-established evaluation criteria; and
3. Projects (Traditional and Expanded) fully recommended for funding by Caltrans will be included in the regionally prepared Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and
4. The executive director is authorized to provide any other needed information, certifications, and assurances for the grant applications to proceed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of October 2023, by the Board of Directors of the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Mark Mezzano, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

ATTEST:

Sean Tiedgen, Executive Director
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency