

AGENDA ITEM 1 D
Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 6, 2025

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Erik Bergren, Planning and Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Authorizing Resolutions for Federal Transit Administration Funding Programs

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 25-01 Authorizing the Executive Director to File Applications for Federal Transit Administration Sections 3005, 3006, 3019, 5307, 5309, 5312, 5314, 5329, 5337 and 5339 Funding Programs**
- 2. Adopt Resolution No. 25-02 Authorizing the Executive Director to File Application Specific to the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant Program**
- 3. Adopt Resolution No. 25-03 Authorizing the Executive Director to File Application Specific to the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program**

BACKGROUND

Competitive and formulaic grant funding is available for transit operations and capital assistance through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FTA grant applications require a Board adopted resolution authorizing an agency representative to file the grant applications and to execute all documents/contracts resulting from the applications.

FTA Section 5307 funds are available to the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) to support services in designated urban areas of the county. This funding program is competitive within the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region and fund use is restricted to capital purchases, preventive maintenance, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related services in limited circumstances.

FTA Section 5310 provides capital funding to assist in providing transportation services meeting the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. El Dorado Transit has been successful in securing capital grant funding in fourteen (14) cycles of this program. Typically, these funds have been used to replace demand response buses and minivans that have reached or exceeded their useful life but may be used for dispatching software as well.

FTA Section 5311 provides Federal grants, made through states, for public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas. There are two (2) types of programming in Section 5311; 1) County/Regional apportionment by formula and 2) competitive discretionary for intercity connection projects. El Dorado Transit typically receives funds under the formula program for operating assistance and/or capital projects.

FTA Sections 5309 and 5339 provide Federal grants to replace or rehabilitate buses and related equipment and to construct bus related facilities.

FTA Section 5312 is for innovative research and reporting while FTA Section 5314 is for workforce development and technical assistance. FTA Section 5329 is to support the development of Public Transportation Safety Programs. FTA Sections 3005 and 3006 support expedited project delivery and Innovative Coordinated Access & Mobility.

Adoption of these three (3) resolutions will allow staff to pursue grant funding in a timely manner based on the various program's deadlines. The El Dorado Transit Board will be given the opportunity to consider any associated budget and/or reporting issues associated with funding the individual projects.

DISCUSSION

Per the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement of the El Dorado County Transit Authority, April 29, 2008, Section 11.3, *“The EDCTA shall actively seek maximum utilization of Federal, State, and other available revenues which shall be applied towards such operating and capital expenditures in determining what local funding requirements shall be.”*

Adoption of these resolutions will allow agency staff to move forward and consider grant funding that supports adopted capital and operating plans.

FISCAL IMPACT

FTA grant program allocations and/or awards vary on an annual basis. All applications that require matching funds or budgetary consideration are submitted to the El Dorado Transit Board for approval either individually or through the Operating or Capital budget approval process.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 25-01**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO FILE FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTIONS 3005, 3006, 3019, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5314,
5329, 5337 AND 5339 FUNDS

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Executive Director of the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) is hereby authorized and directed to file applications for funds under the Federal Transportation Administration Sections 3005, 3006, 3019, 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5314, 5329, 5337 and 5339 on behalf of El Dorado Transit with the United States Department of Transportation, relative to the expenditure of funds for transit operating and capital assistance to provide transit services in El Dorado County and other jurisdictions, and to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his/her designated representative shall be authorized to execute all documents resulting from these Applications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 6th day of February 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

El Dorado County Transit Authority Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 25-02**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C.
SECTION 5311) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital/operating assistance projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal transit Act (FTA C 9040.1F and FTA C 9050.1); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 grants for transportation projects for the general public for the rural transit and intercity bus; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of service/purchase of capital equipment in El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Directors does hereby authorize the Executive Director of the El Dorado County Transit Authority to file and execute applications to aid in the financing of capital/operating assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9040.1F and FTA C 9050.1**) as amended.

That the Executive Director is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That the Executive Director is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application of the Section 5311 projects.

That the Executive Director is authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5311 project(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or his/her designated representative shall be authorized to execute all documents resulting from these Applications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 6th day of February 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

El Dorado County Transit Authority Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 25-03**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C.
SECTION 5310) WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1G); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Department) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation projects for seniors and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of paratransit service in the Western Slope of El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that El Dorado Transit does hereby authorize the Executive Director or his/her designated representative to file and execute applications on behalf of El Dorado Transit with the Department to aid in the financing of capital projects pursuant to Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1G), as amended.

That the Executive Director or his/her designated representative is authorized to execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Department.

That the Executive Director or his/her designated representative is authorized to provide additional information as the Department may require in connection with the application for Section 5310 projects.

That the Executive Director or his/her designated representative is authorized to submit and approve requests for reimbursement of funds from the Department for the Section 5310 project/s.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board held on the 6th day of February 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

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