

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

September 14, 2011

Item Number 2d

**Resolution No. 3888, Revised**

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**Subject:** American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Revisions to the FTA Section 5311 (Nonurbanized) Program

**Background:** On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which included funding for grants under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Nonurbanized Program. This program provides formula funding to states for the purpose of supporting public transportation in nonurbanized areas.

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 ARRA Section 5311 funds, totaling approximately \$2.1 million.

In Resolution 3888, Revised, MTC programmed \$389,631 to Marin Transit to purchase three replacement vehicles for use on the rural West Marin Stagecoach service. After receiving final bids for the vehicles, the costs came in lower than the initial estimates. Marin Transit has requested that the program be revised so that the surplus of grant funds, along with a local contribution, can be used to purchase a fourth vehicle. Staff concurs with this request, and the request has been approved by Caltrans.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommendation:** Refer Resolution No. 3888, Revised to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 3888, Revised.

Date: February 25, 2009  
W.I.: 1512  
Referred by: PAC  
Revised: 03/25/09-C  
05/26/10-C  
09/28/11-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3888, Revised

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

This resolution was revised on March 25, 2009 to modify the ARRA Program of Projects as listed on Attachment A to match the actual FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula fund appropriation and to slightly modify the project description for the Sonoma County Transit project.

This resolution was revised on May 26, 2010 to transfer \$300,000 in funds from the Solano Transportation Authority/Solano Paratransit to the City of Dixon and the City of Vallejo.

This resolution was revised on September 28, 2011 to make a minor modification to the Marin Transit project description.

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, the Deputy Executive Director's Memorandum to the Commission dated February 25, 2009, and the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated May 12, 2010 and September 14, 2011.

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

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>ARRA Sect. 5311 Program</b>
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	Four (4) Vehicle Replacements	Purchase four (4) replacement vehicles for use on the West Marin Stagecoach.	\$389,631 <sup>(4)</sup>
Sonoma County Transit	Compressed Natural Gas Replacement Project	Fund the replacement of two (2) 40-foot heavy duty compressed natural gas powered transit coaches.	\$460,388
City of Dixon	Three (3) Vehicle Replacements	Purchase three (3) replacement vehicles for expanded Read-Ride service between Dixon, Vacaville and Davis.	\$225,000 <sup>(3)</sup>
City of Vallejo	One (1) Vehicle Replacement	Purchase one (1) replacement vehicle for new Runabout service between Benicia, Vallejo, and the unincorporated area of Fairfield near Solano Community College.	\$75,000 <sup>(3)</sup>
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.	\$228,794 <sup>(1)</sup>
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.	\$228,794 <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Total Programming</b>			<b>\$2,112,283</b>
<b>Total Available</b>			<b>\$2,112,283</b>
<b>Difference</b>			<b>\$0</b>

(1) San Mateo County Transit District preventive maintenance project increased from \$200,000 to \$228,794 on 3/25/09 to account for the actual FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula fund appropriation, which was \$57,588 greater than estimated.

(2) Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority preventive maintenance project increased from \$200,000 to \$228,794 on 3/25/09 to account for the actual FTA Nonurbanized Area Formula fund appropriation, which was \$57,588 greater than estimated.

(3) Due to the dissolution of Solano Paratransit in July 2009, \$300,000 originally awarded to Solano Transportation Authority/Solano Paratransit for four (4) vehicle replacements was transferred to the City of Dixon and the City of Vallejo on 5/26/10.

(4) Marin Transit's project description was revised on 9/28/11 to increase the number of replacement vehicles from three to four.