

AGENDA ITEM 1 F
Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2020

TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority

FROM: Brian James, Planning and Marketing Manager

SUBJECT: Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

Adopt Resolution No. 20-04 Authorizing the El Dorado County Transit Authority and the Executive Director to execute all documents for the Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), Fiscal Year 2019/20

BACKGROUND

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is administered by the Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation as a component of the Transit, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 under Senate Bill 862. The purpose of this program is to provide operating and capital assistance to transit operators to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a focus on environmentally disadvantaged communities. LCTOP funding is allocated to eligible project sponsors under the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) 99313, and 99314 funding formula for projects that meet certain emissions reduction specifications.

DISCUSSION

With approval, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) staff anticipates applying for the full Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 allocation of \$334,181 in LCTOP funds to potentially deliver three (3) projects meeting program requirements. Building on the recommendations in the adopted Western El Dorado County 2019 Short- and Long- Range Transit Plan, staff proposes to apply LCTOP funding to a reduced fixed route fare program, implementation of a 50 Express service on Saturdays with one (1) bus, and additional weekday commuter service to Highway 50 and 65th Street in Sacramento with one (1) bus in the morning and one (1) bus in the afternoon. Per the LCTOP program guidelines, these demonstration projects could be funded for up to four (4) years depending on validated productivity and emission reduction benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 LCTOP allocation represents a total of \$334,181 in grant revenue to fund transit operations and replace fare revenue necessary to fully implement the first year of the three (3) proposed demonstration projects. This grant amount is included in the FY 2020/21 Preliminary Operating Budget presented elsewhere in this agenda.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 20-04**

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:
REDUCED FARES, EXPANSION OF SATURDAY SERVICE AND
EXPANSION OF COMMUTER SERVICE
\$334,181 IN LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Matthew Mauk, Executive Director.

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit wishes to implement the following LCTOP projects listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of El Dorado Transit that the fund recipient 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Matthew Mauk, Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of El Dorado Transit that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 2019-20 LCTOP funds:

Project Names: Reduced Fares, Expansion of Saturday Service and Expansion of Commuter Service

Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: \$334,181

Description of Project: Reduced fares, 50 Express service on Saturdays with one (1) bus and weekday commuter service from Park-and-Ride locations in El Dorado County to Highway 50 and 65th Street in Sacramento with one (1) bus in the morning and one (1) bus in the afternoon.

Contributing Sponsors: No contributing sponsors

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board, held on this 5th day of March 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

John Hidahl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board