

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Application for FY 16-17 funding through the State Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

FROM: Jennifer Yeamans, Senior Grants, Project Management & Contract Specialist

DATE: April 25, 2017

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**Action Requested**

Refer Resolution 21-2017 in support of an increased allocation request for the FY 16-17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to the Board of Directors for approval. This resolution supersedes the previous Resolution 15-2017 and is required to request the full allocation amount now available from Caltrans.

**Background**

On March 6, 2017, the Board of Directors approved Resolution 15-2017 in support of LAVTA's FY 16-17 LCTOP allocation request to Caltrans in the amount of \$117,303 for the Las Positas College Easy Pass program. The allocation request was due to Caltrans March 30, and originally included \$22,964 in PUC 99313 revenue-based funds allocated by the State Controller's Office to LAVTA and \$94,419 in PUC 99314 population-based funds allocated to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as a contributing sponsor to the project. On March 29, LAVTA staff received notification from Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) staff that the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) would be unable to use \$24,159 in PUC 99313 revenue-based funds allocated by the State Controller's Office to ACTC corresponding to ACE. ACTC recommended LAVTA receive these funds and add ACTC to LAVTA's existing allocation request as an additional contributing sponsor. The Las Positas College Easy Pass program supports those students who ride ACE and transfer to Wheels bus service to access the college.

**Discussion**

At the recommendation of Caltrans staff, LAVTA staff has already incorporated these funds into the allocation request submitted to Caltrans on March 30, 2017. Caltrans has requested a revised Board resolution in support of the increased funding amount. Once approved, staff will forward the updated Board resolution to Caltrans in order to render consistency with the submitted allocation request.

**Budget**

This change increases the amount of FY 16-17 LCTOP funds available to LAVTA by \$24,159, from \$117,303 to \$141,542. No local match is required. No delay in receipt of funding is anticipated as a result of this action.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Committee refer Resolution 15-2017 in support of the allocation request submitted to Caltrans for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) to the Board of Directors for approval. Once approved, Resolution 21-2017 will supersede Resolution 15-2017.

## Attachments:

1. Resolution 21-2017
2. Contributing Sponsor letter from Alameda County Transportation Commission
3. Letter from ACE requesting its PUC 99314 FY 16-17 LCTOP funds corresponding to Alameda County be released to ACTC for reprogramming

**RESOLUTION NO 21-2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE  
LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT:  
LAS POSITAS COLLEGE EASY PASS FARE VOUCHER PROGRAM  
USING \$141,542 IN LCTOP FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (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, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority wishes to use LCTOP funds to support a fare voucher program known as the Las Positas College Easy Pass program as listed above; and

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority previously adopted Resolution 15-2017 authorizing the execution of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Project, Las Positas College Easy Pass Fare Voucher Program Using LCTOP Funds in the amount of \$117,303; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of Resolution 15-2017, the Alameda County Transportation Commission confirmed its intent to act as an additional contributing sponsor to the Project, contributing an additional \$24,159 in LCTOP funds, corresponding to Altamont Corridor Express in Alameda County, that would otherwise not be claimed by an eligible recipient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority as follows:

(1) that the Authority, as 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

(2) that the Authority hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project, the "*Las Positas College Easy Pass Fare Voucher Program*," and further authorizes the submittal of a \$141,542 allocation request to the Department in FY 2016-17 for LCTOP funds; and

(3) that this Resolution hereby supersedes Resolution 15-2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the governing board of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority on this 1st day of May 2017.

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Steven Spedowfski, Chair

Attest:

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Michael Tree, Executive Director



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Arthur L. Dao

March 29, 2017

Amar Cid  
Low Carbon Transit Operations Program  
Department of Transportation  
Division of Mass Transportation, MS #39  
P.O. Box 942874  
Sacramento, CA 94274-0001

Dear Ms. Cid:

This letter confirms the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC) is a Contributing Sponsor of Fiscal Year 2016-17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds in the amount of \$24,159 for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) FY 2017-18 Easy Pass Program at Las Positas College.

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Vivek Bhat, at (510) 208-7430 or [vbhat@alamedactc.org](mailto:vbhat@alamedactc.org).

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Dao  
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Jennifer Yeamans, LAVTA  
Melanie Choy, MTC  
Vivek Bhat, Alameda CTC



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RE: Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) FY 2016-17 LCTOP Section 99314 Funding

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Dear Ms. Cid:

Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) is a recipient of \$50,022 in PUC Section 99314 FY 2016-17 funds for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program corresponding to service in Alameda and Santa Clara counties. These funds were distributed to ACE as follows:

- Alameda County Congestion Management Agency – Corresponding to ACE: \$24,159
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority – Corresponding to ACE: \$25,863

ACE requests that the above funds be released to eligible transit operators in the respective counties for projects that meet the requirements of the LCTOP guidelines and of Public Resources Code section 75230.

Sincerely,

Brian Schmidt  
Director of Operations

c: Vivek Bhat; Alameda County Transportation Commission  
c: Bruce Abanathie; Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

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