AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Adoption of Resolution 2020-01 Authorizing the Federal Funding under FTA section 5311 (49 U.S.C. section 5311) with California Department of Transportation.

SUMMARY:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 formula funding program is authorized by 49 United States Code (U.S.C) Section 5311. The 5311 program provides supplemental funding for public transit service in non-urbanized areas which have populations of fewer than 50,000 residents, as quantified by the United States Census Bureau.

The FTA apportions formula funds to each state on an annual basis. The California Department of Transportation, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT) is the designated grantee for California. The DRMT Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Branch manages the 5311 and 5311(f) programs.

- 15% Intercity Bus Program -- This funding share is apportioned to the Rural Intercity Bus Program (known as FTA 5311(f)).

MTA has applied for and been awarded three 5311(f) grants to fund the intercity route from Mendocino to Santa Rosa.

The next call for projects is due by February 12, 2020. A total of 4.9 million (less 1 million than last year) in competitive funding is available statewide. MTA will apply for $300,000 to subsidize the Route #65 from Mendocino to Santa Rosa.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution 2020-01 Authorizing the Executive Director to apply for and administer 5311(f) Funding under FTA section 5311(f) (49.U.S.C.section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation, Rail and Mass Transit Division.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2020-01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital/operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1F and FTA C 9050.1); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 grants for transportation projects for the general public for the rural transit and intercity bus; and

WHEREAS, MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of service/purchase of capital equipment in MENDOCINO AND SONOMA; and

WHEREAS, the MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS does hereby Authorize the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, to file and execute applications on behalf of with the Department to aid in the financing of capital/operating assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9040.1F and FTA C 9050.1), as amended.

That the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5311 projects.

That the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 project(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the MENDOCINO COUNTY, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Commission or Board Meeting held on the by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:

(Please Print)  
Name: __________________________________ Title: ________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________________________

January 29, 2020