



**RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

KUYLER CROCKER  
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District Two

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District Three

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District Four

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District Five

**AGENDA DATE:** July 14, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**SUBJECT:** Approve the CARES Standard Agreement with the California Department of Transportation

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Standard Agreement #64VO20-01078 for transit funding through the Federal Transit Administration 5311 program with the State of California, Department of Transportation, for cost reimbursement of transit operating expenses in the amount of \$413,637, retroactive from January 20, 2020 through June 30, 2022. The agreement is retroactive due to the Department of Transportation providing the agreement after term had commenced. It was impractical for the board to take action before January 20, 2020 due to the fact that the County did not receive the State-approved contract until after the term had commenced.
2. Find that the Board had the authority to enter into the proposed agreement as of January 20, 2020 and that it was in the County's best interest to enter into the agreement on that date; and
3. Authorize the signature of the Director of the Resource Management Agency on the CARES Standard Agreement #64VO20-01078.

**SUMMARY:**

The recently enacted "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act", or CARES Act, was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act includes provisions for new transit funding to assist providers during the COVID-19 pandemic. California's allocation of these funds under the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program is \$94,976,667. These funds will be distributed to eligible agencies by Caltrans

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Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DRMT).

The agreement will provide reimbursement for projects supporting FTA 5311 program eligible transit service and those intended to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. The agreement is retroactive because it was not presented to the County for execution until after the January 20, 2020 date. The State also requested that the County approve the Pre-Agreement quickly to allow reimbursement to the County for Federal share of the operating costs, which was previously submitted in accordance with Resolution. #2020-0352.

Federal reimbursement will be \$413,637 and there is no local match. The funds are non-competitive allocations for transit services which use funds under the FTA 5311 program, including Tulare County Area Transit (TCaT). The proposed agreement uses the same state standard form as the County's current State Standard Agreement for the FTA 5311 program (TC Agreement No 29672). In addition, TCaT already adheres to the FTA's Certifications and Assurances (Resolution 2020-0242).

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**


There will be No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

This is an agreement with the State to reimburse the County for \$413,637 of transit operating expenses incurred during the operating period of January 20, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

This program links to Strategic Initiative 1: Safety and Security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. The proposed action meets this initiative by allowing receipt of federal funds for use in providing public transportation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s): Standard Agreement #64VO20-01078 with California Department of Transportation

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE THE )  
CARES STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
TRANSPORTATION )

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2020, BY  
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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