



SACOG Board of Directors

Item #17-3-5
Consent

March 9, 2017

Approve Allocation of Regional Low Carbon Transit Operations Funds

Issue: Should the Board approve the 2016/17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) regional funding program?

Recommendation: The Transportation Committee unanimously recommends that the Board approve the 2016-17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) regional funding program, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all required documents for LCTOP funding.

Committee Action/Discussion: In 2014, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 862 to establish the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program. Within this program, the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) was established to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. LCTOP is administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in coordination with the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the State Controller's Office (SCO).

For FY 2016/17, transit agency expenditure proposals are due to Caltrans by March 30, 2017. Caltrans and CARB will review the applications to ensure compliance with SB 862 requirements and LCTOP guidelines. The approved proposals will then be submitted to the State Controller's Office (SCO) by June 1, 2017. Funds will be available for allocation by June 30, 2017.

In compliance with LCTOP guidelines and Caltrans requirements, the Board has authorized SACOG's CEO to act as the Authorized Agent and Contributing Sponsor responsible for distributing regional LCTOP funds to local transit agencies in the four counties of Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba. This allows SACOG to release funds to each project lead by signing off on the Project Description and Allocation Request form. LCTOP funds for transit operators in El Dorado and Placer counties are processed by the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) in those respective counties.

For Fiscal Year 2016-17, the State is appropriating \$829,799 in regional LCTOP funds (PUC Section 99313) to eligible transit agencies in the four-county SACOG region. Since the establishment of the program, the SACOG practice has been to distribute the funding by a population-based formula. Staff recommends continuing this practice for the 2016/17 LCTOP cycle. In this approach, funds will be distributed by formula (see Attachment A) as long as proposed projects are deemed compliant by Caltrans and CARB. Staff is also proposing to apply for \$59,406 in available regional funds that are not allocated to any specific operator for operational costs of the Connect Card project. If these funds are not programmed by the end of

FY 2016/17, the money will revert back to the State and will no longer be available to our region. Board approval of the resolutions (Attachments B and C) authorize SACOG's CEO to execute the Certifications and Assurances, Authorized Agent and other required documents for the proposed FY 2016/17 LCTOP-funded transit projects.

Approved by:

Kirk E. Trost
Interim Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

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February 2017
SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Share of Statewide PUC Allocation: 5% of annual proceeds
ALLOCATION OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)
FY 2016-17
PUBLIC UTILITY CODE SECTION 99313

JURISDICTION	POPULATION ^{1/}	POPULATION AS A % OF TOTAL	ALLOCATION ^{2/}
SACRAMENTO COUNTY			
Unincorporated	575,928	30.97%	\$257,010 ^{3/}
Citrus Heights	85,653	4.61%	\$38,223 ^{4/}
Elk Grove	165,121	8.88%	\$73,686
Folsom (Regional)	76,122	4.09%	\$33,970 ^{5/}
Regional	25,061	1.35%	\$11,184 ^{5/}
Regional	840	0.05%	\$373 ^{5/}
Rancho Cordova	70,968	3.82%	\$31,670 ^{4/}
Sacramento	482,110	25.93%	\$215,144 ^{4/}
SUTTER COUNTY			
Unincorporated	21,655	1.16%	\$9,664
Live Oak	8,527	0.46%	\$3,805
Yuba City	65,557	3.53%	\$29,255
YOLO COUNTY			
Unincorporated	26,259	1.41%	\$11,718
Davis	66,802	3.59%	\$29,811
West Sacramento	50,908	2.74%	\$22,718
Winters	6,970	0.37%	\$3,110
Woodland	57,307	3.08%	\$25,573
YUBA COUNTY			
Unincorporated	58,193	3.13%	\$25,969
Marysville	12,078	0.65%	\$5,390
Wheatland	3,419	0.18%	\$1,526
TOTAL	1,859,478	100.00%	\$829,799

1. Sources: Report E-5, Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, 1/1/2015
2. Entire amount must be used for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes.
3. Of this amount, 94.6% (the percent of Unincorporated Sacramento County's population which is within the Sacramento Regional Transit District) or \$243,131 is reserved in whole for SRTD. The balance of \$13,879 is reserved for an eligible regional project.
4. Entire amount is reserved for SRTD for a total of \$285,037
5. Available for an eligible regional project.

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SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Local Share of Statewide PUC Allocation: 5% annual proceeds
ALLOCATION OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)
FY 2016-17
PUBLIC UTILITY CODE SECTION 99314

TRANSIT OPERATOR	REVENUE		ALLOCATION ^{2/}
	BASE ^{1/}	% OF TOTAL	
City of Elk Grove	\$1,651,977	2.0%	\$7,808
City of Folsom	\$449,780	0.5%	\$2,126
Sacramento Regional Transit District	\$73,413,234	87.5%	\$347,003
Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority	\$1,448,569	1.7%	\$6,846
City of Davis	\$2,735,100	3.3%	\$12,927
Yolo County Transportation District	\$4,191,387	5.0%	\$19,812
TOTAL	\$83,890,047	100.0%	\$396,522

1. Each operator's revenue basis is based on latest eligible allocations as reported by the State Controller's Office for Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding.

2. Entire amount must be used for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes.



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 29– 2017

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

WHEREAS, SACOG is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the 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, SACOG wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to SACOG's Chief Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of SACOG that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certifications and Assurances, the Authorized Agent documents, and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SACOG's Chief Executive Officer be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March 2017, by the following vote of the Board of Directors:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Brian Veerkamp
Chair

Kirk Trost
Interim Chief Executive Officer



SACRAMENTO AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 30 – 2017

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECTS:**

WHEREAS, SACOG is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the LCTOP now or sometime in the future 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, SACOG is a Contributing Sponsor to multiple lead agencies and also an eligible recipient of the LCTOP funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of SACOG that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of SACOG that it hereby authorizes the submittal of an allocation request by the following project leads to the Department for FY 2016-17 LCTOP regional funds (Section 99313), as follows:

Lead Agency and Project list:

- Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority: Connect Card Project - \$75,609
- Yolo County Transportation District: Yolo County Trip Reduction Activities - \$63,119
- Unitrans- Electronic bicycle lockers- \$29,811
- Elk Grove Transit (e-tran): Local Route 156 Transit Service Frequency Improvements - \$73,686
- SACOG: Connect Card Implementation - \$59,406
- Sacramento Regional Transit District: Blue Line Phase 2 Extension - \$319,251;
Connect Card - \$20,862; Bus Route 25 Enhancement - \$31,989; Bus Route 65 Expansion - \$60,269; Golden 1 Service - \$95,797

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Brain Veerkamp
Chair

Kirk E. Trost
Interim Chief Executive Officer