

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	October 30, 2025
SUBJECT:	Receive Information on Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) Applications
AGENDA ITEM:	7-4
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SUMMARY

Six applications for Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program were received from the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA), Dignity Health Connected Living (DHCL), and the Far North Regional Center (FNRC) for the Shasta Region. Caltrans requires that SRTA review and score capital applications before Caltrans reviews them. SRTA staff reviewed and scored the capital applications.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Receive information on FTA Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) applications for the Shasta Region; and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide any additional information, as required, 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 30, 2025, and the deadline was September 3, 2025. Approximately \$24.4 million is available statewide for projects in small urban and rural areas.

Caltrans received six applications for the Shasta Region from RABA, DHCL, and FNRC, totaling \$1,430,400 for traditional projects and \$662,939 for expanded projects. Project details are provided in the following table. Caltrans requires that SRTA score capital project applications. Staff is providing the following information on projects and scores.

Applicant	Project Description	Funding Request	Score
RABA (Capital)	Large bus with 16 spots for ambulatory passengers & 2 spots for wheelchairs	\$148,800	78
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FNRC (Capital)	Medium bus with 12 spots for ambulatory passengers & 2 spots for wheelchairs	\$139,200	65
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DHCL (Capital)	Medium bus with 12 spots for ambulatory passengers & 2 spots for wheelchairs	\$139,200	71
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RABA (Operating)	Mobility management program	\$272,000	Scoring not required
RABA (Operating)	Expanding demand response to include seniors	\$254,518	Scoring not required
DCHL (Operating)	Senior Mobility and Rural Transportation (SMART) Volunteer Driver Program	\$136,421	Scoring not required

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). CTC adopts the prioritized list. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on October 13, 2025, to review and discuss the applications. TAC concurs with the staff recommendation.

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.



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