



Meeting Date: March 31, 2021

Agenda Item: E.2

AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Possible Adoption of Resolution 2021-05 Authorizing the Executive Director to apply for federal Section 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program to Secure Funding for 3 Battery Electric Cutaway Vehicles and Associated Charging Infrastructure as well as Project Management, Engineering, and Training costs.

SUMMARY

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has announced the opportunity to apply for \$180 million in competitive grants under the fiscal year (FY) 2021 Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No Program) (Federal Assistance Listing: 20.526). 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 2021-05 Authorizing the Executive Director to Apply for Funding through the Low or No Emission Program (Low-No Program) - FY2021

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution 2021-05



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

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 THREE (3) 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 \$406,000 as part of the Project's local match through the use of Capital Reserve funds and MTA shall use \$180,000 in CA HVIP Rebate Vouchers if available for a total match of 20%.
2. That the Executive Director, or designee, be authorized to approve to file for the federal Section 5339(c) Low or No Emissions Grant Program to secure funding for three (3) battery electric bus and associated charging infrastructure as well as project management, engineering and training costs.

3. That the Executive Director 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 Executive Director, 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 Executive Director 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 31st day of March, 2021 BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

AVES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Saprina Rodriguez, Chair