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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THRU: Larry Rubio, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Mark Stanley, Director of Planning
SUBJECT: Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Public Hearing

Summary: In an effort to continue enhancement of transit service in rural areas serviced by RTA, a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311(f) Application for capital funds for fiscal year 2006/2007 will be submitted. 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 installation of bus shelters, benches, and concrete pads in the rural areas of Mead Valley, Meadowbrook, and Quail Valley.

In California, the Section 5311(f) program is administered by the Department of Transportation. If this project is funded, the Agency's FY 2007 Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP) and budget will be amended. A funding decision on this grant cycle is expected by the end of July 2006.

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

If full funding of the project is awarded, the Agency will receive \$60,000 in Section 5311(f) funding, or 80 percent of the full cost of the bus stop improvements. The Agency will need to program \$15,000 in its FY2007 budget to provide the required local match.

Recommendation:

Authorize the holding of a public hearing at the Mead Valley Community Center on May 30, 2006, for the purpose of receiving comments on the Agency's FY2006/2007 Section 5311(f) grant application.