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Consent Item

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 3, 2025

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. 25-08 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 2024/25

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, El Dorado Transit staff anticipates applying for the full available Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25 allocation of \$481,532 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 recent Executive Order from the Governor of California establishing a four-day-per-week in-office expectation for state agencies, staff proposes to apply LCTOP funding to expand Sacramento Commuter services and to support the continuation of a reduced and/or free fare program.

The expansion of the Sacramento Commuter Service will increase the number of routes from five to eight for all a.m. and p.m. 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) 2024/25 LCTOP allocation represents a total of \$481,532 in grant revenue. If approved, \$50,000 will supplement discounted monthly pass fares and/or free fares, and \$431,532 will be designated for expanding the Sacramento Commuter service.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 25-08**

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
\$481,532 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 2024-25 LCTOP funds:

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

Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: \$481,532

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 3rd day of April 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

David Yarbrough, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board