

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 03-2025

**AUTHORIZATION FORR THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT OF CMAQ FUNDS
IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTH STATE EXPRESS INTERCITY BUS SERVICE
BETWEEN REDDING AND SACRAMENTO**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under Section 5311(f) of the Federal Transit Act (FTA Circulars 9040.1F and 9050.1), to support capital and operating assistance for intercity bus service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is designated by the Governor of the State of California to administer Section 5311 and CMAQ funds on behalf of rural and intercity transit providers; and

WHEREAS, the Tehama County Transportation Commission (TCTC) has a longstanding history of supporting efforts to expand rural mobility, including a FY 2019 contribution of \$100,000 to the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) in support of the “Salmon Runner” pilot project and a reaffirmation of that commitment in 2021, totaling \$200,000 in startup funding; and

WHEREAS, TCTC now desires to formalize its continued support for the North State Express Intercity Bus System, which will connect rural communities in Northern California to major transportation, health, government, and employment centers in Sacramento, with stops including Red Bluff, Sacramento Valley Station, and Sacramento International Airport; and

WHEREAS, TCTC proposes to commit \$100,000 annually in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to support operations of this service in partnership with SRTA and the Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA), contingent on available annual apportionment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 104(f)(1), these CMAQ funds may be flexibly transferred to the FTA for use in eligible public transit projects and shall be administered in accordance with 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53; and

WHEREAS, TCTC acknowledges the original plan for a battery-electric bus fleet and further recognizes that fuel technology flexibility may be necessary during implementation to ensure operational viability, including potential use of renewable diesel, compressed natural gas (CNG), hybrid, or other clean propulsion systems; and

WHEREAS, the North State Express project is supported by a broad regional coalition including the North State Super Region, San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority, and

numerous local and state partners, and aligns with state climate goals including SB 32 (2016);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tehama County Transportation Commission hereby:

1. **Commits to an annual contribution of \$100,000** in CMAQ funds to support ongoing operations of the North State Express Intercity Bus System, subject to availability of funds and approval by the Commission each fiscal year;
2. **Authorizes the Executive Director or the Deputy Director** to execute all necessary documents and funding transfers, including submission of applications, certifications, assurances, and agreements to Caltrans and the FTA, for the purpose of supporting the Section 5311(f) intercity bus service;
3. **Authorizes the Executive Director or the Deputy Director** to coordinate with SRTA, RABA, and other partner agencies to facilitate project delivery and participate in implementation planning, including service and fuel technology adjustments as needed;
4. **Affirms TCTC's continued support** for the expansion of safe, affordable, and sustainable interregional transit options for Tehama County residents.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member _____ on May 19, 2025, 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 19th day of May 2025.

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

By: _____
Deputy