



Meeting Date:

May 28, 2025

Agenda Item:

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AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Discussion of MTA 2025 application for FTA 5311 and 5311f Operating funds and 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Capital (Low-No) Program.

SUMMARY:

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 is a formula-based program that provides funding to states for the purpose of supporting public transportation in rural areas. Rural areas encompass a population of less than 50,000 people that has not been designated in the most recent decennial census as an “urbanized area” by the secretary of Commerce. Counties and regions may be entirely rural, or they may be composed of rural and urbanized areas.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program in California is designed to address the “intercity bus transportation needs of the entire state” by supporting projects that provide transportation between nonurbanized areas and urbanized areas that result in connections of greater regional, statewide, and national significance. The purpose of the Section 5311(f) funding is to provide supplemental financial support to transit operators and to facilitate the most efficient and effective use of available Federal funds in support of providing rural intercity transportation services. Applicants are encouraged to work through their planning agencies to utilize all available (local and regional) funding opportunities.

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for competitive grants under the fiscal year (FY) 2025 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program). As required by Federal public transportation law, funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities. Projects may include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or to the construction of facilities, such as the costs of related workforce development and training activities, and project administration expenses. FTA may award additional funding that is made available to the program prior to the announcement of project selections.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution #2025-05 Approving the Executive Director to apply for 5311 and 5311f FTA Operating funds and 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Capital (Low-No) Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2025-05



**MTA Authorizing Resolution for FTA Funds
State of California
Division of Local Assistance**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) and/or 5339 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5339) 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 9040.1G**), and Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 5100.1**); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 and Section 5339 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 County*); 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 9040.1G**), as amended, and pursuant to Section 5339 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 5100.1**), as amended.

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

That *Executive Director* is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for the Section 5311 and/or Section 5339 projects.

That *Executive Director* is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 and or Section 5339 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: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____