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| COUNTY OF SONOMA AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY REPORT | | Clerk of the Board Use Only Meeting Date _____ Held Until _____ Agenda Item No: _____ Agenda Item No: _____ | |
| Department: Transportation and Public Works- Transit | | [] 4/5 Vote Required | |
| Contact: Bryan Albee | Phone: (707) 585-7516 | Board Date: 04/14/09 | Deadline for Board Action: |
| <p>Agenda Short Title: Sonoma County Transit - Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009</p> <p>Requested Board Action: (1) Conduct a public hearing to receive comment on Sonoma County Transit's proposal to apply for \$460,388 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds to assist with the purchase of two replacement compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. (2) Authorize Sonoma County Transit to file an application for \$460,388 in FTA Section 5311 – ARRA funds to assist with the purchase of two replacement CNG buses. (3) Authorize Chair to execute Certification Under Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the above project.</p> | | | |
| CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT | | | |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | <u>ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL</u> | |
| Estimated Cost | \$ -0- | Contingencies (Fund Name:) | \$ |
| Amount Budgeted | \$ | Unanticipated Revenue | \$ |
| Other Avail. Approp (Explain below) | \$ | Other Transfer(s) | \$ _____ \$ |
| Additional Requested | \$ -0- | Add'l Funds Requested: | |
| Explanation (if required): | | | |
| <p>Prior Board Action(s): 3-17-09: Board approved resolution authorizing Sonoma County Transit to file an application for Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding for Preventive Maintenance and CNG Bus Replacement projects and stating the assurance to complete the projects (MTC programmed ARRA funds.)</p> | | | |
| <p>Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval: Sonoma County Transit will not receive FTA Section 5311 funds allocated from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.</p> | | | |

Background:

A portion of Sonoma County Transit’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding comes through Caltrans’ Division of Mass Transportation for the Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) Section 5311 program. Section 5311 funds are available to transit operators who provide service to rural areas. Sonoma County Transit is considered a rural transit operator by the FTA and is eligible for FTA Section 5311 funding.

Sonoma County Transit is eligible to receive \$460,388 in FTA Section 5311 ARRA funds to assist with the purchase of two replacement compressed natural gas powered buses.

To meet Caltrans’ application and public notice requirements, it is necessary to conduct a public hearing to receive comment on Sonoma County Transit’s proposed bus replacement project as it pertains to FTA Section 5311 ARRA funds. Notice of today’s public hearing was printed in the Press Democrat on March 13 and March 28, 2009.

The funds associated with this application are in addition to \$605,044 in ARRA funds Transit applied for in March, 2009, through MTC for bus replacement purposes.

Recommendation:

(1) Conduct a public hearing to receive comment on Sonoma County Transit’s proposal to apply for \$460,388 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds to assist with the purchase of two replacement compressed natural gas (CNG) buses.

(2) Authorize Sonoma County Transit to file an application for \$460,388 in FTA Section 5311 – ARRA funds to assist with the purchase of two replacement CNG buses.

(3) Authorize Chair to execute Certification Under Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the above project.

Attachments: ARRA Certification

On File With Clerk:

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")

Vote:

**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF
THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5 (Feb. 17, 2009)) (“ARRA”), I _____*, hereby certify that the infrastructure investments funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the headings: “Highway Infrastructure Investment” to the Federal Highway Administration, “Transit Capital Assistance,” “Fixed Guideway Infrastructure Investment,” and “Capital Investment Grants” to the Federal Transit Administration, have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment:

Description of the investment(s):

| Project Type | Amount Requested |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| (A) Vehicle Replacement/Expansion | \$460,388 |
| (B) Transit Related Equipment | |
| (C) Transit Facilities/Infrastructure | |
| (D) ADA Paratransit Operating Service | |
| (E) Preventive Maintenance | |
| (F) Transit Safety & Security | |
| (G) Mobility Management | |
| (H) Other (Specify): | |
| Total | \$460,388 |

The estimated total cost (of all projects): and the amount of ARRA funds to be used is provided on the **California** Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is available to the public at <http://www.recovery.gov/>.

I understand that my State or local agency may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.

State or Local Official Signature

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2009.
(Date) (Month)

*In accordance with section 1511 of ARRA, the Certifying Official may be either the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate.