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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Judylynn Gries, Administrative Services Manager
SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Public Hearing

Summary: RTA staff wishes to submit a FY 2005-2006 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Application for Federal Assistance to provide capital funding. The grant program provides assistance in support of, 1) connectivity between non-urbanized areas and the larger regional or national system of intercity bus service, 2) transit operations meeting intercity travel needs of residents in non-urbanized areas and, 3) infrastructure of the intercity bus network.

The Agency's funding request will focus on rural bus stop improvements, including concrete pads, signage, shelters and benches. Geographic areas being considered for these improvements include Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, Quail Valley, and Canyon Lake.

In California, the Section 5311(f) program is administered by the Department of Transportation. A funding decision on this grant cycle is expected by mid-October 2005, with award dissemination scheduled for January 2006, pending availability of Federal funds.

If this project is funded, the Agency's Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and budget will be amended.

The Section 5311(f) application process for capital grants requires a public hearing be held to consider the economic, social and environmental effects of the project and to find the project consistent with official plans for the area.

Fiscal Impact:

If the grant request is funded in its entirety, the Agency will receive \$60,000 in Section 5311(f) funding, or eighty percent (80 percent) of the full cost of the bus stop improvements. The agency will need to program \$15,000 in its FY 2005-2006 budget to provide the required local match.

Committee Recommendation:

This item was presented at the Board Administrative Committee meeting of May 9th. The Committee members unanimously approved recommending this item to the full Board of Directors for their consideration.

Recommendation:

Authorize the holding of a public hearing at the Board of Directors meeting on May 26, 2005, for the purpose of receiving comments on the Agency's FY 2005-2006 Section 5311(f) grant application.