

**Tehama County Transportation Commission
Resolution No. 02-2026:**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT
TO THE SB125 TRANSIT PROGRAM FUNDING ALLOCATION
TO SUPPORT TRAX OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS the Tehama County Transportation Commission serves as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Tehama County and is responsible for programming SB125 transit funds for the region; **and**

WHEREAS the Tehama County Transit Agency Board operates the TRAX transit system and is requesting that the Tehama County Transportation Commission amend the previously adopted SB125 funding allocation to allow a portion of the funds to be used for transit operations stabilization; **and**

WHEREAS TRAX provides essential public transportation services throughout Tehama County, including service for seniors, persons with disabilities, and residents of rural and disadvantaged communities; **and**

WHEREAS during the COVID-19 pandemic, TRAX transit operations were sustained through temporary federal relief funding provided through the CARES Act, CRRSAA, and ARPA programs administered by the Federal Transit Administration; **and**

WHEREAS these federal relief funds allowed the County to maintain transit service levels during the pandemic recovery period but were temporary in nature and have now been substantially expended; **and**

WHEREAS since the first full year of the current transit operations contract in FY 2020-21, the cost of operating the TRAX system has steadily increased due to rising labor costs, insurance premiums, maintenance expenses, and administrative support requirements; **and**

WHEREAS the expiration of federal pandemic relief funding combined with rising operating costs has created a structural funding gap between available operating revenues and the cost required to maintain existing transit service levels; **and**

WHEREAS without supplemental funding, the County would be forced to consider reductions in service hours, service coverage, or other operational adjustments in order to maintain a balanced transit operating budget; **and**

WHEREAS the State of California established Senate Bill 125 (SB125) to provide funding to regional transportation planning agencies and transit providers to support transit operations, capital improvements, and implementation of zero-emission transit initiatives; **and**

WHEREAS the Tehama County Transportation Commission and the Tehama County Transit Agency Board have previously adopted an SB125 funding allocation strategy focused on long-term fleet transition and transit facility improvements; **and**

WHEREAS the Board now desires to request that the previously adopted SB125 allocation be amended to allow a portion of the funds to be used for transit operations stabilization in order to maintain existing service levels during the transition away from federal pandemic relief funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Tehama County Transit Agency Board hereby requests that the Tehama County Transportation Commission amend the previously adopted SB125 program funding allocation to allow a portion of available SB125 funds to be programmed toward TRAX transit operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That the purpose of this request is to stabilize transit operations and maintain existing service levels for Tehama County residents while the County continues pursuing long-term funding solutions and implementation of future zero-emission transit initiatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

That staff is authorized and directed to transmit this request to the Tehama County Transportation Commission and prepare any necessary documentation required by the California State Transportation Agency and other relevant agencies to support consideration of the SB125 program amendment.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____ on April 23, 2026 and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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COUNTY OF TEHAMA)

I, SEAN HOUGHTBY, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tehama, State of California, hereby certify the above and foregoing to be full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by said Tehama County Transit Agency Board on this 23rd day of April 2026.

SEAN HOUGHTBY, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tehama, State of California

BY: _____
Deputy