

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO or Designee to Execute Documents with Caltrans to Apply for and Receive Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds for the Bus Route 25 Enhancement and Connect Card Implementation Projects

## ISSUE

Whether or not to delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO or designee to execute documents with Caltrans to apply for and receive State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for the Bus Route 25 Enhancement and Connect Card Implementation Projects.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 15-04-\_\_\_, Delegating Authority to the General Manager/CEO or Designee to Execute Documents with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to Apply For and Receive State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds for the Bus Route 25 Enhancement and Connect Card Implementation Projects.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of authority to apply for and receive funds will enable RT to access a portion of the \$603,163 in FY 2014-15 LCTOP funds to operate the Bus Route 25 Enhancement Project and Connect Card Implementation Project as well as future years' LCTOP funds once they are appropriated.

Previously the Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or Designee to apply for and receive these funds for the Bus Route 65 Extension and South Line Phase 2 Expansion projects. The Bus Route 25 Enhancement and Connect Card Implementation projects are now added to the list of projects requesting FY 2014-15 and future years' LCTOP funding.

## DISCUSSION

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program was created in 2014 by Senate Bill 862 to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Eligible LCTOP projects support new or expanded bus or rail service, and/or expand intermodal transit facilities. Each project is required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. For transit agencies serving disadvantaged communities, at least 50% of the LCTOP monies received must be spent on projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. \$25 million is appropriated statewide for LCTOP in FY 2014-15. RT's share is \$603,163 for FY 2014-15 and is expected to be twice that amount for FY 2015-16. Five percent of the annual Cap and Trade auction proceeds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) are appropriated annually for LCTOP.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 04/06/15

General Manager/CEO

Acting Chief Financial Officer

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Bus Route 25, which currently extends from Marconi/Arcade light rail station to Sunrise Mall, will undergo changes to increase service frequency to every 30 minutes on Fair Oaks Blvd., and extend the bus turnaround at Marconi/Fair Oaks further north to Manzanita/Locust Ave.

The Connect Transit Card will allow transit passengers in the Sacramento region to use one card to ride nine transit systems. Installation and testing are proceeding; the start of implementation could begin as early as fall 2015. An exact date has not been determined.

The LCTOP program requires an RT Board Resolution identifying RT's authorized representative to execute all required documents in order to get LCTOP funding for the projects identified in the resolution.

Staff recommends that the Board delegate authority to the General Manager/CEO or designee to apply for and receive State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds to pay for operations costs associated with enhancements to Bus Route 25, which are scheduled to begin in September 2015, and to pay for operations costs related to the Connect Card project implementation when installation and testing are complete.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04-\_\_\_\_\_

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sacramento Regional Transit District on this date:

April 13, 2015

**DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE STATE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS FOR THE BUS ROUTE 25 ENHANCEMENT AND CONNECT CARD IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requires that the Board identify by Resolution the Regional Transit staff representative authorized to execute all documents necessary to apply for and receive State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for the Bus Route 25 Enhancement Project and the Connect Card Implementation Project.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, Regional Transit's General Manager/CEO or designee is hereby authorized to execute documents with Caltrans to apply for and receive State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for the Bus Route 25 Enhancement Project and the Connect Card Implementation Project.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

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