

AGENDA: February 5, 2004

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Linda Wilshusen, Executive Director

RE: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's FY03/04
Federal Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Program of Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission:

1. Approve the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's program of Federal Transit Account (FTA) Section 5311 Rural Operation Assistance program of projects (Attachment 1), of which \$92,927.88 is federal funds, and direct the Executive Director to sign the *Certificate of Assurances* to be forwarded to Caltrans;
 2. Adopt a resolution (Attachment 2) amending the Regional Transportation Improvement Program to include this program of projects; and
 3. Request AMBAG to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to include this program of projects in the next amendment.
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BACKGROUND

Section 5311, formerly Section 18, of the Federal Transit Act authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to apportion funds to each state for public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas. Non-urbanized area funds may be used for planning, capital, operating and administrative assistance by entities, including operators of public transportation services.

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, as the regional transportation planning agency for the area, is required to approve the federal non-urbanized area program of projects and sign a statement of *Certifications and Assurances* regarding the program. The program of projects is a statement by the Transit District of the grant applications it intends to make during the fiscal year. The projects in the program must also be amended into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program, and the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program prepared by the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

DISCUSSION

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has submitted a grant application for its allocation of FY03-04 Section 5311 funds, \$92,927.88, to support public transit service to be operated in the non-urbanized areas of Santa Cruz County. Attachment 1 is the SCMTD request for approval by the RTC, including the *Certifications and Assurances of the Regional Agency*.

Attachment 2 is a resolution approving amendment of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program to include this project. The final action needed is to request AMBAG to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to include this program of projects in its next MTIP amendment.

SUMMARY

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is requesting Commission approval of its FY2003/04 Section 5311 Federal Non-urbanized Transit funds program of projects, including amendment into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

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Attachment 1: FY02/03 Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Program of Projects

Attachment 2: Resolution