



**RESOURCE  
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COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** January 25, 2011

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)						
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CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez    PHONE: 559-624-7010						

**SUBJECT:** Grant Application for transit Operating Assistance funds

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorize the submittal of a Federal Transit Act (FTA) Section 5311 grant application to Caltrans, in the amount of \$325,300 for 2011-2012, for cost reimbursement for transit operating expenses; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the application.

**SUMMARY:**

Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA) is a federal grant program providing funding for public transit in non-urbanized areas. FTA apportions this funding through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Mass Transportation, to local transit agencies.

Under this grant program, a 75% regional apportionment is distributed to non-urban areas through Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG). TCAG submits a Program of Projects (POP) that identifies transit agencies to receive Section 5311 funds in their planning area each year. The transit agency must complete and submit a Section 5311 program application, including all required submittals to Caltrans.

The grant application, in the amount of \$325,300, is for operating assistance funds, to be used for general expenses of the County transit services. Matching funds of

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\$145,300 are provided by the ongoing expenses of the County transit services. This is an "in-kind" match calculated from the prior years' operating expense.

The 5311 POP amount of \$325,300 is based on an estimate of funds provided by TCAG and Caltrans. The amount will be adjusted once the POP is finalized and approved. Because the state is anticipating a heavier than normal workload due to federal audit requirements resulting from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the County is being asked to submit the 2011-2012 grant application ahead of schedule. The deadline to submit the grant application is January 31, 2011.

After approval of the grant application by your Board, Caltrans' staff will review the application and prepare a contract agreement which will be brought back before your Board for approval at a future date.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Funding for the FTA 5311 revenue will be included in the 2011/2012 budget.

FTA Section 5311 funding	\$180,000
TCAT Operating Expenses ("in-kind" matching funds)	<u>\$145,300</u>
Total cost	\$325,300

There is no net County cost to the General Fund.

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

This program links to Strategic Initiative 1: Safety and Security. Safety and Security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. The proposed action meets this initiative.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

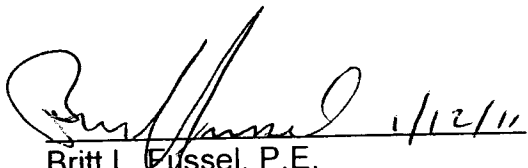
Do not apply for the FTA Section 5311 funding. Staff does not recommend this alternatives as not applying for the funds would mean a loss of the additional transit operating funds.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

TCAG programs the projects in the Federal Transportation Improvement Plan (FTIP).

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Britt L. Fussel", with a date "1/12/11" written to the right of the signature.

Britt L. Fussel, P.E.  
Assistant Director—Public Works  
County Surveyor

BF:sw

cc: Auditor/Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) 5311 Application for 2011-2012

