

To: Board of Directors

Date: 02/13/2020

From: Ruby Horta, Director of Planning, Marketing & Innovation

Reviewed by: *WC.*

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Grant (LCTOP) – FY 2019-20

Background:

The Cap and Trade funding program for transit is titled Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The initial three years of funding were available from FY 2014-15 to FY 2016-17 and funds were primarily used to operate the Martinez Shuttle – Route 3. Prior to FY 17-18, at least 50% of LCTOP funds had to be used **within ½ mile** of a disadvantaged community (DAC). The FY 17-18 guidelines stated that eligible projects must be “**within a DAC**”. Route 3 was ½ mile from the DAC, thus no longer eligible for these funds. Due to low productivity and lack of funding, Route 3 was eliminated in Fall 2018.

Route 99X was designed to meet the new guidelines, connecting the Martinez Amtrak Station to BART via Pacheco Blvd. and Morello Ave. Additionally, given the increased amount of funds, staff added three trips to the existing weekend route (316), also serving the DAC. These service changes were implemented in Fall 2018. Staff used the remaining 50% of the funds for the Low/No electric bus project – the second set electric buses.

New Guidelines (FY 18-19)

The California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1119 (SB 1119) in 2018, to increase project flexibility by allowing transit agencies to waive the requirement of expending 50% of their total allocation within and benefiting a DAC if the recipient transit agencies expend the funding provided pursuant to the following guidelines:

- a) New or expanded transit service that connects with transit service serving disadvantaged communities or in low-income communities
- b) Transit fare subsidies including, but not limited to, discounted or free student transit passes.
- c) The purchase of zero-emission transit buses and supporting infrastructure.

This bill provided the flexibility needed to implement the fare subsidy project in the Monument Corridor on routes 11, 14 and 16.

Extend Free Fares Pilot

MTC has published an estimate for the region and County Connection is expected to receive \$1.1M.

Staff proposes to use these funds to continue operating service between Amtrak and BART and continue subsidizing the fares for routes: 11, 14 and 16. All of these routes serve AB 1550 low-income communities and an MTC community of concern, which is centered around Downtown Concord and the Monument Corridor. The current pilot has been extremely successful, and this grant provides a guaranteed fare revenue.

Cap & Trade Allocations					
	FY 15-16	FY 16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20*
Revenue Based	\$ 123,087	\$ 56,812	\$ 110,058	\$ 161,497	\$ 164,000
Population-Based	\$ 492,491	\$228,378	\$ 640,697	\$ 971,709	\$ 956,000
Subtotal	\$ 615,578	\$285,190	\$ 750,755	\$1,133,206	\$1,120,000
Local Funds	\$ -	\$ 22,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 615,578	\$308,009	\$ 750,755	\$1,133,206	\$1,120,000
Projects Funded					
Martinez Shuttle	\$ 308,009	\$308,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Electric Trolley/Bus	\$ 307,569	\$ -	\$ 375,377	\$ -	\$ -
Martinez Amtrak to BART	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,378	\$ 375,378	\$ 215,710
Subsidized Fares (11, 14, 16)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 757,828	\$ 904,290
Total Expenses	\$ 615,578	\$308,009	\$ 750,755	\$1,133,206	\$1,120,000
*MTC estimates for planning purposes					

Recommendation:

The A&F Committee and staff forward the proposed LCTOP project funding allocation to Board for approval. The additional year for subsidized fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16 will cover FY 20-21.

Financial Implications:

Using FY 2019-20 LCTOP to fund service operating within the DAC (\$215,710) and continue the fare subsidy for one additional year on Routes 11, 14, and 16 (\$904,290).

Action Requested:

The A&F Committee and staff request Board approval of Resolution 2020-016 allocating FY 2019-20 LCTOP funds to service in the DAC and free fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-016

**CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S):

(MARTINEZ AMTRAK TO BART, \$215,710 AND

FARE SUBSIDY FOR ROUTES 11, 14, AND 16, \$904,290)

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa and the Cities of Clayton, Concord, the Town of Danville, Lafayette, Martinez, the Town of Moraga, Orinda, Pleasant Hill, San Ramon and Walnut Creek (hereinafter "Member Jurisdictions") have formed the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority ("CCCTA"), a joint exercise of powers agency created under California Government Code Section 6500 *et seq.*, for the joint exercise of certain powers to provide coordinated and integrated public transportation services within the area of its Member Jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the CCCTA is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program ("LCTOP") now or sometime in the future for transit projects;

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation ("Department") is the administrative agency for the LCTOP;

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies);

WHEREAS, the CCCTA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Marketing; and

WHEREAS, the CCCTA wishes to implement the LCTOP project(s) listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority that CCCTA agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ruby Horta, Director of Planning & Marketing, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2019-20 LCTOP funds:

Project Names:

(1) Martinez Amtrak to BART

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$215,710

Short description: This route directly serves a disadvantaged community.

(2) Fare Subsidy for Routes 11, 14, and 16

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$904,290

Short description: Fare subsidy project. All of these routes serve AB 1550-defined low-income communities and an MTC community of concern, which is centered around Downtown Concord and the Monument Corridor.

Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): N/A

Regularly passed and adopted this 24th day of February 2020 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Candace Andersen, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board