

To: Board of Directors

Date: October 7, 2026

From: Kyle Boehm, Manager of Grants and Procurement

Reviewed by: 

SUBJECT: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) – FY 2025-26

Background:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) provides cap-and-invest 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 implement free fares on routes in the Monument Corridor, including Routes 11, 14, 16, 311, 314 and 316, offering fare free service 7 days a week.

This year, due to the timing and reauthorization of the Cap and Invest program in the 2025 legislative session, the LCTOP program was split into two separate cycles, an A and B.

Proposed Projects:

On August 31, 2026, the State Controllers' Office (SCO) released final apportionments for the LCTOP program, with County Connection set to receive a total of \$1,672,564. This is higher than the SCO's initial estimate of \$1,527,425. Staff proposes 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). The funds will also be used to cover the eligible associated paratransit fares for both the 99x, and the routes detailed above serving the Monument Corridor.

Revenues			
	FY 2025-26 Cycle A	FY 2025-26 Cycle B	FY 2025-26 Total
Population- Based (99313)	\$871,564	\$558,405	1,429,969
Revenue Based (99314)	\$147,861	\$94,734	\$239,734
Total Revenues	\$1,019,425	\$653,139	\$1,672,564

Expenses			
	FY 2025-26 Cycle A	FY 2025-26 Cycle B	FY 2025-26 Total
Monument Free	\$810,555	\$388,406	\$1,198,961
Martinez Amtrak to BART	\$208,870	\$264,733	\$473,603
Total Expenses	1,019,425	\$653,139	\$1,672,564

Financial Implications:

Based on final apportionment amount for FY 2025-26, County Connection will receive a total of \$1,672,564 in LCTOP funds. Staff plans to use \$473,603 to operate service between Amtrak and North Concord BART within the DAC, and \$1,198,961 to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor, and the eligible associated paratransit fares for both projects.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends using LCTOP funds to operate service between Martinez Amtrak and North Concord BART and to subsidize fares on routes serving the Monument Corridor, and the eligible associated paratransit fares for both projects.

Action Requested:

Staff and the Administration and Finance Committee recommend Board approval for the projects listed above and that they pass and adopt Resolution No. 2027-08.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 2027-08 – 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: Free Fares for Routes Serving the Monument Corridor, \$1,198,961 and Martinez Amtrak to BART, \$473,603.

RESOLUTION NO. 2027-08

**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 PROJECTS:
FREE FARES FOR ROUTES SERVING THE MONUMENT CORRIDOR, \$1,198,961 AND
MARTINEZ AMTRAK TO BART, \$473,603.**

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 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, including CCCTA;

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 Certifications 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 or their designee, 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 CCCTA that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nominations and allocation requests to the Department in FY2025-2026 LCTOP funds:

1. Free Fares for Routes Serving the Monument Corridor

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$1,198,961

Short Description: Continue free fares for an additional year on Routes 11, 14, 16, 311, 314, and 316 in the Monument Corridor, and eligible associated paratransit fares. These routes serve AB 1550 communities in Concord and disadvantaged communities in Martinez. \$1,198,961 will benefit priority populations.

2. Martinez Amtrak to BART

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$473,603

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, and eligible associated paratransit trips. \$473,603 will benefit priority populations.

Regularly passed and adopted this 15th day of October, 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Laura Hoffmeister, Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Lathina Hill, Clerk to the Board