

AGENDA ITEM 1 H  
Consent Item

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 2, 2020

**TO:** El Dorado County Transit Authority

**FROM:** Brian James, Planning and Marketing Manager

**SUBJECT:** Caltrans Division of Rail and Mass Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Grant

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**BY MOTION,**

**Adopt Revised Resolution No. 20-04 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 2019/20**

**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**

El Dorado County Transit Authority (El Dorado Transit) staff presented Resolution No. 20-04 at the March 5, 2020 Board meeting with a proposal to apply LCTOP funding to a reduced fixed route fare program, implementation of a new 50 Express service on Saturdays with one (1) bus, and additional weekday commuter service to Highway 50 and 65<sup>th</sup> Street in Sacramento with one (1) bus in the morning and one (1) bus in the afternoon. However, with current events related to the COVID 19 virus and the timing of the grant application process, staff recommends postponing the funding of the new demonstration services.

With approval, El Dorado Transit staff anticipates applying for the full Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 allocation of \$334,181 in LCTOP funds to potentially deliver two (2) projects meeting program requirements. Building on the recommendations in the adopted Western El Dorado County 2019

Short- and Long- Range Transit Plan, staff proposes to apply LCTOP funding to a reduced fixed route fare program and to continue to fund the Cameron Park route. The Cameron Park route has been funded through LCTOP for four (4) years and is eligible for funding for one (1) more year.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2019/20 LCTOP allocation represents a total of \$334,181 in grant revenue to fund transit operations and replace fare revenue. This grant amount is included in the FY 2019/20 Preliminary Operating Budget presented elsewhere in this agenda.

**EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION NO. 20-11**

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 FARES AND CAMERON PARK SERVICE  
\$334,181 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 Matthew Mauk, Executive Director.

**WHEREAS**, El Dorado Transit wishes to implement the following LCTOP projects listed above,

**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 Matthew Mauk, 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 nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 2019-20 LCTOP funds:

**Project Names:** Reduced Fares and Cameron Park Route

**Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested:** \$334,181

**Description of Project:** Reduced fares and continuation of the Cameron Park route.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2020, by the following vote of said Board:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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John Hidahl, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Wilcher, Secretary to the Board