



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 5/19/2026

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Johannes J. Hoevertsz, 707-565-2550

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

Go Sonoma Funding for Fare-Free Transit Program

**Recommended Action:**

Delegate authority to the Director of Public Infrastructure to execute the proposed, revised cooperative agreement with the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority, allocating Go Sonoma Fare-Free Transit Program funds annually to Sonoma County Transit for its Youth Fare-Free program and local fare-free routes.

**Executive Summary:**

Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, Transit Division, recommends entering into a cooperative agreement with the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority (SCTCA) to receive annual allocations of Go Sonoma Fare Free Transit Program funds for its Youth Fare-Free program and local fare-free routes.

**Discussion:**

Sonoma County Transit currently offers free youth fares systemwide. Since July 2023, these fares were funded by Sonoma County Climate Resiliency Funds, providing fare-free rides for youth (K-12) on all routes for a two-year period. This program concluded in June 2025. However, a portion of Go Sonoma funds from a ¼ sales tax for transportation administered by the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities are available to continue the Youth Fare-Free program during the life of the sales tax.

Approval for this funding was brought to your Board on August 26, 2025; however, the version approved by your Board did not match the form of agreement that SCTCA requires for the Fare-Free program., Authority is now required for the County to execute the SCTA-required agreement form.

**Strategic Plan:**

N/A

**Racial Equity:**

**Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?**

No

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**Prior Board Actions:**

08/26/25: Board Approved Go Sonoma Funding for Fare-Free Transit Program

10/25/22: Board Approved Climate Resilience Funding Round # 2 Recommendations

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY25-26 Adopted</b>	<b>FY26-27 Projected</b>	<b>FY27-28 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses	\$340,000		
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>		
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other	\$340,000		
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>\$340,000</b>		

**Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

There is no change in fiscal impact from the prior Board action. This item is solely to make minor administrative revisions to the agreement, and the Go Sonoma funds of \$340,000 remain incorporated into the adopted FY2025-26 Transit budget to offset eligible operational expenditures. The agreement will remain in effect until June 30, 2046, unless discharged, and future appropriations will be requested through the annual budget process

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

**Attachments:**

Cooperative Funding Agreement

**Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:**

None