



Pomona Valley
Transportation
Authority

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**AGENDA
ITEM #4**

MEMORANDUM

To: Pomona Valley Transportation Authority
From: George L. Sparks, PVRTA Administrator
Subject: **FTA 5310 Travel Training Grant Application**

Recommended Action: *Approve Resolution #22-02 authorizing the Administrator to submit the required documents for submission of FTA 5310 grant application for a travel training project.*

Background

As we emerge from the pandemic one of the challenges will be to introduce new riders to our services. There is a need to inform and orient these riders regarding the transportation options available to them and how to best make use of them. For seniors and riders with disabilities, it will be helpful to provide them with training to allow them to take advantage of all the features of our service. This will be particularly important as we are introducing the new smartphone application. Our senior and disabled riders may not be aware of the service options available, and some may lack the familiarity with technology to effectively utilize transportation resources. We need to reduce the barriers faced by senior and disabled residents.

Metro Funding Opportunity

Los Angeles Metro has released a solicitation for applications for FTA 5310 operating projects to aid in the recovery from the impact of the pandemic. Applications are limited to current subrecipients, like PVRTA. The funding is derived from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) and the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA).

These funds will be 100% federal share, meaning no matching funds are required. Grant awards are limited to \$300,000 and limited to FTA 5310 qualified projects serving seniors and individuals with disabilities. This grant solicitation represents one time funding. The deadline for submission is November 24, 2021.

Travel Training Project

After analyzing current needs of our riders, staff believes that a travel training program would be an effective addition to our outreach efforts. Metro's grant application timeline would make these funds available starting in June or July of 2022 which coincides well with our planned introduction of the smartphone application. Staff is recommending applying for FTA 5310 funding for a travel training project that would be an enhancement to our current Mobility Manager program. Specifically, we see the need for training and assistance in the following areas:

- 1. Training in the effective use of the PVRTA smartphone application that will be rolling out this spring.*
- 2. Training in using and navigating Foothill Transit services*
- 3. Orientation and training in rail services, such as Metrolink and the Gold Line.*
- 4. Training in the use of other transit applications, such as, Google Transit*

Staff believes that the travel training project is a natural outgrowth of our Mobility Manager services. The Mobility Managers would be charged with promoting these new resources as a portion of their ongoing outreach effort. They would identify groups and individuals to be served and schedule the classes. PVRTA would retain either a contractor or part time specialized staff to conduct the actual training. We envision the travel training project as a two-year pilot. At the end of the demonstration, PVRTA will conduct an evaluation of the pilot and determine whether to seek additional funding to continue the program. The estimated cost of the project is between \$250,000 to \$300,000. Based on the Metro timeline we would expect to have a signed grant agreement in July 2022 with services starting September 2022.

POMONA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**Authorizing Resolution
RESOLUTION NO. 22-02**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5310 (49 U.S.C SECTION 5310) WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital projects for non-urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (**FTA C 9070.1G**); and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5310 grants for transportation in Los Angeles County

WHEREAS, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit operation of transportation services for elderly and disabled persons in the cities of Claremont, La Verne, Pomona and San Dimas; and

WHEREAS, Pomona Valley Transportation Authority has, to the maximum extent feasible, coordinated with other transportation providers and users in the region (including social service agencies).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Pomona Valley Transportation Authority does hereby authorize the Administrator, to file and execute applications on behalf of Pomona Valley Transportation Authority with the Department to aid in the financing of transportation projects pursuant to Section 5310 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA C 9070.1G), as amended.

That the Administrator is authorized to execute and file all certification of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other documents required by the LACMTA.

That the Administrator is authorized to provide additional information as the LACMTA may require in connection with the application for the Section 5310 projects.

That the Administrator is authorized to submit and approve requests for reimbursement of funds from LACMTA for the Section 5310 project/s.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pomona Valley Transportation Authority of the Los Angeles County, State of California, at a regular meeting of its Board of Directors held on the 10th of November, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES;

ABSENT

Muir Davis, Chair

ATTEST:

George L. Sparks, Administrator