



COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION
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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 10/6/2020

To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Transportation and Public Works

Staff Name and Phone Number: Johannes J. Hoevertsz 707-565-2231

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisory District(s): Countywide

Title:

Sonoma County Transit - Lifeline Transportation Program

Recommended Action:

- A. Approve resolution seeking Lifeline Transportation Program funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to assist with the purchase of one compressed natural gas-powered replacement bus.
- B. Authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works to execute all required actions and documents, including amendment thereto, with Metropolitan Transportation Commission as required to obtain Lifeline Transportation Program funding.

Executive Summary:

The Transportation and Public Works Department (TPW) is requesting that the Board approve a resolution authorizing the County to submit an application for funding from the Lifeline Transportation Program to assist with the purchase of one 40-foot compressed natural gas (CNG)-powered replacement bus.

Discussion:

The Lifeline Transportation Funding Program is intended to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties. Administered through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), funding for the program is provided through the Federal Transit Administration's Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program. For this funding cycle, Sonoma County Transit will be allocated \$166,459 towards the total purchase cost of \$722,000 for a 40-foot CNG bus. MTC requires a 20% local funding match for all Lifeline Transportation Programs, which will come from existing transit funding sources. Sonoma County Transit anticipates the local share to be approximately 24%.

Lifeline Transportation funding guidelines were established by MTC with the goal of supporting community-based transportation projects developed through a collaborative and inclusive process. Within Sonoma County Transit's service area, Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTP's) were developed by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and included locally-based transportation needs assessments for the Healdsburg, Lower Russian River, and Sonoma Springs areas.

The CBTP's identified the need for convenient and reliable transit service as a priority project. Lifeline

Transportation Program funding in the amount of \$166,459 through the JARC federal transit funding program will be requested to assist with the purchase of one 40-foot CNG-powered replacement bus. The replacement bus will be deployed on routes primarily serving the respective CBTP areas of Healdsburg, Lower Russia River, and Sonoma Springs to ensure the provision of convenient and reliable transit service to outlying low-income areas of the County.

MTC's program guidelines require the supporting resolution to acknowledge Sonoma County Transit's compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) with respect to the program for which it is requesting funding. TPW complies with CEQA in a variety of ways, including by undertaking review and filing applicable notices regarding continuing transit operations for each fiscal year as part of the annual claims process for state transit operations funding.

Prior Board Actions:

05/08/18: Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors approving resolution requesting Lifeline Transportation Program funding to continue feeder bus service during weekday commute periods and assist with the purchase of one CNG replacement bus. Resolution No. 18-0167.

03/10/15: Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors approving resolution requesting Lifeline Transportation Program funding to expand feeder bus service during weekday commute periods and assist with the purchase of CNG replacement buses. Resolution No. 15-0079.

05/08/12: Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors approving resolution requesting STA Lifeline Transportation Program funding to support Sonoma County Transit routes 20, 30 and 60, including adding capacity during peak commute times. Resolution No. 12-0221.

03/27/12: Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors approving resolution requesting Proposition 1B Lifeline Transportation Program funding for Sonoma County Transit's bus stop enhancements and CNG bus replacement projects. Resolution No. 12-0139.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 20-21 Adopted	FY 21-22 Projected	FY 22-23 Projected
Budgeted Expenses		\$722,000	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures		\$722,000	
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$722,000	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources		\$722,000	

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

The project budget is a total of \$722,000, which includes \$166,459 in Lifeline Transportation Program funding, \$385,000 in other federal transit funding, and \$170,541 in local matching funding from existing transit funding, which includes a combination of state and federal sources. Appropriations will be recommended for the FY 21-22 Budget. No fiscal impacts are anticipated in FY 20-21.

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None.

Attachments:

Resolution

Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:

Lifeline Transportation Program Funding Application