

STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 8, 2023
TO: Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Laura Ham, VP, Planning and Engineering
SUBJ: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM PROJECT(S), AND CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES, AND SUBMITTAL OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS AND ALLOCATION REQUESTS TO CALTRANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 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 22-23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 23 and allow SacRT to request \$5,385,154 in funding for the projects included below.

FISCAL IMPACT

Allows the General Manager/CEO to submit allocation request in the amount of \$5,385,154 of LCTOP funds to be used by SacRT in FY24; see Exhibit A below for a complete list of projects. This revenue amount will be included in the adopted FY 23-24 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 \$5,385,154 are for new funding under the LCTOP program. Submission of the application is due by May 1, 2023. Funds are disbursed from the account as costs are incurred and paid. Interest earned on the restricted account balance is also applied to the project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05-043

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

May 8, 2023

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM PROJECT(S), AND CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES, AND SUBMITTAL OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS AND ALLOCATION REQUESTS TO CALTRANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 LCTOP.

Expanded Route 11 Service FY 22-23 \$657,938
Expanded Route 13 Service FY 22-23 \$731,340
Expanded Route 68 Service FY 22-23 \$1,010,722
Light Rail Station Conversions FY 22-23 \$1,347,811
Smart Ride FY 22-23 \$1,637,343

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 AS FOLLOWS:

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 FY2022-2023 LCTOP funds.

PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

A T T E S T:

HENRY LI, Secretary

By: _____
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit A

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT FY 22-23 LOW CARBON OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)

1. ALLOCATION REQUEST PROJECT LIST Expanded Route 11 Service

FY 22-23 LCTOP Funds requested \$657,938

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

Amount benefit to a Priority Population: \$657,938

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from a Contributing Sponsor: \$657,938

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

2. Expanded Route 13 Service

FY 22-23 LCTOP Funds \$731,340

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

Amount benefit to a Priority Population: \$731,340

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from a Contributing Sponsor: \$731,340

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

3. Expanded Route 68 Service

FY 22-23 LCTOP Funds requested \$1,010,722

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

Amount benefit to a Priority Population: \$1,010,722

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from a Contributing Sponsor: \$1,010,722

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

4. Light Rail Station Conversions

FY 22-23 LCTOP Funds \$1,347,811

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.

Amount benefit to a Priority Population:

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. Smart Ride

FY 22-23 LCTOP Funds \$1,637,343

Description: Funds operation of Smart Ride on-demand microtransit service in three communities, providing corner-to-corner on-demand shared-ride transportation Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm, with reservations made by phone or the Smart Ride app, fleet comprised of seven CNG-powered 27-foot cutaway buses operated and maintained by SacRT, and standard SacRT fare in effect.

Amount benefit to a Priority Population: \$1,637,343

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments and County of Sacramento

Amount from a Contributing Sponsor: \$1,490,079

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