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Memorandum

TO: Commission

DATE: February 25, 2009

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Program

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) contains significant funding for transportation, including funding for grants under the FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Program, which promotes public transit in the non-urbanized areas of the state.

Caltrans is the designated recipient of ARRA FTA Section 5311 funds and is responsible for administering the program on behalf of FTA. Caltrans requested that MTC develop a program of projects for the Bay Area's portion of Economic Recovery FTA Section 5311 funds, which Caltrans estimates will be approximately \$2 million. Please note that the estimated amount of funding available is preliminary and reflects FTA and Caltrans' best efforts at calculating the formula allocations for our state and region.

On February 9, 2009, MTC issued an expedited Call for Projects to solicit projects for the ARRA FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized program for the San Francisco Bay Area region. These funds are available only for capital expenses for general public transportation in non-urbanized areas, that is, any area outside designated urbanized areas. Eligible applicants include public transit agencies and Indian tribes. All funding requests were due to MTC no later than February 13, 2009.

MTC received \$4.8 million in funding requests from seven transit providers. MTC staff evaluated all proposals using principles, screening criteria and priorities based on those that are used for the annual 5311 program. Due to the tight project delivery deadlines in ARRA, staff also considered how quickly the proposed projects could be implemented. After identifying the highest priority, "ready to go" projects, MTC staff consulted with the project sponsors to develop a program that would allow all "ready to go" Priority 1 and Priority 2 projects to receive some ARRA FTA Section 5311 funding. A list of all initial funding requests and staff ranking recommendations is included in Table 1.

Attached is MTC Resolution No. 3888, which sets forth the programming for the ARRA FTA Section 5311 program; the detailed project listing is included as Attachment A. These funds will be programmed into the TIP as part of proposed TIP amendment 09-07.

If MTC Resolution No. 3888 is approved by the Commission, MTC will transmit the regional program to Caltrans for inclusion in the statewide program and grant, which will be submitted to

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission approve MTC Resolution No. 3888.



Therese W. McMillan

Table 1
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) FTA Section 5311 Funds
 Funding Requests and Proposed Program of Projects

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	County	Economic Recovery 5311 Funding Requested		Proposed Econ. Recov. 5311 Award
			Amount	Category	
City of Dixon	Municipal Service Center Replacement	Solano	\$ 513,000	Basic Capital Requirements	1 \$ 381,676
Marin Transit / West Marin Stagecoach	Three (3) Vehicle Replacements	Marin	\$ 519,508	Basic Capital Requirements	1 \$ 389,631 (1)
Sonoma County Transit	Compressed Natural Gas Replacement Project	Sonoma	\$ 600,000	Basic Capital Requirements	1 \$ 460,388
STA / Solano Paratransit	Four (4) Replacement Paratransit Buses	Solano	\$ 375,000	Basic Capital Requirements	1 \$ 300,000 (2)
City of Dixon	Preventive Maintenance	Solano	\$ 48,000	Preventive Maintenance	2 \$ 48,000
Rio Vista	Preventive Maintenance	Solano	\$ 75,000	Preventive Maintenance	2 \$ 75,000
SamTrans	Preventive Maintenance (Route 294 & SamCoast)	San Mateo	\$ 310,183	Preventive Maintenance	2 \$ 200,000
VTA	Preventive Maintenance (Route 68)	Santa Clara	\$ 588,658	Preventive Maintenance	2 \$ 200,000
SamTrans	Purchase of One (1) 30" Bus - Expansion (Route 17)	San Mateo	\$ 445,000	Capital Assistance for Service Expansions	3 \$ 0
Rio Vista	Delta Breeze Relief Vehicles	Solano	\$ 90,000	"Service Enhancement" Transit Capital Items	4 \$ 0
Rio Vista	Passenger Amenities	Solano	\$ 50,000	"Service Enhancement" Transit Capital Items	4 \$ 0
Rio Vista	Automated Vehicle Locator and Radio System	Solano	\$ 50,000	Basic Capital Requirements (not deemed "ready to go")	N/A \$ 0
Rio Vista	Corporation Yard Renovation	Solano	\$ 250,000	Basic Capital Requirements (not deemed "ready to go")	N/A \$ 0
City of Dixon	Dispatch System	Solano	\$ 36,000	Other	- \$ 0
Rio Vista	Water Taxi Vessel Purchase	Solano	\$ 850,000	Other	- \$ 0
Rio Vista	Dispatch Office Equipment	Solano	\$ 10,000	Other	- \$ 0
Total Amount Requested			\$ 4,810,349		Total Amount Funded \$ 2,054,695
Estimated Econ. Recov. 5311 Funds Available			\$ 2,054,695		Estimated Econ. Recov. 5311 Funds Available \$ 2,054,695
Difference			\$ (2,755,654)		Difference \$ (0)

(1) Proposed funding level will be used to purchase 3 vehicles
 (2) Proposed funding level will be used to purchase 4 vehicles

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3888

This resolution adopts the programming for the FTA Section 5311 (Nonurbanized Formula) funds to be apportioned via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The program contains the FTA Section 5311 project listing that is to be funded with FY 2008-09 ARRA program funds for inclusion in the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The resolution includes the following attachment:

Attachment A - Program of Projects

Further discussion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 FTA Section 5311 Program is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum to the Programming and Allocations Committee dated February 11, 2009 and the Deputy Executive Director's Memorandum to the Commission dated February 25, 2009.

Date: February 25, 2009
W.I.: 1512
Referred By: PAC

RE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: FTA Section 5311 (Nonurbanized) Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3888

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the region) and is required to prepare and endorse a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which includes a list of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funded projects; and

WHEREAS, MTC is mindful of the timely use of funds established in the ARRA; and

WHEREAS, MTC has developed, in consultation with interested transportation providers, an ARRA FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula Program of Projects for the San Francisco Bay Area, attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC has identified a set of projects for amendment into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as set forth in Attachment A of this Resolution, incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 TIP will be subject to public review and comment; now therefore
be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the ARRA FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula Program of Projects as listed on Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that projects in Attachment A will be amended into in the 2009 TIP, subject to the final federal approval of the amendment; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC is authorized and directed to modify the ARRA Program of Projects as listed on Attachment A to match the actual FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula fund appropriation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Attachment A may be revised from time to time by approval of MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required, to Caltrans, and to other such agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on February 25, 2009

Attachment A
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula - Program of Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Project Description	ARRA Sect. 5311 Program
City of Dixon	Municipal Service Center Replacement	Replace Transit Department facilities, including transit offices, dispatch center, bus storage, maintenance garage, and employee break area, as part of the City of Dixon Municipal Service Center (MSC) replacement project. The current MSC is no longer suited for occupation due to age and condition of facilities. The plans for the project have been approved and are ready to bid.	\$381,676
Marin Transit / West Marin Stagecoach	Three (3) Vehicle Replacements	Purchase three (3) replacement vehicles for use on the West Marin Stagecoach.	\$389,631
Sonoma County Transit	Compressed Natural Gas Replacement Project	Assist with the replacement of ten (10) 40-foot Heavy-Duty Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered transit coaches. The buses to be replaced are ten (10) 1996, 40-foot Heavy-Duty CNG coaches with a passenger capacity of 41.	\$460,388
Solano Transportation Authority / Solano Paratransit	Four (4) Vehicle Replacements	Purchase four (4) replacement 18-passenger, 22-foot buses through the state contract.	\$300,000
City of Dixon	Preventive Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance for the city's fleet of paratransit vehicles.	\$48,000
City of Rio Vista	Preventive Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance for the city's fleet of transit vehicles.	\$75,000
San Mateo County Transit District	Preventive Maintenance	Preventive maintenance for fixed route (Route 294) and demand response (SamCoast) service in the rural area of the coastside of San Mateo County.	\$200,000
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Preventive Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance for fixed route bus service on Route 68, outside of the urban boundary within Santa Clara County.	\$200,000
Total Programming			\$2,054,695
Total Available			\$2,054,695
Difference			\$0