

PUBLIC WORKS

CALAVERAS COUNTY

Rob Houghton, P.E., Director

April 4, 2007

TO: Calaveras Council of Governments

FROM: Nathaniel Atherstone

SUBJECT: FTA Section 5311 Funding Assistance

RECOMMENDATION

Public Works requests that the Calaveras Council of Governments (CCOG) approve the programming of funds for and authorize the necessary Certifications and Assurances to complete application for U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Section 5311 funding for Transit Assistance.

DISCUSSION

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program, commonly known as the Section 5311 Program, provides funds for public transportation projects and inter-city bus projects serving areas that are outside of an urban boundary with a population of 50,000 or less. With these funds the mobility needs of rural transit users can be both supported and met. Section 5311 Program grants are intended to provide access to employment, education, health care facilities, shopping and recreation.

In order to receive Section 5311 funding assistance for transit, Public Works must submit a resolution from the authorized Regional Transportation Planning Agency to the California Department of Transportation approving the programming of these federal funds for transit use and authorizing the CCOG Director to complete the Certifications and Assurances for the programmed funds.

FISCAL IMPACT

Section 5311 funding is currently programmed for operating assistance for Calaveras Transit. The U.S. Department of Transportation has allocated \$179,713 for Calaveras County for this fiscal year. The available Section 5311 funding has already been recognized in the Transit budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year. This funding supports operating costs and reduces the fiscal burden on Local Transportation Fund monies.



PART II – CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES OF THE REGIONAL AGENCY

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FTA SECTION 5311 PROJECT APPLICATION**

General Information:

Name of Regional Agency: Calaveras Council of Governments

Contact Person: Tim McSorley Title: Executive Director

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Name of Subrecipient: Calaveras Council of Governments

Project Description: Calaveras Transit Operating Assistance

Certifications and Assurances:

1. The transportation planning agency has approved, by resolution, the programming of funds for this project in the following amount(s):

(a) Section 5311 - regional/county apportionment: \$179,713

(b) Flexible Funding - FUND TYPE (*check one*):

<input type="checkbox"/>	STP	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	CMAQ	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	Federalized STIP	\$

YES n/a NO Federally Approved TIP page with project description is attached.

YES n/a NO A copy of the FHWA/FTA Federally Approved TIP approval letter is attached.

2. Some combination of state, local, or private funding sources has been or will be committed to provide the required local share.

3. The subrecipient has, or will have by the time of delivery, sufficient funds to operate the vehicles and equipment purchased under this project, as applicable.

4. The subrecipient has coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region, including social service agencies capable of purchasing service.

Certifying Representative

Name: Tim McSorley Title: Executive Director
Please Print _____

Signature: _____ Date: April 11, 2007

