



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

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TYPE: ACTION ITEM

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SUBJECT: **FTA 5310 FY 26/27 DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE SANTA BARBARA URBANIZED AREA**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors review the draft Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Guidelines and Application for the Santa Barbara Urbanized Area, provide comments, and approve final guidelines.

DISCUSSION:

The Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) Section 5310 (FTA 5310) Grant Program provides annual funding to non-profit organizations and local public transportation agencies, enhancing mobility and transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

FTA requires one or more designated recipients to administer FTA funds for large UZAs. MTD and the Santa Barbara Association of Governments (SBCAG) are dual designated recipients for FTA fund, in this UZA and have agreed to have SBCAG administer the program this year.

As such, SBCAG is responsible for conducting a Call for Projects for the FTA 5310 program. Any agencies receiving FTA 5310 funding will be considered sub-recipients.

2026 Call for Projects

This cycle will provide approximately \$286,545 for FY 26/27. Per program guidelines, as fund administrator, SBCAG can use 10%, or \$28,654, for administration.

During the FY 25/26 Call for Projects, the total ask was less than the total amount available. The remaining balance of \$7,615 will be included in this Call for Projects, bringing the total to \$265,506 available to subrecipients. For this call for projects, the 55% reserved for Traditional projects will be allocated to needs for projects approved in Cycles 1 and 2. Approximately \$116,050 will be available, this cycle for a Call for Projects for Expanded projects only.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: FTA 5310 Draft Guidelines

Attachment 2: FTA 5310 Application