

## SBCAG STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** FTA 5307 Subrecipient Agreement

**MEETING DATE:** February 17, 2022

**AGENDA ITEM:** 4C

**STAFF CONTACT:** Scott Spaulding

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve, ratify, and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement with the City of Lompoc to allow SBCAG to receive \$400,000 in FTA Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act funding to support the Clean Air Express service with a period of performance from April 20, 2021 to June 30, 2024. The Agreement includes 3 one-year options to extend the Agreement to June 30, 2027.
2. Approve and authorize the Executive Director to extend the Agreement in accordance with section 3.

**SUMMARY:**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on several occasions the federal government provided significant additional funding to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for distribution to transit agencies throughout the country to compensate agencies for reduced fare revenue and higher operating costs. A total of \$54.7 million was provided to the three FTA 5307 recipients in Santa Barbara County—Santa Barbara MTD, the City of Lompoc, and the City of Santa Maria. Only existing FTA funding recipients received this funding. SBCAG is not currently a direct FTA funding recipient.

Commuter bus services like the Clean Air Express that rely on fare revenue to fund the majority of operating costs were especially impacted financially by the pandemic. In 2020, Staff worked with the three FTA 5307 recipients to develop a process for each agency to contribute a portion of the COVID-related transit funding each agency received to SBCAG to support the Clean Air Express service. MTD, the City of Lompoc, and the City of Santa Maria each agreed to contribute \$400,000 to support the service.

Because SBCAG has an existing FTA subrecipient agreement with the City of Santa Maria, the City's support was provided in FY 20/21. Staff has worked with the City of Lompoc to develop an FTA subrecipient agreement to govern the City's contribution. The agreement was approved by the City Council in November 2021.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. FTA Subrecipient Agreement with Lompoc (web posting only)