

To: Administration and Finance Committee

Date: January 28, 2015

From: Anne Muzzini, Director of Planning and Marketing

Reviewed by:

Subject: Cap and Trade Grant

Summary

The Cap and Trade funding program for transit is officially titled the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). In recent weeks Caltrans has released funding amounts and guidelines for grant applications for the LCTOP program. County Connection is slated to get \$185,881 in 2014-15 funds. Eligible projects include capital and operating, however the funds must support service in a defined disadvantaged community or be shown to benefit one. Disadvantaged communities, or DAC's, are census tracts that have been ranked by the California Air Resources board. There is only one DAC in Central County and it is in eastern Martinez. Staff proposes to use the new source of funding to pay for the implementation of the Martinez Shuttle, a route that was defined in the Adaptive Service Plan.

What is the LCTOP?

The LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862. The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on service disadvantaged communities. For agencies whose service area includes disadvantaged communities, at least 50 percent of the total moneys received shall be expended on projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities. SB862 continuously appropriates five percent of the annual auction proceeds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for LCTOP.

Proposed Grant Application

Staff is proposing to apply for \$185,881 in Cap and Trade funding to offset operating cost for the Martinez Shuttle. This route was developed in the Adaptive Service Plan but was not implemented due to funding constraints and the lack of support for cutting Route #19 to pay for it. The LCTOP funds would offset most of the cost of the route - \$236,300 – with the remainder coming from local/TDA funds. The route is within ½ a mile of the defined DAC so it will meet the eligibility criteria. The Board resolution attached will enable staff to pursue Cap and Trade funding to implement the Martinez Shuttle.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 022

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR
THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM**

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

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP);

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

WHEREAS, CCCTA desires to apply for LCTOP funds for the proposed Martinez Shuttle, as recommended in the Adaptive Service Plan adopted by the Board, in furtherance of CCCTA's public transportation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Administration & Finance Committee has recommended that the Board authorize staff to apply for LCTOP funds and delegate authorization to execute necessary grant documents and any amendments thereto, to the General Manager, Director of Planning and Marketing, and the Director of Maintenance; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority that staff is hereby authorized to seek LCTOP funding for the proposed Martinez Shuttle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in furtherance thereof, the General Manager, Director of Planning and Marketing, and Director of Maintenance be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

Regularly passed and adopted this 19th day of February 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

A.G. Dessayer, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board