

REGIONAL TRANSIT ISSUE PAPER

Agenda Item No.	Board Meeting Date	Open/Closed Session	Information/Action Item	Issue Date
7	03/28/16	Open	Action	03/22/16

Subject: Ratifying Previous GM Actions; Repealing Resolution 16-01-0009; and Agreeing to Comply with LCTOP Regulations; Authorizing Submission of Documents for FY2015/16 LCTOP Funding

ISSUE

Whether or not to ratify previous actions by the General Manager/CEO, repeal Resolution No. 16-01-0009, agree to comply with Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) regulations, and authorize submission of documents for FY 2015/16 LCTOP funding.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution 16-03- _____, Ratifying Previous Actions by the General Manager/CEO Authorized by Resolution No. 16-01-0009; Repealing Resolution No.16-01-0009; Agreeing to Comply with Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Statutes, Regulations, and Guidelines; and Authorizing Submittal of Documents to Apply For and Receive FY 2015/16 LCTOP Funds.

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 to operate 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 project.

DISCUSSION

The LCTOP 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 funded 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, Senate Bill (SB) 862 continuously appropriates 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.

The Board approved Resolution Nos. 16-01-0008 and 16-01-0009 in January 2016. These resolutions authorized RT's General Manager/CEO to apply for and receive FY 2015/16 LCTOP funds for 6 projects: 1) South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Expansion; 2) Bus Route 65 Realignment 3) Bus Route 25 Enhancement; 4) Connect Transit Card; 5) Golden 1 Center Special Event Service; and 6) Folsom Late Night Light Rail Service Enhancement. The applications for the first 5 projects were submitted to Caltrans on February 1, 2016.

Approved:

Presented:

Final 03/23/16

General Manager/CEO

AGM, Administration

Agenda Item No.	Board Meeting Date	Open/Closed Session	Information/Action Item	Issue Date
7	03/28/16	Open	Action	03/22/16

Subject: Ratifying Previous GM Actions; Repealing Resolution 16-01-0009; and Agreeing to Comply with LCTOP Regulations; Authorizing Submission of Documents for FY2015/16 LCTOP Funding

No application was submitted for the sixth project, Folsom Late Night Service. During the application process, staff determined that the project would not generate a net reduction in greenhouse gases, and therefore would not be eligible for LCTOP funds. The \$98,565 LCTOP funds identified to the Folsom Late Night Service project in Exhibit A of Resolution No. 16-01-0009 were instead added to the South Line Phase 2 Light Rail Expansion project.

Resolution No. 16-01-0009, including Exhibit A listing the six (6) projects was submitted to Caltrans with 5 applications for the projects noted above. Later, Caltrans determined RT would need a new RT resolution that corrects the amount of FY 2015/16 LCTOP funds requested for each project. Without this approved resolution, Caltrans will not approve and award funding to the 5 RT projects applying for FY 2015/16 LCTOP funds.

Therefore, to conform the FY 2015/16 LCTOP Resolutions to Caltrans' required format and content, staff recommends the following RT Board actions:

1. Ratify previous actions taken by the General Manager/CEO authorized by Resolution No. 16-01-0009; and
2. Repeal Resolution No.16-01-0009; and
3. Replace Resolution No. 16-01-0009 with a new Resolution where RT's Board:
 - A. agrees to abide by LCTOP statutes, regulations, and guidelines; and
 - B. authorizes the submission of grant applications for the projects listed above for specific LCTOP fund amounts

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03-_____

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

March 28, 2016

**RATIFYING PREVIOUS ACTIONS BY THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO
AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 16-01-0009; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO.
16-01-0009; AGREEING TO COMPLY WITH LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS
PROGRAM (LCTOP) STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES; AND
AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS TO APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FY
2015/16 LCTOP FUNDS**

WHEREAS, 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, Sacramento Regional Transit District wishes to implement the LCTOP projects listed in Exhibit A.

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

THAT, previous actions of the General Manager/CEO authorized by Resolution No. 16-01-0009 are hereby ratified; and

THAT, Resolution No. 16-01-0009 is hereby repealed; and

THAT, the Board agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all (LCTOP) funded transit projects; and

THAT, the Board authorizes the General Manager/CEO or his designee to submit the project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department requesting FY 2015/16 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for the projects listed in Exhibit A.

JAY SCHENIRER, Chair

A T T E S T:

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: \$1,440,433

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