

# STAFF REPORT



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| MEETING DATE:  | October 22, 2019                                                                                                                                            |
| SUBJECT:       | Adopt Resolution 19-15 Certifying Federal Transit Administration Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Applications |
| AGENDA ITEM:   | 5-8                                                                                                                                                         |
| STAFF CONTACT: | Julie McFall, Associate Transportation Planner                                                                                                              |

## SUMMARY:

Dignity Health Connected Living (DHCL) submitted two applications for funding, one application for capital purchase and one application for operating expenses, under the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Caltrans requires that the SRTA Board of Directors certify project applications.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Adopt Resolution 19-15 (Attachment A), certifying that projects submitted are consistent with regional planning documents; certifying FTA Section 5310 project evaluations; and assuring that projects that are fully recommended for funding will be included in the regionally-prepared Federal Transportation Improvement Program; and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide any other needed information, certifications, and assurances for the grant applications to proceed.

## DISCUSSION

The 5310 program is a competitive grant program that provides capital (Traditional) and operating (Expanded) assistance for projects that meet the transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. A program fact sheet is provided in Attachment B. Caltrans issued a call for projects for Federal Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Approximately \$14 million is available statewide for small urban and rural areas. The application deadline was September 1, 2019.

Caltrans requires that SRTA certify, by resolution, that FTA Section 5310 Traditional and Expanded applications are consistent with the adopted Regional Transportation Plan and Shasta Coordinated Transportation Plan before they can be considered for funding. In addition, Caltrans requires that applications for Traditional (capital) projects be scored by SRTA in accordance with criteria set by the California Transportation Commission, which takes into consideration the age and mileage of existing equipment, the operator's maintenance program, how the bus will be used, and other factors.

Staff recommends the following projects and scores:

| Applicant                                                                                                   | Project Description                                                                                                                                                             | Funding Request | Score                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Dignity Health Connected Living, Disabled Adult & Senior Transportation Program.                            | Three gasoline-powered, medium-sized buses that each accommodate 12 ambulatory passengers and two wheelchairs.                                                                  | \$224,600       | 76                   |
|                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 | 76                   |
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| Dignity Health Connected Living, Senior Mobility and Rural Transportation (SMART) Volunteer Driver Program. | Two years of volunteer mileage reimbursement, volunteer background checks, and third-party liability insurance, supplies, advertisement, and administration/personnel expenses. | \$175,400       | Scoring not required |

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The board of directors may choose not to adopt the resolution or exclude either of the two applications received.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Caltrans administers the FTA Section 5310 program for California. SRTA distributed information on the grant program availability to a wide range of agencies. The Technical Advisory Committee concurs with the staff recommendation.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct fiscal impact to SRTA. If the grant applications are successful, Caltrans will administer the funds directly to the applicant. Selected projects are 100% federally funded. Use of competitive funds for this purpose frees up regional funding for other transit needs.



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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

**Attachments:**

- A. Resolution 19-15 to Certify Federal Transportation Administration Section 5310 Applications
- B. FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Fact Sheet

# RESOLUTION



|                           |                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RESOLUTION NUMBER:</b> | <b>19-15</b>                                                                                                                             |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>           | <b>Certify Federal Transit Administration Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Applications</b> |

**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 approved by the RTPA board of directors; and

**WHEREAS**, SRTA is the designated RTPA for the Shasta Region;

**WHEREAS**, Dignity Health Connected Living applied for said financial assistance in Shasta County; and

**WHEREAS**, Dignity Health Connected Living 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** that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency:

1. Certifies DHCL'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*;
2. Certifies that the Traditional 5310 grant application from DHCL has been evaluated by SRTA based on California Transportation Commission-established evaluation criteria;
3. Assures that the projects (Traditional and Expanded) fully recommended for funding by Caltrans will be included in the regionally-prepared Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP); and
4. Authorizes the executive director to provide any other needed information, certifications, and assurances for the grant applications to proceed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22nd day of October 2019, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

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**Kristen Schreder, Chair**  
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency

# Fact Sheet: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

## Section 5310



FTA Section 5310 funds are authorized via the federal transportation bill to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The FTA 5310 Program provides financial assistance for transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

The FTA Section 5310 program provides grant funds for capital, mobility management, and operating expenses for:

- Public transportation projects planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable;
- Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);
- Public transportation projects that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance on complementary paratransit; and
- Alternatives to public transportation projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities and with transportation.

**Examples of Prior Funded Projects**

| Agency                          | Project Description                                  | Funding amount | Year     |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Far Northern Opportunity Center | 2 minivans                                           | \$77,906       | 10/11    |
| DHCL (formerly SSNP)            | 2 medium buses, 2 small buses                        | \$26,381       | 10/11    |
| Golden Umbrella                 | Operating Assistance for Senior Companions Program   | \$11,248       | 11/12    |
| Golden Umbrella                 | Operating Assistance for Foster Grandparent Program  | \$26,700       | 11/12    |
| Far Northern Opportunity Center | Construct transit shelter and seating at Opp. Center | \$159,500      | 11/12    |
| DHCL (formerly SSNP)            | Elderly/disabled transportation to Shingletown       | \$30,341       | 11/12    |
| Golden Umbrella                 | Operating Assistance for Senior Companions Program   | \$22,495       | 12/13    |
| Golden Umbrella                 | Operating Assistance for Foster Grandparent Program  | \$126,068      | 13/14    |
| Golden Umbrella                 | Operating Assistance for Senior Companions Program   | \$95,060       | 13/14    |
| Golden Umbrella                 | Operating expenses                                   | \$530,302      | 15/16/17 |
| Dignity Health Connected Living | 3 medium buses                                       | \$210,000      | 15/16/17 |
| Paratransit Services, Inc.      | 2 vehicles                                           | \$140,000      | 15/16/17 |