



Meeting Date: March 25, 2026

Agenda Item: D.2

AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Possible Acceptance of Resolution 2026-01: Authorization to apply for and administer the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Program, Cycle 8 Funding

SUMMARY:

TIRCP is a competitive statewide grant program that funds capital transit projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public transportation, and benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities. TIRCP Cycle 8 provides an important opportunity for MTA to advance compliance with California Air Resources Board (CARB) zero-emission bus requirements while maintaining reliable transit service in Mendocino County.

The proposed project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions through elimination of diesel tailpipe emissions, improve service reliability and safety, and provide direct benefits to transit-dependent populations including low-income households, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and rural residents.

The project is consistent with the MTA Short-Range Transit Development Plan, the Mendocino Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Plan/Active Transportation Plan, regional zero-emission vehicle readiness planning, and the State's Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI 2.0).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No.2026-01 authorizing the Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) to submit an application for funding under the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Program, Cycle 8, and authorizing the Executive Director to execute all documents required for the application.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2026-01



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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MENDOCINO TRANSIT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM (TIRCP) PROGRAM – CYCLE 8

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

WHEREAS, The State of California, through the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), administers the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Program to fund transformative, climate-focused transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve public transit, and benefit disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, TIRCP Cycle 8 provides an opportunity for MTA to advance compliance with California Air Resources Board (CARB) zero-emission bus regulations while maintaining reliable transit service in a rural region with limited transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, MTA proposes to submit an application for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding for a project that includes the replacement of end-of-life diesel buses with zero-emission electric buses, installation of supporting charging and electrical infrastructure, upgrades to the Maintenance Facility necessary to safely operate and maintain electric buses in compliance with CARB requirements, and development of a Transit Operations and Administration Facility that supports zero-emission fleet operations, dispatching and service coordination, administrative functions, service reliability, and customer access.

WHEREAS, The proposed project is consistent with and implements adopted planning documents, including the Mendocino Transit Authority Short-Range Transit Development Plan, the Mendocino Council of Governments’ Regional Transportation Plan/Active Transportation Plan, applicable zero-emission vehicle readiness planning, and the State of California’s Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI 2.0); and

WHEREAS, The proposed project is designed to provide direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to priority populations, reduce greenhouse gas emissions through elimination of diesel tailpipe emissions, and improve the safety, reliability, and integration of public transit services; and

WHEREAS, The Mendocino Transit Authority has the legal authority, financial capacity, and institutional capability to carry out the proposed project and to comply with all applicable requirements of the TIRCP program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Authorizes the Executive Director of MTA, to execute and submit all applications, master agreements, certifications, assurances, and related documents required by the TIRCP program on behalf of the Mendocino Transit Authority; Directs staff to take all necessary actions to carry out the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Transit Authority on this ___ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

Chair, Board of Directors
Mendocino Transit Authority

Executive Director,
Mendocino Transit Authority