



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kate Miller, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Resolution No. 19-10 Authorizing Federal Funding under Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5311 and 5311(f) with the California Department of Transportation

RECOMMENDATION

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) Board approve Resolution No. 19-10 (Attachment 1) authorizing the Executive Director, or designee, to execute actions necessary to obtain grant funds authorized under Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5311 and 5311(f) provided by California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every three (3) years, Caltrans requires a new resolution as a condition of receiving FTA Sections 5311 and 5311(f) funds. The last resolution was adopted in 2016. A new resolution must be adopted by the Board to continue funding the NVTA rural transit program which includes the Yountville Trolley, St. Helena Shuttle, and Calistoga Shuttle and the intercity bus program-Route 21 to Solano County.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff Report
2. Public Comments
3. Motion, Second, Discussion and Vote

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? Yes, staff estimates receiving \$500,000 in FY 2019-20.

Is it currently budgeted? NA

Where is it budgeted? NA

Future fiscal impact: Yes, NVRTA staff estimates receiving \$1,500,000 funding over the three year period, FY 2019-20 to 2021-22.

Consequences if not approved: Federal funding for rural transit and intercity bus programs will be withdrawn.

CEQA REQUIREMENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 program is authorized by 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 5311. It provides funding for public transit in non-urbanized areas defined as a population of less than 50,000 as determined by the Federal Census. The FTA apportions funds annually to each state. For California, the Governor has designated the grantee to be the Caltrans Division of Mass Transportation.

The Resolution No. 19-10 (Attachment 1) authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to take actions necessary to secure such funding, including submitting amendments to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), executing, approving and submitting documents or information to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) or other agencies as necessary.

Caltrans is the designated recipient of FTA 5311 funds. NVRTA is required to provide a local match of 44.67% for the rural transit and intercity bus program. NVRTA will provide a local match from Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funding.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attachment: (1) Resolution No. 19-10

RESOLUTION No. 19-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NVRTA)
AUTHORIZING FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5311
(49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) AND
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5311f
(49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311f)
WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 and 5311f of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1G and FTA C 9050.1); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 grants for transportation projects for the general public for the rural transit and intercity bus; and

WHEREAS, NVRTA wishes to make application for financial assistance for transit service/purchase of capital equipment in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, NVRTA has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Napa Valley Transportation Authority does hereby authorize the Executive Director, or designee, to file and execute applications with the Department for capital projects and operating assistance pursuant to Section 5311 and 5311f of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1F and FTA C 9050.1), as amended.

That the Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That the Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5311 and 5311f projects.

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That the Executive Director, or designee, is authorized to submit and approve requests for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 and 5311f project(s).

Passed and Adopted the 15th day of May, 2019.

Ayes:

Chris Canning, NVTa Chair

Nays:

Absent:

ATTEST:

Karalyn E. Sanderlin, NVTa Board Secretary

APPROVED:

DeeAnne Gillick, NVTa Legal Counsel