

# STAFF REPORT



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| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>  | June 25, 2019                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>       | Adopt Resolution 19-11 Approving Shasta County's FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 to Operate the Burney Express Service |
| <b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>   | 5-7                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>STAFF CONTACT:</b> | Julie McFall, Associate Transportation Planner                                                                                                                            |

## **SUMMARY:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provides funding for rural transit operations via the Section 5311(f) programs. Caltrans selects projects and administers the program for California. SRTA reviews and approves projects submitted in Shasta County. Continued funding for the Burney Express service is recommended.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Adopt Resolution 19-11 (attached) approving Shasta County's FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application to operate the Burney Express service for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020; and
2. Authorize the executive director to provide certifications, assurances, and other requested information to Caltrans and FTA.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The FTA Section 5311(f) program provides funding for rural and intercity transit operations. Caltrans administers 5311(f) funds through a competitive process. SRTA is responsible for reviewing and approving 5311(f) applications submitted in Shasta County prior to transit providers submitting applications to Caltrans.

Shasta County has submitted a FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program application for \$200,573 to fund the Burney Express bus service. Staff recommends approving Shasta County's request for 5311(f) funds.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

The board of directors may choose not to approve Shasta County's 5311(f) application.

## **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

Caltrans administers the FTA 5311(f) program for California. Shasta County prepared and submitted a FTA Section 5311(f) application to Caltrans. *///The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.///*

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Shasta County's estimated budget to operate the Burney Express service is \$200,573. Shasta County's FTA Section 5311(f) application request of \$200,573 would fully fund Burney Express service needs for FFY 2020. This strategy efficiently funds rural transit needs first with the use of competitive 5311(f) funds. This maximizes county STA spillover funds to benefit the transit obligations of the cities of Anderson, Redding, and Shasta Lake and SRTA's Non-Motorized Program. Furthermore, this enables all regional Local Transportation Funds for FY 2019/20 to be used for streets and roads because all transit obligations are met with transit-only fund sources.

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

**Attachments:**

Resolution 19-11: Approve Shasta County's FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program  
Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 to Operate the Burney Express  
Service

# RESOLUTION



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| <b>RESOLUTION NUMBER:</b> | <b>19-11</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>           | <b>Approve Shasta County's FTA Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 to Operate the Burney Express Service</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 2020 by the county of Shasta to operate the Burney Express service; and
2. Authorizes the executive director to provide any other information and assurances as needed to Caltrans and FTA for the application to proceed.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25th day of June 2019, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

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**Kristen Schreder, Chair**  
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency