

# STAFF REPORT



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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>  | <b>June 27, 2017</b>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>       | <b>Adopt Resolution Approving a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express</b> |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>   | <b>5-8</b>                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>STAFF CONTACT:</b> | <b>Jennifer Pollom, Senior Transportation Planner</b>                                                                                                                        |

## **SUMMARY:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) program provides funding for public transportation and planning to connect rural areas to urbanized areas. Caltrans selects projects and approves funding amounts. Projects must be reviewed and approved by the regional agency. Staff recommends adopting resolution 17-11 approving a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for \$84,664 by the county of Shasta to fund a portion of the Burney Express bus service.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the board of directors adopt Resolution 17-11 (attached) approving a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program provides funding for public transportation and planning to connect rural areas to urbanized areas. Funding is competitively awarded, and applications must be approved by SRTA. Because of reductions in the 5311(f) program, Caltrans did not issue a call for projects but rather offered existing recipients – the county of Shasta – a reduction in continued funding.

The county accepted the \$84,664 offer and committed \$68,353 of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for the required local match. The completed application for total \$153,017 only funds a portion of the 2017/18 Burney Express operations. Staff recommends approving the grant application.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The board of directors may choose not to adopt the supporting resolution. This would disqualify the application. Because of the reduction in the 5311(f) program, Caltrans offered funding only to existing recipients in this cycle. Therefore no other projects are eligible.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Caltrans selects projects and administers the FTA Section 5311(f) program for California. ///The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommends approval of staff recommendation.///

**FINANCING:**

The proposed action will free up \$84,664 of FTA Section 5311 and STA funds which will pay for the county's remaining 2017/18 transit obligation – including remaining Burney Express needs. This strategy efficiently funds rural transit needs first with the use of competitive 5311(f) funds; next with federally apportioned 5311 rural transit funds; and with STA funds. This maximizes county STA spillover funds to benefit the three cities and the Rural BLAST (Bike Lanes and Sidewalks to Transit) program. Furthermore, this enables all county Local Transportation Funds to be used for streets and roads because all transit obligations are met with other fund sources.

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**Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director**

**Attachments:**

Resolution 17-11: Approve a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express

# RESOLUTION



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| <b>RESOLUTION NUMBER:</b> | <b>17-11</b>                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>           | <b>Approve a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express</b> |

**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 2018 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 27th day of June, 2017, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

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**Greg Watkins, Chair**  
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency