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Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 2, 2026
TO: El Dorado County Transit Authority
FROM: Erik Bergren, Planning and Marketing Manager
SUBJECT: Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant

REQUESTED ACTION:

BY MOTION,

Adopt Resolution No. 26-12 Authorizing the El Dorado County Transit Authority and the Executive Director to Execute All Documents for the Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), Fiscal Year 2025/26

BACKGROUND

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is administered by the Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation as a component of the Transit, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 under Senate Bill 862. The purpose of this program is to provide operating and capital assistance to transit operators to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a focus on environmentally disadvantaged communities. LCTOP funding is allocated to eligible project sponsors under the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) 99313, and 99314 funding formula for projects that meet certain emissions reduction specifications.

DISCUSSION

With approval, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) staff anticipate applying for the full available Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 allocation of \$318,651 in LCTOP funds to potentially deliver two (2) projects meeting program requirements. Building on recommendations in the adopted Western El Dorado County 2024 Short Range Transit Plan and the increase in state agencies implementing return to work expectations, staff proposes to apply LCTOP funding to continue expansion of the Sacramento Commuter services and to support the continuation of a reduced and/or free fare program.

The Sacramento Commuter Service expansion was initiated in early 2026 and increased the number of routes from five to eight for all morning and afternoon trips from park and ride

locations in El Dorado County to downtown Sacramento, in addition to Reverse Commuter Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025/26 LCTOP allocation represents a total of \$318,651 in grant revenue. If approved, \$50,000 will supplement discounted monthly pass fares and/or free fares, and \$268,651 will be designated for continuing expansion of the Sacramento Commuter service.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 26-12**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:
REDUCED AND/OR FREE FARES AND EXPANSION OF SACRAMENTO COMMUTER
SERVICE
\$318,651 IN LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) 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 California 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, El Dorado Transit wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Brian James, Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado Transit wishes to implement the LCTOP projects listed below,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of El Dorado Transit 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brian James, Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of El Dorado Transit that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nominations and allocation requests to the Department in FY 2025-26 LCTOP funds:

Project Names: Reduced and/or Free Fares and Expansion of Sacramento Commuter Service

Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: \$318,651

Description of Projects: Reduced and/or free fares, and expansion of the Sacramento Commuter Service.

Contributing Sponsors: No contributing sponsors

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY at a regular meeting of said Board, held on this 2nd day of April 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Brian Veerkamp, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board