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TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Program Additional State Transit Assistance (STA) funds from the Fifth Cycle Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) Funds (Action), Agenda Item No. 6e

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the programming of additional STA funds, estimated at \$30,947, from the Fifth Cycle Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) to Marin Transit for the School Transportation Service to Novato Middle Schools, in concert with Marin Transit agreeing to swap funds for two high priority candidates that improve bus stops in the Canal Neighborhood (City of San Rafael) and Marin City (County of Marin).

BACKGROUND

Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established the LTP to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low income residents of the Bay Area. TAM is responsible for establishing project priorities for the Fifth Cycle LTP.

TAM has an established policy that prioritizes programming to projects identified in adopted Community Based Transportation Plans. The three existing CBTPs include Marin City, Canal Neighborhood in San Rafael, and Novato.

TAM issued a Call for Projects on March 7, 2018 for \$560,204 in available funds that consist of \$386,041 in STA funds and \$174,163 in Federal Section 5307 funds. Seven applications were received. The applications received are shown in the below table:

Applicant	Project Name
Marin City Community Service District	On-Demand Shuttle Project
Marin County	Drake Avenue/Cole Drive Pedestrian Improvements
Marin Transit	Route 245
Marin Transit	Maintain and Increase Service on Routes 36 and 122
Marin Transit	School Transportation Services to Novato Middle Schools
Marin Transit	Bus Stop Improvements
Novato	Downtown SMART Phase II
San Rafael	Canal Neighborhood Uncontrolled Crosswalk Improvement Project

Based on the evaluation criteria, and funding availability, the LTP Review Panel recommended funding the top four prioritized projects in the following order (high to low):

- 1) Marin Transit's Bus Stop Improvements
- 2) Marin County's Drake/Cole Pedestrian Improvements
- 2) San Rafael's Canal Neighborhood Uncontrolled Crosswalk Improvement Project
- 4) Marin Transit's School Transportation Service to Novato Middle Schools

After the top three prioritized projects were programmed the amounts requested, the fourth prioritized project, Marin Transit's School Transportation Service to Novato Middle Schools, requested \$200,000 but was only programmed the remaining amount available \$44,204 in STA funds.

The TAM Board approved the programming of LTP funds on June 28, 2018 as described. Marin Transit has worked closely with TAM to swap funds that allow the committee selected top priority projects to be funded.

DISCUSSION

Since the initial programming of LTP funds, MTC has informed all Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) that additional STA funds are available for programming. STA funds are derived from the sales of gasoline. The \$380,041 in STA funds initially reported as available to Marin was based on an estimate.

In September 2018, FY 17/18 STA revenues were finalized by the State and actual revenues came in slightly higher than originally estimated. As a result, additional STA funds in the amount of \$30,947 are available for programming in Marin.

Staff is proposing to program the additional STA funds to Marin Transit's School Transportation Service to Novato Middle Schools since this project was only partially funded due to the lack of funds. As mentioned, the top three prioritized projects were already programmed the amounts requested. Programming these additional STA funds to the only partially funded project is the most equitable action.

FISCAL IMPACTS

There are no fiscal impacts with the programming of Lifeline funds to TAM. Lifeline funds are programmed directly from MTC to the recipients. The recipients of the Lifeline funds will enter into agreements directly with MTC.

NEXT STEPS

Communicate to MTC on the decision of the TAM Board.