

# REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

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Subject: Authorization for the Execution of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for Fiscal Year 2015/16

## ISSUE

Whether or not to authorize the submittal of project nominations and allocation requests to Caltrans for Fiscal Year 2015/16 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Expansion, Bus Route 65 Realignment, Bus Route 25 Enhancement, Connect Card Implementation, Golden 1 Arena Special Event Service, and Folsom Late Night Light Rail Service Enhancement projects.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 16-01-\_\_\_\_\_, Authorizing the Submittal of Project Nominations and Allocation Requests to Caltrans for Fiscal Year 2015/16 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of authority to apply for and receive funds will enable RT to access \$ 1,891,065 in FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to continue operating the South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Extension, Bus Route 65 Expansion, Bus Route 25 Enhancement, and Connect Card Implementation projects; and start operating the Golden 1 Arena Special Event Service and Folsom Late Night Light Rail Service Enhancement projects.

## 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. Beginning in FY 2015/16, SB (Senate Bill) 862 continuously appropriates five (5) percent of the annual Cap and Trade auction proceeds in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to LCTOP. RT's share of the FY 2015/16 LCTOP funding is \$1,891,065, to be divided between four (4) continuing projects and two (2) new projects:

### **Continuing Projects**

The South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Extension project started operations in August 2015. RT is requesting FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to help cover FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 operations costs of this light rail expansion project.

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Approved:

Presented:

Final 01/20/16

General Manager/CEO

Acting Chief Financial Officer

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Bus Route 65, underwent a major realignment in September 2015. RT is requesting FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to help cover the operations cost of the expansion portion of the realignment in FY 2016-17.

Bus Route 25 increased service frequency on a portion of the route and extended a bus turnaround beginning September 2015. RT is requesting FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to help cover the operations cost of the enhancement in FY 2016-17.

The Connect Transit Card project is scheduled to begin implementation in March 2016. RT is requesting FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to help cover operations cost in FY 2016-17.

## New Projects

The Golden 1 Arena Special Event Service will operate supplemental light rail service to transport riders home after major events at the downtown Golden 1 Center. The service will commence when the Golden 1 Center opens in September 2016. RT is requesting FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to help cover operations cost between September 2016 and June 2017.

Prospective Folsom Late Night Light Rail Service would operate light rail service along the 7.4 mile segment of RT’s Gold Line between Sunrise and Historic Folsom stations. The enhancement would expand service from the current end time of 7:00 pm to the proposed end time of 11:30 pm on weekdays, Saturdays and holidays, and from 7:00 pm to 9:30pm on Sundays. RT staff is recommending that RT request FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds to help cover operations cost related to this service expansion beginning September 2016 through June 2017. Staff understands that RT’s Board has not approved of the Folsom service modifications proposed above. However, to ensure that the funds are available to RT if the Board approves this service modification, RT must apply for these funds by February 1, 2016. Moreover, authorizing staff to apply for these funds is consistent with the LCTOP guidelines requirement that funds be allocated prior to service implementation. Receipt of funds will depend on RT Board approval.

The LCTOP program requires an RT Board Resolution approving projects for which RT is requesting LCTOP funds. The resolution includes the amount of LCTOP funds requested, a description of the project, and the contributing sponsors.

In a companion issue paper the Board is asked to approve an authorized agent to sign documents for the LCTOP program, and to agree to comply with all conditions and requirements in the “Certifications and Assurances.” This resolution is also necessary to receive FY 2015/16 LCTOP funds.

Staff recommends that the Board authorize the submittal of project nominations and allocation requests to Caltrans for Fiscal Year 2015/16 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Expansion, Bus Route 65 Realignment, Bus Route 25 Enhancement, Connect Card Implementation, Golden 1 Arena Special Event Service, and Folsom Late Night Light Rail Service Enhancement projects, for the amounts indicated in Exhibit A.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-01-\_\_\_\_\_

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

January 25, 2016

**AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS AND ALLOCATION REQUESTS TO CALTRANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/16 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) now or sometime in the future 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 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, the Sacramento Regional Transit District wishes to implement the LCTOP project(s) listed in Exhibit A.

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

THAT, the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

THAT, the Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the project nomination(s) and allocation request(s), to the Department in FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds for the projects listed in Exhibit A.

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JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

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MICHAEL R. WILEY, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Brooks, Assistant Secretary

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
FY 2015/16 LOW CARBON OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)  
ALLOCATION REQUEST PROJECT LIST**

- 1) South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Expansion**  
LCTOP Funds requested: \$1,341,868  
Description: Operate the Phase 2 segment in FY 2015/16 and FY 2016/17.  
Contributing Sponsor: SACOG
- 2) Bus Route 65 Realignment**  
LCTOP Funds requested: \$ 130,000  
Description: Operate the realigned portion of Bus Route 65 in FY 2016/17.  
Contributing Sponsor: SACOG
- 3) Bus Route 25 Enhancement**  
LCTOP Funds requested: \$ 69,000  
Description: Operate enhancement of Bus Route 25 in FY 2016/17.  
Contributing Sponsor: SACOG
- 4) Connect Transit Card**  
LCTOP Funds requested: \$45,000  
Description: Operate universal fare card system in the Sacramento region in FY 2016/17  
Contributing Sponsor: SACOG
- 5) Golden 1 Arena Special Event Service**  
LCTOP Funds requested: \$206,632  
Description: Operate Light Rail Service after major events at the downtown Golden 1 Center from September 2016 to June 2017.  
Contributing Sponsor: SACOG
- 6) Folsom Late Night Light Rail Service Enhancement projects**  
LCTOP Funds requested: \$98,565  
Description: Light Rail Service in Folsom 7pm to 11:30 pm  
Weekdays, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm Sundays, from September 2016 to June 2017  
Contributing Sponsor: SACOG