

To: Board of Directors

Date: 03/11/2022

From: Melody Reeb, Director of Planning, Marketing, & Innovation

Reviewed by: *Ref*

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Grant (LCTOP) – FY 2021-22

Background:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) provides cap-and-trade funding for transit in order to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities (DACs). Over time, the guidelines for eligible projects have been revised, allowing for increased flexibility in the use of these funds. In the last few 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 to increase weekend service on Route 316. Both of these routes serve the DAC within County Connection's service area. Since FY 2018-19, 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.

Proposed Projects:

The State Controller's Office (SCO) has released the final apportionments for the LCTOP program, and County Connection will be receiving \$1,483,983. Staff proposes using these funds to continue operating service between Amtrak and BART and subsidizing fares for Routes 11, 14 and 16. Given the increase in available funding (and decrease in ridership due to COVID-19), staff is also proposing to expand subsidized fares to weekend routes serving the Monument Corridor (Routes 311, 314, and 316). All these routes serve AB 1550 low-income communities and MTC communities of concern, which are centered around Downtown Concord and the Monument Corridor. The 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 FY 2021-22, staff would like to note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the funds that were programmed to subsidize fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16 over the last two years will not be disbursed. Based on current ridership, it is projected that there will be a balance of about \$340,000 that will be rolled over to FY 2021-22, augmenting the funds available for the fare subsidy program.

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22
Cap & Trade Allocations					
Revenue Based	\$ 165,597	\$ 161,497	\$ 165,597	\$ 91,133	\$ 214,031
Population-Based	\$ 963,733	\$ 971,709	\$ 963,733	\$ 542,538	\$ 1,269,952
Subtotal	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 1,133,206	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983
Local Funds	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 1,133,206	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983
Projects Funded					
Electric Trolley/Bus	\$ 913,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Martinez Amtrak to BART	\$ 215,710	\$ 375,378	\$ 215,710	\$ 215,710	\$ 600,619
Subsidized Fares for Monument Corridor Routes	\$ -	\$ 757,828	\$ 913,620	\$ 417,961	\$ 883,364
Total Expenses	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 1,133,206	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983

Financial Implications:

For FY 2021-22, County Connection will receive a total of \$1,483,983 in LCTOP funds. Staff plans to use \$600,619 to operate service within the DAC, and \$883,364 to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

Recommendation:

The A&F Committee and staff recommend that the Board approve the proposed allocation of LCTOP funds. The additional project year for subsidized fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor will cover FY 2022-23.

Action Requested:

The A&F Committee and staff request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2022-024.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2022-024

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-024

**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, \$600,619 AND
FARE SUBSIDY FOR MONUMENT CORRIDOR ROUTES, \$883,364)*

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 (i.e., local agencies);

WHEREAS, the CCCTA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Melody Reeb, 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 Melody Reeb, 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 2021-22 LCTOP funds:

Project Names:

(1) Martinez Amtrak to BART

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$600,619

Short description: This route directly serves a disadvantaged community.

(2) Fare Subsidy for Monument Corridor Routes

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$883,364

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 17th day of March 2022 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Dave Hudson, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board