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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: February 9, 2021

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving County of Nevada Transit Services Division as a Sub-Grantee in the Application for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) 2019-20 Targeted Airshed Grant (EPA-OAR-OAQPS-20-01) for the Purchase of Two 35 foot Low-Floor Battery Electric Zero Emission Transit Buses, Depot Slow Charger, On-Route Fast Charger and Associated Construction Costs for Installation in the amount of \$2,460,653

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution

FUNDING: The grant will be funded by Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Targeted Airshed Grant Program funds and will impact the Transit Services Division Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget. If the grant is awarded, a budget amendment will be requested with approval of a subaward agreement. There is no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: On November 22, 2019 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a Request for Applications (RFA) No: EPA-OAR-OAQPS-20-01 for the 2019 Targeted Airshed Grant Program to assist local, state and/or tribal air pollution control agencies to develop plans and conduct projects to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that EPA determines are the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone (O₃), annual average fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), or 24-hours PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The overall goal of the Targeted Airshed Grant Program is to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM_{2.5} ambient air concentrations. Western Nevada County is eligible under the Ozone Nonattainment Area category.

The Transit Services Division in coordination with the Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) developed an application, Attachment A, which had the potential to score highly against other competitive projects for the purchase of two 35 foot Low-Floor Battery Electric Zero Emission Transit Buses and all necessary infrastructure charging equipment, including overnight trickle chargers for the bus yard, and an on-route fast charger as well as associated construction expenses. The proposed project will also

assist the Transit Services Division in meeting the CARB mandated Innovative Clean Transit Regulation (effective October 1, 2019) for transit agencies to purchase 100 percent zero emissions vehicles beginning in 2026 (for small agencies). CARB representatives successfully submitted the initial grant application on April 10, 2020. A revised grant application was submitted by CARB on September 11, 2020 naming the County of Nevada Transit Services Division as a sub-grantee.

Staff requests that the Board approve a Resolution approving the County of Nevada Transit Services Division as a sub-grantee in the application for an EPA 2019-20 Targeted Airshed Grant application. Award of the grant to CARB is anticipated in the next few weeks after which time the Board will be asked to approve a subaward agreement per the Amended Grants Policy Issuance (GPI) 16-01 EPA Subaward Policy (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-11/documents/gpi-16-01-subaward-policy_attachments.pdf), accept the grant funds and authorize the purchase of the buses and associated equipment.

Item Initiated by: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Manager

Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

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