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AGENDA ITEM 4c
HCAOG Board Meeting
June 16, 2025

DATE: June 11, 2025
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Fund Allocation Requests and Information on the 5311(f) Program**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motions to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-13 approving the programming of FFY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Program funds to the Humboldt Transit Authority for Operating Assistance.”

and

“The PAC recommends that the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 25-14 authorizing the Executive Director to sign and execute a certification and assurance form for all FFY 2025 5311(f) applications that meet the program requirements.”

Staff Summary:

On May 7, 2025, Caltrans announced a call for projects for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funding for the 2025 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY).

The FTA Section 5311 program is a formula-based program that provides funding to promote, enhance, and serve public transportation in rural areas. These are federal funds administered by Caltrans. HCAOG's role is to submit a regional program of projects to Caltrans identifying the allocation of the regional apportionment. Humboldt's allocation for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025 is \$1,058,125. Eligible uses include operational, capital and planning activities. The HCAOG funding priority for 5311 is to fund operating assistance for transit agencies with a demonstrated shortfall based on the past year's audited operating budget. Humboldt Transit Authority has requested the entirety of the regional allocation to fund operating assistance for existing transit services.

Caltrans also announced the availability funding for the FFY 2025 5311(f) Intercity Bus Program. Eligible applicants for this program include all those eligible for the 5311-formula program in addition to private non-profit organizations that meet the requirements of the program. This program funds operating assistance for new, expansion, or continuation of service. This is a competitive application and there is no regional Program of Projects requiring HCAOG approval. However, HCAOG is responsible for:

- Ensuring the project is consistent with the regional transportation plan
- Signing certification and assurances forms
- Local match certification and commitment of program funds.
- Supporting private carrier's service routes when such cross-jurisdictional boundaries form the contiguous jurisdictions.

Applicants are encouraged to inform HCAOG of their intent to apply so that HCAOG staff can be prepared to deliver on the responsibilities noted above. Humboldt Transit Authority has notified HCAOG of their intent to apply for operating assistance for North State Express 101, Southern Humboldt Intercity, and North State Express 299.

The TAC voted to recommend that the HCAOG Board approve Resolution 25-13 and Resolution 25-14 at their June 5, 2025, meeting.