

To: Board of Directors

Date: 03/08/2021

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

Reviewed by: WC.

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Grant (LCTOP) – FY 2020-21

Background:

The Cap and Trade funding program for transit is titled Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). Over time, the guidelines have been revised, allowing for increased flexibility in the use of these funds. In the last couple of years, County Connection has utilized these funds to operate Route 99X, connecting the Martinez Amtrak Station to BART via Pacheco Blvd. and Morello Ave. and increase weekend service to the DAC.

Since FY 18-19, with the passage of Senate Bill 1119 (SB 1119), County Connection was able 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 about \$620,000. 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 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 was extremely successful prior to COVID-19, and this grant provides a guaranteed fare revenue source.

Although not part of the proposed project for FY20-21, staff would like to note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of the FY19-20 funds programmed to subsidize fares on Routes 11, 14 and 16 will not be disbursed. Based on current ridership, it is projected that only about \$450,000 of the FY20 allocation for the subsidized fares project will be disbursed. The remaining \$450,000 will be rolled over to FY20-21, augmenting the funds available for the fare subsidy program.

Cap & Trade Allocations				
	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21*
Revenue Based	\$ 165,597	\$ 161,497	\$ 165,597	\$ 91,133
Population-Based	\$ 963,733	\$ 971,709	\$ 963,733	\$ 451,405
Subtotal	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 1,133,206	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 542,538
Local Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 1,133,206	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 542,538
Projects Funded				
Electric Trolley/Bus	\$ 913,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Martinez Amtrak to BART	\$ 215,710	\$ 375,378	\$ 215,710	\$ 215,710
Subsidized Fares (11, 14, 16)	\$ -	\$ 757,828	\$ 913,620	\$ 326,828
Total Expenses	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 1,133,206	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 542,538
*MTC estimates for planning purposes				

Financial Implications:

Using FY 2020-21 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 (\$326,828).

Recommendation:

The A&F Committee and staff recommend Board approval of the proposed LCTOP project funding allocation. The additional project year for subsidized fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16 will cover FY 21-22.

Action Requested:

The A&F Committee and staff request Board approval of the proposed LCTOP project funding allocation under Resolution 2021-020.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-020

**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, \$326,828)

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 & Innovation, 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 2020-21 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: \$326,828

Short description: Fare subsidy project for one additional year. 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 18th day of March 2021 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Keith Haydon, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board