Planning Committee STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 3, 2015

Subject
Approval of FY 2015-16 Allocation of Measure J Central County Additional Transportation Programs for Seniors and People with Disabilities (Program 20a)

Summary of Issues
Approval would allocate $49,000 of Measure J Central County sub-regional program funds to County Connection to provide matching funds for two Federal New Freedom grants for projects supporting services to seniors and people with disabilities in Central County. The projects were considered and approved by TRANSPAC on May 14, 2015.

Recommendations
Approve Resolution No. 15-34-G, the allocation of Central County Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities program (Program 20a) funds.

Financial Implications
The Measure J allocation for this program is $49,000.

Options
1. Not approve the allocation at this time.
2. Direct staff to investigate other allocation options.

Attachments (See PC Packet dated 6/3/15)
A. Resolution No. 15-34-G
B. TRANSPAC request for programming program 20a funds

Changes from Committee
None

Background

On May 14, 2015 TRANSPAC took action to program sub-regional program 20a – Central County Additional Transportation Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities funding to provide the matching funds for two federal New Freedom grants totaling $196,000 that will fund projects related to mobility management activities in Contra Costa County. The Program 20a match portion will focus on Central County. Only Central and West County established additional program funding under Measure J for the provision of additional paratransit services on a sub-regional basis.
Previous Central County Program 20a fund allocations helped advance transportation programs provided by non-profit social service agencies. The success of those programs allowed them to collectively receive federal grants to begin practicing mobility management. Because of the federal grant the programs are able to move forward with Measure J funding supporting the match only.

The success of these programs and the movement toward collaborative service delivery (mobility management) has become evident at the regional level. Local Measure J support is intended to act as a catalyst for future federal funding support. This collaborative effort will improve service delivery and efficiency.