

AGENDA: April 7, 2005

TO: Regional Transportation Commission

FROM: Pat Dellin, Acting Executive Director

RE: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's FY04/05
FTA Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Program of Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Regional Transportation Commission adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1):

1. Approving the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District's Federal Transit Account (FTA) Section 5311 Rural Operation Assistance program of projects for Fiscal Year 2004/2005 (Exhibit A);
 2. Authorizing the Executive Director to sign the *Certificate of Assurances* to be forwarded to Caltrans;
 3. Amending the Regional Transportation Improvement Program to include this program of projects; and
 4. Requesting 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 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 (AMBAG).

DISCUSSION

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District has submitted a grant application for its allocation of \$65,475 in FY04-05 Section 5311 funds to support public transit service to be operated in the non-urbanized areas of Santa Cruz County. The net project cost will be \$940,833, with local revenues used to fund the remainder. **Staff recommends the Commission adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1) approving the SCMTD FTA 5311 program of projects, authorizing the Executive Director to sign the *Certifications and Assurances of the Regional Agency*, amending the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)*, and requesting that AMBAG amend the *Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)* to include this program of projects.**

Attachment 2 is the SCMTD letter requesting this action.

SUMMARY

The Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District is requesting Commission approval of its FY2004/05 Section 5311 Federal Non-urbanized Transit funds program of projects, including amendment into the *Regional Transportation Improvement Program*.

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Attachment 1: Resolution

Exhibit A: FY04/05 Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Area Program of Projects

Attachment 2: Letter from SCMTD