

# STAFF REPORT

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**DATE:** May 13, 2024  
**TO:** Sacramento Regional Transit Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Laura Ham, VP, Planning, Grants and Procurement  
**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 2023-24 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM

## 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) Fiscal Year (FY) 23-24 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grants for FY 24 and allow SacRT to request \$5,661,478 in funding for the projects included below.

## FISCAL IMPACT

Allows the General Manager/CEO to submit an allocation request in the amount of \$5,661,478 of LCTOP funds to be used by SacRT in FY 24; see Exhibit A for a complete list of projects. This revenue amount is included in the Draft FY 24-25 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 \$5,661,478 are for new funding under the LCTOP program. Submission of the application was due by April 26, 2024. 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. 2024-05-045

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

May 13, 2024

**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 2023-24 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM.**

**Expanded Route 11 Service** FY 23-24 \$746,475  
**Expanded Route 13 Service** FY 23-24 \$1,029,803  
**Expanded Route 68 Service** FY 23-24 \$1,003,300  
**Light Rail Station Conversions** FY 23-24 \$1,661,477  
**Smart Ride** FY 23-24 \$1,220,423

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 FY2023-2024 LCTOP funds.

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PATRICK KENNEDY, Chair

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HENRY LI, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tabetha Smith, Assistant Secretary

Exhibit A

**SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT  
FY 23-24**

**LOW CARBON OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

**ALLOCATION REQUEST PROJECT LIST**

**1) Expanded Route 11 Service**

FY 23-24 LCTOP Funds requested \$746,475

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

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$746,475

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from Contributing Sponsors: \$746,475

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 23-24 LCTOP Funds requested \$1,029,803

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

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$1,029,803

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from Contributing Sponsors: \$1,029,803

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 23-24 LCTOP Funds requested \$1,003,300

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

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$1,003,300

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from Contributing Sponsors: \$1,003,300

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 23-24 LCTOP Funds requested \$1,661,477

Description: Construct new platforms at 15 Blue Line Light Rail Stations 8 inches above the top of rails and other improvements to allow for level boarding into new Low-Floor Light Rail Vehicles.

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$1,661,477

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from Contributing Sponsors: \$36,716

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

**5) Smart Ride**

FY 23-24 LCTOP Funds \$1,220,423

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 benefitting Priority Populations: \$1,220,423

Contributing Sponsors: Sacramento Area Council of Governments

Amount from Contributing Sponsors: \$1,220,423

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