

To: Administration and Finance Committee

Date: March 11, 2025

From: Kyle Boehm, Grants Administrator

Reviewed by: AMS

SUBJECT: Cap and Trade Grant (LCTOP) – FY 2024-25

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 the North Concord BART station via Pacheco Blvd. and Morello Ave.; and to increase weekend service on Route 316, connecting the Martinez Amtrak station to the Walnut Creek BART station via DVC and the Pleasant Hill BART station. Both routes serve DACs within County Connection’s service area. Starting in 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 14, 2025, the State Controllers’ Office (SCO) released final apportionments for the LCTOP program, with County Connection set to receive a total of \$1,553,007. This is slightly higher than the SCO’s initial estimate of \$1,531,000. Staff proposed using these funds to maintain the existing level of service between Amtrak and BART, serving DACs in Martinez and North Concord; and subsidizing fares on 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 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25
Cap & Trade Allocations					
Revenue Based (99314)	\$ 91,133	\$ 214,031	\$ 214,179	\$ 238,000	\$ 225,201
Population-Based (99313)	\$ 542,538	\$ 1,269,952	\$ 1,265,112	\$ 1,406,000	\$ 1,327,806
Total Revenues	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983	\$ 1,479,291	\$ 1,644,000	\$ 1,553,007
Projects Funded					
Martinez Amtrak to BART	\$ 215,710	\$ 600,619	\$ 611,179	\$ 506,072	\$ 474,670
Monument Free	\$ 417,961	\$ 883,364	\$ 868,112	\$ 1,137,928	\$ 1,078,337
Total Expenses	\$ 633,671	\$ 1,483,983	\$ 1,479,291	\$ 1,644,000	\$ 1,553,007

Financial Implications:

Based on final apportionment amount for FY 2024-25, County Connection will receive a total of \$1,598,242 in LCTOP funds. Staff plans to use \$474,670 to operate service between Amtrak and North Concord BART within the DAC, and \$1,553,007 to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor.

Recommendation:

Staff and the Administration and Finance Committee 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:

Staff and the Administration and Finance Committee recommend Board approval for the projects listed above.

Attachment: RESOLUTION 2025-20 - AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: MONUMENT CORRIDOR FREE FARE SUBSIDY FOR ROUTES 11, 14, 16, 311, 314 AND 316, \$1,078,337 AND MARTINEZ AMTRAK TO BART, \$474,670

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-20

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

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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 (“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 and certain unincorporated portions of Contra Costa County;

WHEREAS, CCCTA is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (“LCTOP”) 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, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (“Department”) as 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 Bill Churchill, General Manager and Ruby Horta, Assistant General Manager; and

WHEREAS, CCCTA wishes to implement the following LCTOP projects listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of CCCTA that CCCTA agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bill Churchill, General Manager and Ruby Horta, Assistant General Manager, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of CCCTA that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nominations and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY2024-2025 LCTOP funds:

1. Monument Corridor Free Fare Subsidy for Routes 11, 14, 16, 311, 314, and 316

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$1,078,337

Short Description: Continue free fares for an additional year on Routes 11, 14, 16, 311, 314, and 316 in the Monument Corridor. These routes serve AB 1550 communities in Concord and disadvantaged communities in Martinez. \$1,078,337 will benefit priority populations.

2. Martinez Amtrak to BART

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$474,670

Short Description: Transit bus service from Amtrak - Martinez Station to BART - North Concord/Martinez Station connecting regional rail and job centers within disadvantaged communities in Martinez and Concord. \$474,670 will benefit priority populations.

Regularly passed and adopted this 20th day of March 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kevin Wilk, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board