

DATE: January 13, 2021

TO: Committee Chair Sam Spagnol and Members of the Omnitrans Administrative and Finance Committee

THROUGH: Erin Rogers, CEO/General Manager

FROM: Shawn Brophy, Director of Operations

**SUBJECT: CALL FOR PROJECTS - MEASURE I SPECIALIZED
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS**

FORM MOTION

Authorize the CEO/General Manager to announce a Call for Projects - Measure I Specialized Transportation Programs for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.

BACKGROUND

On March 4, 2020, the Board of Directors approved the policy guidelines for the Omnitrans Measure I Regional Mobility Partnership (RMP) Program. The policy guidelines established the Measure I funding allocation process which includes an annual, competitive Measure I Call for Projects.

In accordance with the above mentioned RMP guidelines, staff is requesting that Omnitrans Board of Directors announce a Call for Projects. This Call for Projects covers Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 with approximately \$2,750,000 available each year for new projects that will improve mobility and/or coordination of transportation services and address the unmet/underserved transportation needs of seniors and/or persons with disabilities in the San Bernardino Valley. Applicants may request two years of funding per project with a maximum grant request of \$250,000 per year. Applicants may include local government authorities, human and social services agencies, tribal governments, and private non-profit and charitable organizations. The Measure I funds for this Call are funds directly allocated to Omnitrans as CTSA for San Bernardino Valley.

Measure I requires that projects selected for funding must address transportation needs identified in the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan for San Bernardino County, 2016-2020. The Plan identifies existing transportation services, unmet transportation needs and service gaps, as well as the prioritized goals and strategies for transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Proposals will be evaluated by a panel consisting of representatives from Omnitrans, SBCTA, and SBCTA's Public and Specialized Transportation Advisory and Coordination Council (PASTACC). The panel will use the criteria set forth in the Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan for San Bernardino County, 2016-2020, which indicates that transportation programs receiving funding obligated in association with the Call for Projects must:

- Adequately address the unmet/underserved and individualized transportation needs of the targeted populations.
- Demonstrate coordination efforts between public transit and human service agencies.
- Be financially sustainable and provided in a cost-effective manner.
- Include measurable goals and objectives.
- Build or increase capacity or service quality in addressing mobility needs of the target populations.
- Leverage or maximize existing transportation services and/or funding.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Interim CEO/General Manager to announce the Call for Projects - Measure I Specialized Transportation Programs for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021, which will start the process for Omnitrans to seek new projects for the upcoming two fiscal years to enhance mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities.

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Attachments: A. Omnitrans Measure I CFP Announcement

B. PowerPoint Presentation