



Strategic Planning Committee

Item #13-1-2
Action

December 20, 2012

2012/2013 Regional Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration's 5311 Funds

Issue: SACOG, working with the three eligible rural transit operators, has prepared the FY 2012/2013 Regional Program of Projects for 5311 rural transit funding. The program will be submitted to Caltrans upon Board approval.

Recommendation: That the Strategic Planning Committee recommend that the Board approve the FY 2012/2013 5311 Program of Projects based on transit operator submissions.

Discussion: The Section 5311 program provides funding for public transportation in non-urbanized areas. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) apportions funds for non-urbanized areas to the states according to a statutory formula based on each state's population in non-urbanized areas (under 50,000 population). The funds are available to the state for obligation for the year of apportionment plus two additional years.

In California, 75 percent of these funds are apportioned to the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) for the support of non-urbanized public transportation. Ten percent of the funds are set aside in a state reserve, and 15 percent of the funds are set aside for the support of intercity bus transportation. Funds apportioned to RTPAs must be included in the State Program of Projects submitted by Caltrans to FTA. The State Program contains programs of projects (POPs) adopted by each RTPA.

In the SACOG region, three public transportation providers are currently eligible to apply for Section 5311 funds. Funds are apportioned to these transit providers based on a policy adopted by the SACOG Board in December 1998. The policy distributes these funds to the providers based on their share of the non-urbanized population denoted in the most recent decennial census (2010 Census).

The FY 2012/2013 FTA Section 5311 apportionment for the SACOG region is \$526,729. The POPs will show how Yuba-Sutter Transit, the Yolo County Transportation District, and Sacramento County's South County Transit/Link programs will use these funds in their operating and capital budgets. The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission (EDCTC) complete FTA Section 5311 POPs for the respective counties they serve as RTPAs.

After the FY 2012/2013 FTA Section 5311 POP for the SACOG region is approved, the SACOG region's RTPA transit operators can apply for the funds to use for rural transit services.

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