



Meeting Date: May 27, 2020

Agenda Item: #8

**SUBJECT:**

CARES Federal Funding Update, COVID19 expenditures to date and estimated through May 31, 2020.

**SUMMARY:**

The CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) was passed by Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act includes provisions for new transit funding to assist providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. California's allocation of these funds under the FTA are to be distributed under the 5311 (Regional Operating Apportionment) and 5311(f) Regional Intercity Bus Grants to only eligible 5311 and 5311(f) subrecipients. These funds are retroactive to January 20, 2020

In April 2020, the first 30% of the CARES funding was allocated to rural transit providers. MTA was allocated the following amounts:

5311	\$557,349
5311(f)	\$144,998

While the 5311 allocation can be used systemwide for COVID-19 expenses, the 5311(f) allocation can only be utilized for expenses associated with MTA's Route #65.

CalTRANS has advised that they will release the remaining 60% of the CARES allocations in the fall of 2020. While MTA will receive more than the first round of funding, we will not receive the equivalent of \$1.4 million as more of the last round of allocation will be increased for tribal and other subrecipients. I am estimating that the total received from CARES will be \$1.1 million. This allocation is to cover through June 30, 2022.

To date MTA has invoiced \$101,987.32 as follows:

Cleaning Supplies:	\$14,657.57
Bus PPE Modifications	\$ 9,150.00
Fare Loss	\$70,202.00
Furloughed Employees	
Medical/VL-SL loss	\$ 7,977.00

To date, MTA has not received a reimbursement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion item only.