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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 that the Board adopt Resolution No. 25-147 Authorization for the Execution of the Resolution, Certifications and Assurances, and Authorized Agent Forms for the State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program to support the Track Intrusion System and Positive Train Control Project.

Strategic Commitment

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitments of:

- **Safety is Foundational:** We will stay on the leading edge by deploying new technologies and processes to enhance the safety and security of our riders, our fellow employees, and the communities we serve. The Track Intrusion System and Positive Train Control Project (Project) is anticipated enhance the safety of the system by minimizing costly physical damage and protecting human life by slowing and stopping the train if an intrusion is detected on the rail line.
- **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

Project is anticipated to mitigate the impacts of service interruptions. Minimizing service interruptions boosts customer confidence, improves system reliability, resilience and on-time performance to increase and maintain ridership.

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 rail 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 and the Mobility-4-All program.

This request is to utilize \$250,000 in SRA funds as required match to a \$1 million federal earmark received last year and administered through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant program by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The demonstration project will deploy artificial intelligence for prototype track intrusion detection, integrated with PTC to detect potential trespassers on the rail right-of-way and prevent strikes by alerting the train automatically.

Discussion

Staff will continue to administer the Track Intrusion and Positive Train Control Project with CalSTA and the FRA. The goals of the program align with the Board-adopted Fare Policy Goals and Guiding Principles to:

1. Recover and grow ridership
2. Enhance the customer experience

Use of SRA funds will allow Metrolink to meet the match requirements of the federal earmark administered by the FRA.

By approving Resolution 25-147, the Board will:

- Authorize the submittal of the project nomination and allocation request to CalSTA for SRA funds for the Track Intrusion System and Positive Train Control 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 Interim CFO Tom Schamber to execute all required documents of the SRA program.

Budget Impact

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

Next Steps

Staff will execute all agreements necessary to receive SRA funds for the Track Intrusion System and Positive Train Control Project.

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Attachment(s)

[Attachment A - Board Resolution](#)

[Attachment B - Certifications and Assurances](#)

[Attachment C - Authorized Agent Form](#)