

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	February 25, 2020
SUBJECT:	Approve Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Projects for Rural Transit Needs for Federal Fiscal Year 2019/20
AGENDA ITEM:	8-8
STAFF CONTACT:	Julie McFall, Associate Transportation Planner

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Approve the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019/20 program of projects (consisting of existing Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA) services) for transit operations provided by RABA in the unincorporated areas of Shasta County; and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide certifications, assurances, and other requested information to Caltrans and FTA.

DISCUSSION:

The FTA Section 5311 program provides reimbursement for rural transit operations. Regions receive an annual apportionment announcement from Caltrans, which public transit providers may then apply for. For FFY 2019/20, the 5311 apportionment available for the Shasta Region is \$360,153. SRTA is responsible for selecting projects and approving funding amounts for the 5311 program. In response to SRTA's solicitation for proposals, Shasta County requested the full FFY 2019/20 apportionment to support rural transit operations within the RABA service area. Shasta County's application was the only application received.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may choose to not approve the 5311 proposal submitted by Shasta County; in which case the FFY 2019/20 5311 apportionment could carry over to the next year.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Caltrans will administer the funds directly to Shasta County. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Shasta County's transit needs for FFY 2019/20 are \$654,067, which includes rural transit operations within the RABA service area and Burney Express operations under contract with RABA. The proposed action funds 55% of Shasta County's transit needs for FFY 2019/20; State Transit Assistance (STA) funds will be used to fund the remainder.

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Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director