

To: Board of Directors

Date: May 7, 2025

From: Kyle Boehm, Grants Administrator

Reviewed by: AMS

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support – Community Project Funding

Background:

For fiscal year 2026, Congress will be providing federal funding for a select number of Community Projects through the appropriations process. Under this process, County Connection has submitted a proposal for a solar-integrated battery storage system to Congressman DeSaulnier for consideration on behalf of California's 10th Congressional District.

County Connection's request is for \$4,000,000 to support the purchase and installation of a five-to-10 MWh battery storage system. Investing in an on-site solar-integrated battery storage system is a critical step for County Connection to sustainably power its facility and future fleet of zero emission buses. This project will provide the necessary infrastructure to store solar energy generated during daylight hours, ensuring a reliable power supply for charging and fueling zero emission vehicles. The project will also supply a vital backup power source for County Connection's facilities during electric outages, thereby enhancing operational reliability. County Connection has already secured \$15,950,000 through California's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to construct 90,000 square feet of solar panels which will be used to charge the batteries. This battery storage project is a logical and essential next phase, ensuring that the generated solar energy can be effectively stored and utilized to power County Connection, contributing to a more resilient and sustainable transit system.

As part of the request, County Connection is required to submit supporting documentation, including a resolution of support for this year's project submission and the specific amount requested.

Recommendation:

The Marketing, Planning, and Legislation (MP&L) Committee and staff recommend that the Board adopt a resolution of support for County Connection's submission to Congressman DeSaulnier for the Community Project Funding process.

Action Requested:

The MP&L Committee and staff request that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2025-25, which expresses support for County Connection's submission to Congressman DeSaulnier for a \$4,000,000 Community Project Funding request for a solar-integrated battery storage system.

Attachment: RESOLUTION 2025-25

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-025

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

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**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE
SOLAR-INTEGRATED BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM PROJECT APPLICATION UNDER THE FEDERAL
COMMUNITY PROJECT**

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 and certain unincorporated portions of Contra Costa County ("Service Area");

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has issued a call for applications to the Community Project Funding ("CFP") program;

WHEREAS, the CFP program is a set of earmarked funding requests from each Congress member;

WHEREAS, Congressman Mark DeSaulnier represents California's 10th Congressional District, which includes CCCTA's Service Area;

WHEREAS, investing in an on-site solar-integrated battery storage system is a critical step for CCCTA to sustainably power its facility and future fleet of zero-emission vehicles;

WHEREAS, CCCTA desires to take the necessary actions to achieve critical project development for the maximum benefit of the community;

WHEREAS, CCCTA has already secured \$15,950,000 through California's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program ("TIRCP") to construct 90,000 square feet of solar panels which will be used to charge the batteries;

WHEREAS, staff has determined that investing in battery storage is a logical and essential next phase, ensuring that the generated solar energy can be effectively stored and utilized to power CCCTA, contributing to a more resilient and sustainable transit system;

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the CFP program offers the best opportunity for CCCTA to procure the solar-integrated battery storage system; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends and the Marketing, Planning and Legislation Committee concurs that the Board of Directors expresses support for the application to Congressman DeSaulnier for a \$4,000,000 CFP request to support the purchase and installation of a five-to-10 MWh solar-integrated battery storage system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority expresses support for the application to Congressman DeSaulnier for a \$4,000,000 Community Project Funding request to support the purchase and installation of a five-to-10 MWh solar-integrated battery storage system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager or designee is authorized to take any other actions necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

Regularly passed and adopted this 15th day of May, 2025 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kevin Wilk, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: _____
Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board