

# STAFF REPORT

**SUBJECT:** Consolidated Transportation Services  
Agency (CTSA)

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Information

## SUMMARY:

The San Joaquin Regional Transit District (RTD), in conjunction with other transit operators in San Joaquin County, has outlined a proposal to form a Consolidated Transportation Services Agency (CTSA). The proposal would designate RTD as the CTSA to administer countywide services such as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assessment, Volunteer Incentive Programs, and Mobility-On-Demand, with an effort to seek efficiency in service delivery. These activities would be funded by a 2% “off the top” from the Local Transportation Fund (LTF). (This is a modest request since the Act allows CTSA’s to claim up to five percent.) While the result is that all LTF transit and streets and roads claimants will receive less funding, the expressed expectation is that a CTSA will result in greater efficiencies. There is no opt out option for claimants.

RTD and other transit operators have expressed the desire to start the CTSA in Fiscal Year 2018-19. This would require amending the adopted LTF apportionment that the Board approved last month. Since there are unlikely to be any claimants before the beginning of the fiscal year, there is time to make the change, though it is possible this could impact budgets in a small way. See Attachment A for further details on the proposed CTSA activities and funding.

The SJCOG Board had expressed interest in transit providers working on more coordination and consolidation to improve efficiencies. The outlined tasks are an initial step in doing that. SJCOG staff is not asking for an action this month as the proposal was submitted to this office on March 5. However, the proposal has wide support at the Interagency Transit Committee and because of the timing of LTF apportionments, staff is suggesting a definitive action be brought to the Board in April or May.

SJCOG, as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for San Joaquin County, would be responsible for designating the CTSA. SJCOG has requested a more detailed work plan and budget for the first year of the CTSA for consideration of the committees and the Board.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Information only.

## **NEXT STEPS:**

RTD will prepare a detailed work plan for the first year of the CTSA. SJCOG will review the work plan and bring back a recommendation to the committees and Board.

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## SAN JOAQUIN CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGENCY PROPOSAL

### OFFERED SERVICES

#### ----- ADA Assessment -----

Regional in-person eligibility assessments for paratransit services

#### ----- Travel Training -----

Dedicated professionals teaching seniors and persons with disabilities to learn how to use public transit options

#### ----- Volunteer Incentive Program -----

Registering eligible passengers who would like to ask friends, family or neighbors to help transport them

#### ----- Discount Fare Card -----

Processing eligible seniors, persons with disabilities and Medicare cardholders to enable them to use fixed routes for not more than one-half the regular base fare

#### ----- FREEdom Program -----

Providing FREEdom passes to ADA-certified passengers to allow them to ride most fixed-routes free of charge

#### ----- Mobility-On-Demand -----

Offering a multimodal approach to increase mobility and connectivity by integrating new mobility tools like smart phone apps, ride-sharing and demand-responsive services

### LTF Apportionment (2%)

