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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

SUBJECT: State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program Resolution

Issue

The State of California's State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program requires that the Board adopt a resolution, provide required certifications and assurances, and delegate authority for execution of any actions necessary under this grant in order to receive SRA funds.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Board adopt Resolution No. 26-150 Authorization for the Execution of the Resolution, Certifications and Assurances, and Authorized Agent Forms for the State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program to support the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitments of:

- **Customers Are Our Business:** We respect and value our customers, putting them at the heart of all we do, and work hard to attract and retain new customers by understanding their needs and finding new and innovative ways to delight them. The goals of the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project are to find ways to optimize operations and maintenance to reduce overall operating costs.
- **Advancing Key Regional Goals:** We will grow the role of regional rail in addressing climate change, air quality, and other pressing issues by advancing toward zero emissions, making rail a compelling alternative to single-occupant automobiles and advancing equity-focused opportunities for all communities throughout Southern

California. The goal of the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project is to reduce fuel consumption and develop more efficient maintenance strategies, resulting in reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and improvement in regional air quality.

Background

Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, created the State Rail Assistance Program by directing a portion of new revenue specifically to intercity and commuter rail. Similar to the State Transit Assistance program, SRA funds may be used for rail operations and capital improvements.

Metrolink has been receiving SRA funds since the program's inception in 2017 and has used funding to support the Rail Yard Rehabilitation and Modernization (RYRM) project at Los Angeles Union Station, Mobility 4 All program, and the Track Intrusion and Positive Train Control project.

This request to utilize \$2 million SRA funds to move forward with Phase 2 Implementation of the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project which will demonstrate prototypes to potentially reduce fuel consumption and optimize maintenance practices to reduce fuel consumption and overall operating costs.

Discussion

Staff will move forward with Phase 2 of the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project and develop prototypes to reduce fuel consumption and optimize maintenance practices to reduce overall operating costs. The goals of the project align with the Board-adopted Fare Policy Goals and Guiding Principles to:

1. Enable financial sustainability
2. Enhance the customer experience

The program will also promote sustainability by reducing the environmental impact of transportation.

Use of the SRA funds will provide the required 20% match to the TIRCP Cycle 6 funds awarded to this project. This project will be subject to the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA's) approval of our proposal.

By adopting Resolution 26-150, the Board will:

- Authorize the submittal of the project nomination and allocation request to CalSTA for SRA funds to support the Phase 2 Implementation of the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project.
- Agree to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SRA funded transit projects.
- Authorize CEO Darren M. Kettle, CSO Paul Hubler, and CFO Tom Schamber to execute all required documents of the SRA program.

Budget Impact

There is no budgetary impact as a result of this report.

Next Steps

Staff will execute all agreements necessary to receive SRA funds for the Fuel Efficiency and Maintenance Modernization Project.

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Attachment(s)

[Attachment A - Authorized Agent](#)

[Attachment B - Certifications and Assurances](#)

[Attachment C - Board Resolution No. 26-150](#)

[Presentation - SRA Program Resolution](#)