

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	April 27, 2023
SUBJECT:	Adopt Resolution 23-05 Approving the County of Shasta's Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 to Operate the Burney Express Bus Service
AGENDA ITEM:	5-7
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SUMMARY:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for rural and intercity transit operations via the Section 5311(f) program. Caltrans selects projects and administers the program for California. SRTA reviews and approves projects submitted in the Shasta Region. The county of Shasta's application for the Burney Express bus service for the operating period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, is recommended for approval.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Adopt Resolution 23-05 (attached) approving the county of Shasta's FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023 to operate the Burney Express bus service; and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide certifications, assurances, and other requested information to Caltrans and FTA, and to make minor changes and amendments as needed

DISCUSSION:

The FTA Section 5311(f) program provides funding for rural and intercity transit operations. Caltrans administers 5311(f) funds through a competitive process. SRTA is responsible for reviewing and approving 5311(f) applications submitted in the Shasta Region prior to Caltrans review for funding ([SRTA's Policies and Procedures Manual](#), Chapter 3.15, page 309).

The county of Shasta submitted an FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for \$280,000 to fund the Burney Express bus service for the operating period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Staff recommends approving the county's application for 5311(f) funds so that the project may be reviewed by Caltrans for funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may choose not to approve the county of Shasta's 5311(f) application. Doing so would require the county to use regional formula funds (i.e., FTA 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program and/or Transportation Development Act (TDA) State Transit Assistance (STA)) to fund the Burney Express service.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Caltrans administers the FTA 5311(f) program for California. The county of Shasta prepared and submitted an FTA Section 5311(f) application to Caltrans. *///The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendations.///*

FISCAL IMPACT:

The county of Shasta's \$280,000 FTA Section 5311(f) FFY 2023 application, if funded and combined with the estimated farebox revenue, is anticipated to fully fund the Burney Express bus service for the operating period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. This strategy efficiently funds rural transit needs first with the use of competitive 5311(f) funds, if awarded, and allows more TDA Local Transportation Fund (LTF) amounts for other needs, including streets and roads.

Sean Tiedgen, AICP, Executive Director

Attachment: Resolution 23-05: Approve the County of Shasta's Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 to Operate the Burney Express Bus Service

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	23-05
SUBJECT:	Approve the County of Shasta's Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 to Operate the Burney Express Bus Service

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation provides grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for operating and capital assistance projects for rural public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C9040.1G); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer FTA Section 5311(f) grants in California; and

WHEREAS, the county of Shasta, a public governmental authority, desires to apply for said financial assistance to operate express service to the community of Burney; and

WHEREAS, the county of Shasta has 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, SRTA finds the application accurate; the service coordinated; the project consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and that no public hearing is required.

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

1. Approves an Federal Transit Administration Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express bus service; and
2. Authorizes the executive director to provide any other information and assurances as needed to Caltrans and FTA for the application to proceed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2023, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Mark Mezzano, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency