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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

32 January 6, 2026

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
SECTION 5311 GRANT PROGRAM WITH CALTRANS FOR TRANSIT SERVICES
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES OF NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-26, 2026-27, AND 2027-28
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt the resolution approving a grant application and authorize Public Works to accept the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant and to take appropriate actions, as necessary, to administer the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant for transit services in rural communities of North Los Angeles County.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Adopt the resolution approving the application for approximately \$1.5 million in grant funds over a 3-year period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, from the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant Program administered by Caltrans for transit services in rural communities of North Los Angeles County.
3. Approve an exception to the Los Angeles County's grant policy for this program by authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to accept the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant funds over a 3-year period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to work with County Counsel on appropriate administrative actions, including submitting and processing the applications under the Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant Program, issuing appropriate certifications and assurances, executing grant agreements and any necessary amendments, and approving and submitting requests for reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to allow Public Works to obtain Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 Grant funds. The funds will be used to continue to fund transit services in rural communities of North Los Angeles County and the use of public transportation, as well as reducing traffic congestion and air pollution. The residents in North County will benefit from increased transportation options, reduced traffic congestion, and improved community well-being.

The FTA's Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program, commonly known as the FTA Section 5311 Grant Program, provides funds for public transportation projects and intercity bus projects serving residents living in rural communities with a population of 50,000 or less. With these funds, the mobility needs of transit users residing in these areas can be both supported and enhanced. FTA Section 5311 Grant Program funds are intended to provide access to employment, education, healthcare, shopping, and recreation.

Public Works routinely obtains Board approval to apply for FTA Section 5311 Grant Program funds through Caltrans to provide transit services to residents in the rural communities of North Los Angeles County. The regional apportionment is allocated to the County based on the population of the rural community. The FTA requires grant applications for FTA Section 5311 Grant funds to be submitted to Caltrans, which is the State department responsible for administering the grant program.

Caltrans requires an authorizing resolution to be renewed every 3 years. The Board adoption of the resolution (Enclosure A) will authorize Public Works to file and execute applications, certifications and assurances, agreements, amendments, or any other required documents with Caltrans on behalf of the County for the grant program. The Board adoption will also authorize Public Works to provide additional information, as Caltrans may require, to approve and submit requests for reimbursement from Caltrans for FTA Section 5311 projects.

On July 11, 2000, the Board approved guidelines for accepting grants of \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement form prior to carrying out the activities covered under a grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement form (Enclosure B) for this grant is enclosed for your review.

Caltrans will issue a new standard agreement each year; therefore, Public Works recommends that the Board approve an exception to the County's grant policy requiring all grants be accepted by the Board. If adopted, this recommendation would authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a new agreement each year on behalf of the County after approval as to form by County Counsel. Caltrans will execute the agreements and return a copy to the County.

Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to accept FTA Section 5311 grant funds and to act as an agent when conducting business with Caltrans on any and all matters related to this grant will help streamline the grant funding administration process that is conducted on an annual basis.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, by supporting multimodal transportation investments that improves safety and mobility, reduces traffic congestion, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. This will allow the provision of transit services for residents of the County communities to access educational, recreational, shopping, medical, and business opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Adoption of the resolution and approval of subsequent agreements with Caltrans may make approximately \$1.5 million in grant funds available to the County over the 3-year period and the first year is included in the Transit Operations Fund (CP6 – Revenue Source 9021) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Funding for the future years will be included through the annual budget process. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for transit services in North Los Angeles County, less other grants and farebox revenue received, is estimated at \$1.8 million of which \$500,000 will be offset by the FTA Section 5311 Grant in each of the Fiscal Years 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28. The County will fund the remaining portion of transit services cost using funds available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Director of Public Works or his designee will execute a new agreement each year on behalf of the County after approval as to form by County Counsel. Caltrans will execute the agreements and return a copy to the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The delegation of authority to file applications for the FTA Section 5311 Grant Program and issue certifications, assurances, and other documents to accept the grant funds and to act as an agent when conducting business with Caltrans on any and all matters related to this grant will streamline the annual funding administration process for the institution of passenger or commuter services, and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will have no impact on current services or projects.

This action will enable the County to apply for reimbursement for a portion of the cost incurred to provide needed transit services for the residents in rural communities of North Los Angeles County.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter and resolution to Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5311 (49 UNITED STATES CODE
SECTION 5311) WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to States through the Federal Transit Administration to support capital and operating assistance projects for nonurbanized public transportation systems under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has been designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 grants for public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans requires authorizing resolutions for recipients of Section 5311 grants to be renewed every 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit the operation of transit services for residents in the rural areas of North Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles 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 County of Los Angeles does hereby:

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to file and execute applications, certifications and assurances, agreements, amendments, or any other required document on behalf of the County of Los Angeles with Caltrans to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to provide additional information as Caltrans may require in connection with the application for Section 5311 projects.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to submit and approve requests for reimbursement of funds from Caltrans for the Section 5311 projects.

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 6th day of JAN, 2026, by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.



EDWARD YEN
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By 
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By 
Deputy

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works		
Grant Project Title and Description		
Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grant Nonurbanized Area Formula Program reimburses the County for a portion of the operating costs incurred to provide public transit services for residents in the rural areas of the North Los Angeles County.		
Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
Federal Transit Administration	49 United States Code Section 5311	End of each Fiscal Year
Total Amount of Grant Funding: approximately \$1.5 Mil. County Match: * See Below		
Grant Period: FY 2026 FY 2027, FY 2028	Begin Date: 7/1/2025	End Date: 6/30/2028
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0	Full Time: 0	Part Time: 0
<u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u>		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? N/A	Yes___	No___
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? N/A	Yes___	No___
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes___	No <u>X</u>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes <u>X</u>	No___
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)		
Proposition A Local Return Transit funds	Yes <u>X</u>	No___
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes	No <u>X</u>
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:		
N/A		
Other requirements not mentioned above:		

Department Head Signature: _____

Date: 10/27/25