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Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 5, 2009

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Julie Petersen, Fiscal Administration Manager

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution to File and Execute Documents for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 funds.

REQUESTED ACTION:
BY MOTION,

Adoption of Resolution No. 09-01 to File Applications for Federal Transit Administration Section 5307, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5316 and 5317 funds.

BACKGROUND

Funds are available through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on a competitive grant and formula basis for transit operations and capital assistance.

FTA grant applications require a resolution designating a representative to file the grant application and to execute all documents/contracts resulting from the application.

FTA Section 5307 are regional funds available to El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) to fund services to the community of El Dorado Hills. This funding program is competitive with large urban areas within the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) region and restricted to capital, preventive maintenance and in some cases Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) related service.

FTA Section 5309 is a category of discretionary funding of federal earmarks.

FTA Section 5310 provides for capital funding for assistance in providing transportation services meeting the special needs of elderly and persons with disabilities. El Dorado Transit was successful in ten (10) grant cycles for capital grants from this program. Typically, these funds are used to replace buses and vans that have reached useful life.

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. Historically, El Dorado Transit receives funds under the

formula program for operating assistance or capital projects. Caltrans District 3 staff notified El Dorado Transit of \$491,432 apportioned for fiscal year 2008/09.

FTA Section 5316 provides Federal grants for large and small urban areas in California for Job Access and Reverse Commute to provide transit service to and from jobs and training. This funding program is a formula based, competitive grant for operating assistance or capital projects.

FTA Section 5317 provides Federal grants for large and small urban areas in California to provide transit service to and from jobs and training for the disabled. This funding program is a formula based, competitive grant for operating assistance or capital 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.”*

FISCAL IMPACT

All applications that require matching funds or budgetary consideration are submitted to El Dorado Transit for approval either individually or through the Operating or Capital Grant budget approval process.

