



Meeting Date: May 10, 2019

Agenda Item: # 3

AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Resolution 2019-07 Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for the Purpose of Acquiring Federal Title 49, Section 5339(c) Capital Funding to Acquire One (1) Battery Electric Bus and Associated Charging Infrastructure and Authorizing the General Manger to Execute Agreements Pertaining to the Financial Assistance for the Project.

The Low or No Emission Competitive program provides funding to state and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting

Eligible projects include:

- Purchasing or leasing low- or no-emission buses;
- Acquiring low- or no-emission buses with a leased power source;
- Constructing or leasing facilities and related equipment (including intelligent technology and software) for low- or no-emission buses;
- Constructing new public transportation facilities to accommodate low- or no-emission buses;
- Rehabilitating or improving existing public transportation facilities.

All eligible expenses under the Low-No Program are attributable to compliance with the Clean Air Act and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act. Therefore, the Federal share of the cost of leasing or purchasing a transit bus is not to exceed 85 percent of the total transit bus cost.

Total Project Cost is \$1,124,655. MTA 15% match from reserve capital fund is \$170,821 and California HVIP Voucher Rebate Program is \$160,000; for a total match of 29.4%.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2019-07 Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Federal Transit Administration (“FTA”) for the Purpose of Acquiring Federal Title 49, Section 5339(c) Capital Funding to Acquire One (1) Battery Electric Bus and Associated Charging Infrastructure and Authorizing the General Manger to Execute Agreements Pertaining to the Financial Assistance for the Project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2019-07



RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MTA), APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (“FTA”) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING FEDERAL TITLE 49, SECTION 5339(c) CAPITAL FUNDING TO ACQUIRE ONE (1) BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES AND ASSOCIATED CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 53 of Title 49 of the United States Code (formerly the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended), makes financial aid available to eligible transit agencies or units of local government showing a substantial effort toward the preservation, improvement and operation of mass transit systems; and,

WHEREAS, the MTA is authorized to provide public transportation under the Mendocino Transit Authority Joint Powers Agreement and is eligible to receive federal grant funds under United States Code, Title 49, Section 5307 (“Section 5307”) for transit operating and capital projects and Section 5339(c); and,

WHEREAS, the MTA Board of Directors has been briefed on the costs and benefits associated with battery electric buses; and,

WHEREAS, federal Section 5339(c) grant agreements for financial assistance will impose certain obligations on MTA including the obligation to provide the necessary local share of the Project’s costs; and,

WHEREAS, MTA intends to comply with all FTA requirements for financial assistance for the Project and to submit any necessary certificates, assurances and other documents to that effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY, as follows:

1. That MTA shall commit up to \$170,821 as part of the Project’s local match through the use of Capital Reserve funds and MTA shall use \$160,000 in CA HVIP Rebate Vouchers for a total match of 29.4%.
2. That the General Manager, or designee, be authorized to approve to file for the federal Section 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program to secure funding for one (1) battery electric bus and associated charging infrastructure as well as project management, engineering and training costs.



3. That the General Manager is authorized to accept the offer of the FTA concerning the financing of the Project and to execute with the FTA grant agreements pertaining to financial assistance for the Project; and,
4. That, on award of federal funding, MTA shall undertake the Project as described above subject to the receipt of all necessary federal, state and local assistance; and,
5. That the General Manager, subject to required Board approval, is hereby authorized to execute all agreements and contracts with third parties, including affected local jurisdictions and utilities, in connection with this grant application and the Project; and,
6. That MTA hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute the certification and agreement required by the Labor Protection provisions of 49 U.S.C. 5333 (b) and to execute and file such other certifications, assurances and documents with the FTA as may be required by the FTA in connection with federal grant assistance for the Project.
7. That MTA shall adopt a goal of achieving a zero-emission public transit fleet by 2040.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY,
this 10th day of May, 2019 BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD SECRETARY