

INTER OFFICE MEMO

To: Board of Directors

Date: 03/08/2024

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

Reviewed by: *Ref*

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Grant (LCTOP) – FY 2023-24

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 DACs 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, 16, 311, 314 and 316, offering fare free service 7 days a week.

Proposed Projects:

On February 29, 2024, the State Controller's Office (SCO) released final apportionments for the LCTOP program, and County Connection will receive a total of \$1,583,217. This is slightly lower than the SCO's initial estimate of \$1,644,000 that was presented to the A&F Committee.

Staff proposes using these funds to continue operating service between Amtrak and BART, serving DACs in Martinez and North Concord, and subsidizing fares for Routes 11, 14, 16, 311, 314 and 316, which serve AB 1550 low-income communities and communities of concern in Downtown Concord and the Monument Corridor, as defined by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
Cap & Trade Allocations					
Revenue Based (99314)	\$ 165,597	\$ 91,133	\$ 214,031	\$ 214,179	\$ 229,673
Population-Based (99313)	\$ 963,733	\$ 542,538	\$ 1,269,952	\$ 1,265,112	\$ 1,353,544
Total Revenues	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983	\$ 1,479,291	\$ 1,583,217
Projects Funded					
Martinez Amtrak to BART	\$ 215,710	\$ 215,710	\$ 600,619	\$ 611,179	\$ 506,072
Monument Free	\$ 913,620	\$ 417,961	\$ 883,364	\$ 868,112	\$ 1,077,145
Total Expenses	\$ 1,129,330	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983	\$ 1,479,291	\$ 1,583,217

Financial Implications:

Based on final apportionment amounts for FY 2023-24, County Connection will receive a total of \$1,583,217 in LCTOP funds. Staff plans to use \$506,072 to operate service within the DAC, and \$1,077,145 to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

Recommendation:

The A&F Committee and staff recommend using LCTOP funds to operate service between Martinez Amtrak and North Concord BART and to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

Action Requested:

The A&F Committee and staff request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2024-016, approving the proposed LCTOP project funding allocation.

Attachments:

Resolution No. 2024-016

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-016

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

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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, \$506,072 AND
FARE SUBSIDY FOR ROUTES 11, 14, 16, 311, 314 AND 316, \$1,077,145)*

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, 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 California 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, CCCTA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Ruby Horta, Asst. General Manager - Administration; and

WHEREAS, 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, Asst. General Manager - Administration, 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 2023-24 LCTOP funds:

Project Names:

(1) Martinez Amtrak to BART

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$506,072

Short description: This route directly serves a disadvantaged community.

(2) Fare Subsidy for Routes 11, 14, 16, 311, 314 and 316

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$1,077,145

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): Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Regularly passed and adopted this 21st day of March, 2024 by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Don Tatzin, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board