

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SHAWN SOSA, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS – TRANSIT DIVISION
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION FOR REQUEST OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT
OPERATIONS PROGRAM FUNDING FOR FY 2021-2022

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the Council, by resolution: 1) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to request \$496,292 in Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to assist in purchasing a battery electric bus; 2) authorize the Director of Transportation and Public Works or designee to execute the certifications and assurances documents; 3) authorize the Mayor to execute the authorized agent form; and 4) authorize the Chief Financial Officer to increase appropriations in revenue and expenditures by the approved grant award.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Cap-and-Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), administered by Caltrans, is one of several programs established by the California Legislature in 2014 by 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. Funds are allocated to transit agencies annually via formula and for FY 2021-2022 the Transit Division seeks approval to request \$496,292 of the City's annual formula allocation to assist in a purchase of a battery-electric bus.

BACKGROUND

1. LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established in 2014 by Senate Bill 862 to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities.

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2. LCTOP funds are allocated to transit operators based on (1) amount of revenue generated by the transit system and (2) population of the service area.
3. The City’s allocation for FY 2021-2022 is \$41,905 based on the revenue method and \$454,387 based on the population method, for a total of \$496,292.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

On May 25, 2021, the City Council approved RES-2021-077 authorizing the filing of the application for FY 2020-2021 LCTOP funds totaling \$210,636 and the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent form.

ANALYSIS

1. Transit staff has prepared the request for funds from the LCTOP for FY 2021-2022 to assist in the purchase of a battery electric bus to replace a diesel-hybrid bus in the 2011 model year fleet as shown in the following replacement plan:

Model Year	Make	# of Vehicles	Anticipated Replacement Year	Full Replacement Cost	Status	Anticipated In-Service Date
2002	Gillig 40'	4	2022	\$ 3,049,600	Fully funded; buses under construction	2022
2008	Gillig 30'	3 <i>Replace 2</i>	2023	\$ 2,460,000	Fully funded; pending purchase	2024
2011	New Flyer 40'	7	2024-2026	\$ 8,610,000	\$3.1M left to fund	2024-2027
2013	New Flyer 40'	6	2028	TBD	Annual Capital Fund allocations continue to build TDA funding and local match for federal grants.	TBD
2016	New Flyer 40'	4	2031	TBD		TBD
2018	EIDorado 40'	4	2033	TBD		TBD

2. To submit the request, the California Department of Transportation requires the City pass a resolution, authorizing the application for funding from the LCTOP, and authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances.

FISCAL IMPACT

Approval of this action does not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution
- Exhibit A – Certifications and Assurances
- Exhibit B – Authorized Agent Form

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