



Staff Report

To: Transit Paratransit Coordinating Committee (TPCC)
 From: Lynne March, Transportation Planner
 Re: Approved Lifeline "Program of Projects"
 Date: September 18, 2007

Background: The Lifeline Transportation Program (Lifeline) is administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). It funds projects to improve the mobility of low-income residents. Funds are distributed to counties based on their percentage of the lower-income population. Sonoma County has 6.3% of the Bay Area's population living below the federal poverty level (source: 2000 Census).

In accordance, \$1,148,676 is available to Sonoma County through Lifeline from Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and State Transit Assistance (STA). Funding is available over three years.

The program supports community-based transportation planning, such as the recent SCTA-approved Roseland Community-Based Transportation Plan. Eligible projects must be consistent with low-income transportation-needs planning.

Sonoma County Projects Approved by MTC in September 2007

	Sponsor	Project	Funding
1	Sonoma County Human Services	Community Transportation Manager: Partially funds a new staff position to develop advisory groups in three areas identified by MTC as a "Community of Concern;"* promote collaboration; and foster new approaches for low-income senior mobility. Requested \$450,000 (STA funded)	\$50,000 in Year #2 \$50,000 in Year #3
2	Santa Rosa CityBus	3 hybrid electric buses: Directly benefits Roseland, an MTC-identified "Community of Concern." The funding was reduced from the requested \$500,000 to accommodate the other requests. Implementation will not be impacted. (STA funded)	\$313,676 in Year #1
3	Sonoma County Transit	5 natural gas-powered coaches: Serves a large volume of low-income residents throughout the County. Funded as requested. (STA funded)	\$335,000 in Year #1
4	Santa Rosa CityBus	New Route 19 and modified Route 12: Directly benefits Roseland, an MTC-identified "Community of Concern." Funded as requested (STA & JARC funded)	\$200,000 in Year #2 \$200,000 in Year #3
Year #1 Year #2 Year #3 TOTAL			
\$648,676 \$250,000 \$250,000 \$1,148,676			

* Southwest Santa Rosa/Roseland, southwest Healdsburg, central Sonoma Valley, and Guerneville/Monte Rio