

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Application for FY 21-22 Funding through the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program

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Action Requested

Staff requests the Finance & Administration Committee refer Resolution 18-2021 to the Board of Directors for approval in support of an allocation request for the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (SGR) Program.

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 (MTC), and on a revenue basis to eligible transit operators for transit maintenance, rehabilitation, and capital projects. The State Controller's Office (SCO) has estimated that \$62,746 in revenue-based SGR funds will be available for allocation to LAVTA in FY 2021-22.

Caltrans' State of Good Repair (SGR) Program guidelines require regional agencies including MTC to approve transit operators' revenue-based SGR projects and submit a single region-wide list of projects to Caltrans by September 1 of each year. In order for MTC to approve the Regional SGR Program Project List by September 1, transit operators in the Bay Area must submit a governing board-approved project list for all anticipated SGR Program expenditures to MTC no later than July 1.

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.

Discussion

Staff proposes to use the FY 21-22 SGR allocation to support the local match component of the federally funded Livermore Transit Center Rehabilitation and Improvement Project. This project will address a significant backlog of deferred maintenance and safety enhancement needs at LAVTA's most-used passenger facility on its property, including replacement and rehabilitation of assets past or at the end of their useful life, including pavement, area security lighting, passenger amenities, and information and wayfinding signage. Using SGR funds as local match for the project will offset utilization of LAVTA's TDA funds which are more flexible and can be used for either capital or operating expenditures, effectively enhancing the agency's operating capacity in FY 21-22.

Attachment 1 is a Board resolution as required by Caltrans and MTC which would authorize the Executive Director to request allocations for specific projects and execute the necessary Certifications and Assurances with Caltrans.

Fiscal Impact

The FY 21-22 SGR allocation will be included in the FY 21-22 agency budget. It is anticipated that SCO will announce final revised estimates for FY22 in August and the first of four quarterly payments will be made in November.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Finance and Administration Committee refer Resolution 18-2021 to the Board of Directors for approval in support of an allocation request to MTC and Caltrans for the State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair (SGR) Program.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 18-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LIVERMORE
AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND
EXECUTION OF FUNDING AGREEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-
2022 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM
FOR THE LIVERMORE TRANSIT CENTER REHABILITATION AND
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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, the State Controller's Office has released the Fiscal Year 2021 SGR apportionments and LAVTA is estimated to receive \$62,746 in SGR funds; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 (2017) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the SGR; and

WHEREAS, the Department has designated the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) as the regional entity responsible for coordinating the administration of all SGR projects and distribution of SGR funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies) within the nine-county Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority wishes to delegate the submittal of applications, necessary supporting 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

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 Metropolitan Transportation Commission and California Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing body of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) this 7th day of June 2021.

BY _____
Bob Woerner, Chair

ATTEST _____
Michael Tree, Executive Director