

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	June 19, 2018
SUBJECT:	Approve Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Projects for Rural Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2018/19 and Adopt Resolution Approving an FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 by the County of Shasta to Operate the Burney Express
AGENDA ITEM:	5-7
STAFF CONTACT:	Julie McFall, Associate Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for rural transit operations via the Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs. SRTA reviews and approves projects. Continued funding for RABA fixed-route services in the unincorporated area of Shasta County and the Burney Express service is recommended.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Approve the FTA Section 5311 FY 2018/19 program of projects (consisting of existing RABA services) for transit operations provided by RABA in the unincorporated areas of Shasta County;
2. Adopt Resolution 18-10 (attached) approving a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application from the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express for Federal Fiscal Year 2019; and
3. Authorize the executive director to provide certifications, assurances, and other requested information to Caltrans and FTA.

DISCUSSION:

The FTA Section 5311 and Section 5311(f) programs provide funding for rural transit operations via the following programs:

- **Section 5311:** Regions receive annual apportionments, which are then available for public transit providers to apply for in the form of a project. For 2019, the 5311 apportionment available for the Shasta Region is \$340,809. SRTA is responsible for selecting projects and approving funding amounts for the 5311 program. In response to SRTA's solicitation for proposals, the county of Shasta requested \$340,809 for FY 2018/19 rural transit operations under contract with RABA.
- **5311(f):** Caltrans administers 5311(f) funds through a competitive process. SRTA is responsible for reviewing and approving 5311(f) applications prior to transit providers submitting applications to Caltrans. The county of Shasta has submitted a FTA Section

5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for \$217,877 to fund a portion of the Burney Express bus service.

Staff recommends approving the county's request for 5311 and 5311(f) funds.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may choose not to approve the 5311 proposal submitted by the county; in which case the 2019 apportionment would roll over to next year. The board of directors may choose not to adopt the supporting 5311(f) resolution; this would disqualify the county's 5311(f) application.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Caltrans will administer the funds directly to the county of Shasta. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval of the staff recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed action funds most of the county transit needs for FY 2018/19. If available 5311 and 5311(f) are not used, State Transit Assistance (STA) funds would be used at the expense of other projects within the Shasta Region.



Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments:

Resolution 18-10: Approve an FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 by the County of Shasta to Operate the Burney Express

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	18-10
SUBJECT:	Approve an FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 by the County of Shasta to Operate the Burney Express

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation provides grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for operating and capital assistance projects for non-urbanized 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. Approve a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express; and
2. Authorizes the executive director to provide any other information and assurances as needed to Caltrans for the application to proceed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of June, 2018, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Susie Baugh, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency