

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	2/24/15
SUBJECT:	Amend SRTA Policies related to Federal Transit Administration Section 5311; Transportation Development Act; and SRTA's Non-motorized Program
AGENDA ITEM:	12
STAFF CONTACT:	Jennifer Pollom, Associate Transportation Planner

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors amend SRTA Policies related to Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311; the Transportation Development Act (TDA); and SRTA's non-motorized programs.

DISCUSSION:

FTA Section 5311 funds public transportation in rural areas. SRTA selects projects and funding amounts. Historically, all 5311 funds were directed to the county of Shasta. Last year for the first time, the board of directors approved a portion of 5311 funds for Golden Umbrella senior services based on new FTA guidance. Moving forward policies are needed to evaluate and select 5311 projects.

Policies are also needed to administer SRTA's non-motorized programs which have two components distinguished by eligibility requirements. One program originates from a 2% "off the top" of TDA, called 2% Non-Motorized, and is open to all areas in Shasta County. The other program is for non-motorized facilities that link to public transit in rural areas and also utilize TDA funds. This is referred to as the Rural BLAST (Bike Lanes and Sidewalks to Transit) Program.

Amended SRTA policies to evaluate 5311 projects; the 2% Non-Motorized Program; and the Rural BLAST Program are attached for board of directors' consideration.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may further modify these policies or continue this item to request additional information.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Technical Advisory Committee concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

Approval of the new and updated policies provide guidance for selection of projects through existing funding programs and will have no fiscal impact.

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: Amended SRTA Policies - *Not available for TAC meeting*