

To: Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

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Reviewed by: *RH*

SUBJECT: Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) – Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan

Background

County Connection's 2016 Low-No Grant included a line item for the Center of Transportation and the Environment (CTE) to provide project management and technical assistance. Most of those funds remain available and staff intends to amend the initial grant to include a scope of work related to the development of the Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Rollout Plan, required under the Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Rule.

ICT Requirement:

In late 2018, the ICT rule was adopted, requiring all public transit agencies to gradually transition to a 100% zero emission bus fleet. Beginning in 2029, 100% of new purchases by transit agencies must be ZEBs, with a goal for full transition by 2040. The regulation sets requirements based on agency size. County Connection is considered a small agency and must submit its ZEB Rollout Plan by July 1, 2023.

Due to the availability of federal funds, and CTE's experience in developing ZEB Rollout Plans for other, larger agencies, County Connection staff has decided to proceed with developing our own plan. Staff recognizes the precarious state of current events; however, these federal funds have already been disbursed. If the amendment is approved, staff would avoid using a different source of funding to fulfill this State requirement.

Financial Implications:

The goal is to utilize existing grant funds, upon approval of proposed amendment to the scope of work.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the MP&L Committee forward this item to the Board as information only.