

INTER OFFICE MEMO

To: Board of Directors

Date: 10/24/2022

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

Reviewed by: *Ref*

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Grant (LCTOP) Funds Transfer

Background:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) provides cap-and-trade funding for transit 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 North Concord BART via Pacheco Blvd. and Morello Ave., and to increase weekend service on Route 316. Both routes serve the DAC within County Connection's service area. Since FY 2018-19, with the passage of Senate Bill 1119, County Connection was able to implement the fare subsidy project in the Monument Corridor on Routes 11, 14, and 16, which was expanded in FY 2021-22 to include weekend Routes 311, 314, and 316.

Funds Transfer:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on ridership, some of the FY 2020-21 funds that were programmed to subsidize fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16 were not utilized. Staff is proposing to roll over the remaining balance of approximately \$275,000 to this year's project, which was approved by the Board in March and includes expansion to the three weekend routes. This will provide close to \$1.2M for subsidizing fares on all six routes serving the Monument Corridor. Based on recent ridership trends and particularly the significant increase on the weekend routes since becoming fare-free in July, staff anticipates being able to utilize all of the funds by the end of the current fiscal year.

Financial Implications:

The proposed funds transfer will provide an additional \$275,000 for subsidized fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

Recommendation:

The A&F Committee and staff recommend transferring the remaining LCTOP funds from FY 2020-21 to FY 2021-22 to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

Action Requested:

The A&F Committee and staff request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2023-017.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2023-017

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-017

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRANSFER OF FY 2020-2021 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS
PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S):**

(FREE FARES FOR ROUTES 11, 14, AND 16 SERVING THE MONUMENT CORRIDOR, \$275,000)

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, by Resolution No. 2022-024, CCCTA approved FY 2021-22 LCTOP funds to be used for various projects, however \$275,000 of the FY 2020-21 funds that were programmed to subsidize fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16 were not utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Administration & Finance Committee recommends, and staff concurs, that the unutilized LCTOP funds be transferred and utilized to continue subsidizing fares on Routes 11, 14, and 16 and expand to include weekend Routes 311, 314, and 316, thereby providing an additional \$275,000 for subsidized fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority hereby authorizes the transfer of \$275,000 of FY 2021-22 LCTOP funds as follows:

Project Name: Free Fares for Routes Serving the Monument Corridor

Amount of LCTOP funds: \$275,000

Short description: Continue free fares for an additional year on Routes 11, 14, and 16 in the Monument Corridor, and expand to include weekend Routes 311, 314, and 316. 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 November 2022 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Amy Worth, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board