

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Application for FY 18-19 Funding through the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program

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DATE: August 28, 2018

Action Requested

Staff requests the Committee refer Resolution 23-2018 in support of an FY 18-19 allocation request to Caltrans for the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (SGR) Program to the Board of Directors for approval.

Background

Senate Bill 1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, augmented the existing State Transit Assistance program with a new State of Good Repair (SGR) program funded from a portion of a new Transportation Improvement Fee on vehicle registrations due on or after January 1, 2018. Funds are distributed by formula on a population basis in the region to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and on a revenue basis directly to eligible transit operators for transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects. The State Controller's Office estimates that \$55,640 in revenue-based SGR funds will be available for allocation to LAVTA in FY 2018-19.

Attachment 1 is a Board resolution which would authorize the Executive Director to request allocations for specific projects and execute the necessary Certifications and Assurances with Caltrans. The resolution is a requirement of the State of Good Repair Program Guidelines issued by Caltrans in December 2017.

The program guidelines state that transit agencies receiving funds from the SGR program must submit expenditure proposals listing projects that maintain the public transit system in a state of good repair, which are:

- Transit capital projects or services to maintain or repair a transit operator's existing transit vehicle fleet or transit facilities, including the rehabilitation or modernization of the existing vehicles or facilities.
- The design, acquisition and construction of new vehicles or facilities that improve existing transit services.
- Transit services that complement local efforts for repair and improvement of local transportation infrastructure.

Prior to receiving an apportionment of SGR funds in a given fiscal year, recipients must submit a list of projects proposed to be funded to Caltrans. Project proposals must include a description and location of the project, a proposed schedule for the project’s completion, and an estimated useful life of the improvement. Recipient agencies are required to submit an Annual Expenditure Report on all activities completed with those funds to Caltrans. Recipient agencies must also report the SGR revenues and expenditures in their annual Transportation Development Act Audit.

Discussion

As with the prior year’s FY 2017-18 allocation, staff proposes to use the FY 2018-19 SGR allocation to augment the agency’s ongoing work on bus stops and shelters throughout LAVTA’s service area. Many passenger shelters and amenities in LAVTA’s service area are past their useful life and in need of rehabilitation and/or replacement.

In order to receive full allocations from the State Controller’s Office for FY 2018-19, agencies are required to submit their project lists to Caltrans by September 1, 2018. Caltrans will accept Board-approved resolutions of support for such projects and authorizing execution of the Certifications and Assurances until September 30, 2018.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 2018-19 SGR allocation is in addition to the FY 2017-18 SGR allocation which was included in the agency’s FY 2018-19 budget for Bus Shelters, Signs, and Stops. Exclusive of Measure B grant funds budgeted specifically to the Pleasanton BRT Enhancement project, the proposed project budget is as follows:

FY 2018-19 Bus Shelters, Signs, and Stops	
Fund Source	Amount
TDA 4.0	\$464,415
Prop. 1B PTMISEA	\$80,585
STA SGR FY 17-18	\$55,640
STA SGR FY 18-19	\$55,640
Total Budget	\$656,280

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Committee refer Resolution 23-2018 to the Board of Directors in support of an allocation request to Caltrans for the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (SGR) Program.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 23-2018

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2018

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIVERMORE
AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE
EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE
CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority is an eligible project sponsor and may receive State Transit Assistance funding from the State of Good Repair Account (SGR) 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 1 (2017) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the Executive Director;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SGR funded transit projects; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the SGR program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) this 10th day of September 2018.

BY _____
Scott Haggerty, Chair

ATTEST _____
Michael Tree, Executive Director