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**DATE:** April 12, 2021  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Brent Bernegger, VP, Finance/CFO  
**SUBJ:** AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS FOR CRRSAA FUNDS

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

### RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action will allow the General Manager/CEO to submit and execute Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 22 and later years' costs.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Authorizes the General Manager/CEO to apply for CRRSAA funding for FY22 and later years without requiring additional SacRT Board approvals. This approval will provide SacRT with access to \$37,854,695 in CRRSAA funding to address ongoing revenue impacts related to COVID-19.

### DISCUSSION

On December 27, 2020, CRRSAA was signed into law. The Act provides \$900 billion in supplemental appropriations for COVID-19 relief. The FTA is allocating \$13 billion formula funds nationwide to transportation agencies to fund operating, capital, and other expenses eligible under the formula programs, to continue to support public transportation systems during the COVID-19 public health emergency. SacRT's share of the CRRSAA funding is \$37,854,695. In addition, SacRT will be applying for CRRSAA funding for El Dorado County Transit Authority (\$367,018).

Since March 2020 when the state began imposing restrictions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ridership and fare revenues have declined, but costs overall have not. SacRT ridership currently stands at approximately 35% of pre-COVID levels. As state mandates in response to COVID are lifted, it is unknown how quickly and to what extent ridership will return to pre-COVID levels.

CRRSAA funding will be needed to offset continuing shortfalls in fare revenue. CRRSAA funding is available until expended. SacRT intends to apply CRRSAA funding to FY22

costs, and, if available, to costs in subsequent fiscal years.

SacRT cannot request CRRSAA funding for FY22 and subsequent years without Board approval. The Board will consider approval of the FY22 SacRT budget in mid-June 2021. Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to submit and execute the CRRSAA grant now allows quicker access to CRRSSA funds.

Staff recommends authorizing the General Manager/CEO to submit/execute FTA grants for CRRSAA funds to expedite the receipt of these funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-04-0026

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

April 12, 2021

**AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO TO SUBMIT AND EXECUTE  
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS FOR CRRSAA FUNDS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to submit and execute Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funds until all CRRSSAA funds to which SacRT is entitled have been expended.

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STEVE MILLER , Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

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Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary