

STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 28, 2022
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Jamie Adelman, Acting VP, Finance/CFO
SUBJ: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT(S), AND CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES, AND SUBMITTAL OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS AND ALLOCATION REQUESTS TO CALTRANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LCTOP.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Attached Resolution.

RESULT OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of this action will allow the General Manager/CEO to submit and execute the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) FY 21-22 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 22 and allow SacRT to request \$5,469,282 in funding for the project included below.

FISCAL IMPACT

Allows the General Manager/CEO to submit allocation request in the amount of \$5,169,282 of FY 21-22 and \$300,000 of prior LCTOP funding for a total of \$5,469,282 of LCTOP funds to be used by SacRT in FY23; see Exhibit A below for a complete list of projects. This revenue amount will be included in the adopted FY 22-23 Operating and Capital Budget.

DISCUSSION

The LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 through Senate Bill 862. The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects funded by LCTOP will support new or expanded bus or rail services, expand intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance, and other costs to operate those services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The applications totaling \$5,169,282 are for new funding under the LCTOP program and the \$300,000 for RydeFreeRT in Elk Grove represents reprogramming of LCTOP funds previously awarded to the City of Elk Grove.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-03-032

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

March 28, 2022

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT(S), AND CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES, AND SUBMITTAL OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS AND ALLOCATION REQUESTS TO CALTRANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LCTOP.

Expanded Route 11 Service FY 21-22 \$ 786,251
Expanded Route 13 Service FY 21-22 \$ 873,968
Expanded Route 68 Service FY 21-22 \$ 1,207,836
Light Rail Station Conversions FY21-22 \$ 759,227
Free Fare October FY21-22 \$ 1,292,000
Free Rides for Youth (Elk Grove) Prior Years Funding \$ 300,000
Zero Emission Bus Purchase (Elk Grove) FY21-22 \$ 250,000

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District 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 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 Board wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments to Henry Li, General Manager/CEO; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Regional Transit District wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT:

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.

THAT, Henry Li, General Manager/CEO is hereby authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

THAT, the Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) listed in attached Exhibit A to the Department in FY2021-2022 LCTOP funds.

STEVE MILLER, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit A

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT
FY 21-22 LOW CARBON OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

ALLOCATION REQUEST PROJECT LIST

1) Expanded Route 11 Service

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds requested \$ 786,251

Description: Route 11 service expansions as part of the Sacramento Forward service improvements.

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

DAC Status: Provides benefits to all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC

2) Expanded Route 13 Service

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds \$ 873,968

Description: Route 13 service expansions as part of the Sacramento Forward service improvements.

Contributing Sponsors: N/A

DAC Status: Provides benefits to all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC

3) Expanded Route 68 Service

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds requested \$ 1,207,836

Description: Route 68 service expansions as part of the Sacramento Forward service improvements.

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

DAC Status: Provides benefits to all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC

4) Light Rail Station Conversions

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds \$ 759,227

Description: Construct new platforms at current Blue Line Light Rail Stations 8 inches above the top of rails to allow for level boarding into new Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles.

Contributing Sponsors: N/A

DAC Status: Provide benefits in all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC

5) Free Fare October

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds \$ 1,292,000

Description: Sacramento Regional Transit District will provide free fares to all riders in the month of October.

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

DAC Status: Provide benefits in all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC

6) RydeFreeRT - Elk Grove

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds \$ 300,000

Description: Sacramento Regional Transit District will implement the RydeFreeRT program on former e-tran services. The RydeFreeRT program offers fare-free transit for youth and students in grades TK through 12. With RydeFreeRT, youth can ride the entire SacRT transit network, including SacRT buses, light rail, and SmaRT Ride on-demand microtransit service for FREE!.

RydeFreeRT is available all day, any day of the week, all year during regular SacRT service hours.

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

DAC Status: Provide benefits in all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC

7) Purchase One Zero Emission Bus

FY 21-22 LCTOP Funds \$ 250,000

Description: Sacramento Regional Transit District will purchase one zero emission bus to support the implementation of California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Innovative Clean Transit (ITC) requirements in the City of Elk Grove.

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

DAC Status: Provide benefits in all three AB 1550 Community; Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities and Low Income within ½ a Mile of a DAC