



**Item #16-3-3
Action**

Transportation Committee

February 25, 2016

**2015/2016 Regional Program of Projects for the Federal Transit Administration's
Section 5311 Funds**

Issue: SACOG, working with the three eligible rural transit operators, has prepared the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015/2016 Regional Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5311 rural transit funding. The program will be submitted to Caltrans upon Board approval.

Recommendation: That the Transportation Committee recommend that the Board approve the FY 2015/2016 FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects based on transit operator submissions.

Discussion: The FTA Section 5311 program provides funding for public transportation in non-urbanized areas (under 50,000 population). The FTA apportions these funds to the states according to a statutory formula based on each state's population in non-urbanized areas. 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 (POP) submitted by Caltrans to the FTA. The State Program contains POPs adopted by each RTPA.

In the SACOG region, three public transportation providers, Yuba-Sutter Transit, the Yolo County Transportation District, and Sacramento County's South County Transit (SCT/LINK), are currently eligible to apply for FTA 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 rural population denoted in the most recent decennial census (2010 Census). The Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the El Dorado County Transportation Commission complete FTA Section 5311 POPs for the respective counties that they serve as RTPAs.

The FY 2015/2016 FTA Section 5311 apportionment for the SACOG region is \$1,242,328. The proposed POP (Attachment A, page 2) shows how Sacramento County's South County Transit (SCT/LINK), Yuba-Sutter Transit, and Yolo County Transportation District will use these funds for their operating and/or capital budgets.

After the FY 2015/2016 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.

Approved by:

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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County/Region: _____ District: _____
 Original Submission Date: _____ Revision No. _____ Revision Submission Date: _____

FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2016
Section 5311 Program of Projects (POP)
 Regular 5311 JARC 5311

(A) Available Funding:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Carryover: (+) | _____ |
| <i>Estimated</i> | Apportionment [FFY 2016]: (+) | _____ |
| (A) TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: | = | _____ |

(B) Programming (POP): Complete Parts I and II

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| | | <i>Federal Share</i> |
| Part I. Operating Assistance - Total: | (+) | _____ |
| Part II. Capital - Total: | (+) | _____ |
| (B) Total [Programmed]: | (=) | _____ |

(C) Balance

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| | | <i>Federal Share</i> |
| (A) Total Funds Available: | (+) | _____ |
| (B) Total [Programmed]: | (-) | _____ |
| * Balance: | (=) | _____ |

***BALANCE – Regional Apportionment Funds ONLY:**

- o Please Note -
 - funds must be programmed in subsequent year
 - final approval to be determined by the Department
- o Request/Letter to carryover funds should include -
 - justification for programming postponement
 - purpose and project plan
 - letter of support from local Transportation Planning Agency

(D) Flexible Funds (CMAO, STP or Federalized STIP): Complete Part III (For reference only).

Request for transfer will be applied for directly through the District - Local Assistance District Engineer, and Headquarters' Division of Local Assistance. Division of Mass Transportation will receive a conformation once the transfer is completed.

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| | | <i>Federal Share</i> |
| (D) Part III. Flex Fund - Total: | | _____ |

FUNDING SUMMARY

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| | | <i>Federal Share</i> |
| (B) Regional Apportioned - Total [Programmed]: | (+) | _____ |
| (D) Flex Fund - Total: | (+) | _____ |
| GRAND TOTAL [Programmed]: | (=) | _____ |

Contact Person/Title: _____ Date: _____
 Phone Number: _____

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) –

All federal funds to be used for transit projects must be included in a federally approved STIP. A Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) must ensure that Section 5311 projects are included in the Department of Transportation’s (Department) Statewide Transportation Federal Improvement Program (FSTIP), which is jointly approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FTA.

A copy of the federally approved STIP Page must be attached for all projects to be programmed through the Section 5311 program. The project description and associated dollar amounts must be consistent with the federally approved STIP information.

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are responsible for programming projects within their jurisdiction. Upon receiving the POPs from the Districts, Rural Transit & Procurement staff will submit **Non-MPO / Rural Transportation** organizations projects directly to the Department’s Division of Transportation Programming for inclusion into the FSTIP.

For further guidance see the Department’s Division of Transportation Programming website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/fedpgm.htm>

PART I. Regional Apportionment - Operating Assistance

For all Operating Projects - a complete application MUST be submitted with this POP.

| Subrecipient | Project Description | Federal Share | Local Share (Excluding Toll Credit) | Toll Credit Amount | Net Project Cost | PROGRAM OF PROJECTS DOC YR | PROGRAMMED DATE OR AMENDMENT # |
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| | Operating Assistance Funds Total | | | | | | |



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. X – 2016

**APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION 5311 RURAL
TRANSIT OPERATORS PROGRAM OF PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the Counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba; and

WHEREAS, this designation requires that SACOG complete a Program of Projects allocating funds for FTA Section 5311 for fiscal year 2015/2016.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council hereby approves the SACOG Federal Transit Administration 5311 Program of Projects for FY 2015/2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SACOG FTA 5311 Program of Projects for FY 2015/2016 be submitted to the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 17th day of March 2016, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Susan Rohan
Chair

Mike McKeever
Chief Executive Officer