

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS  
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Public Works

BOARD AGENDA #: \*C-1

AGENDA DATE: March 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Authorize the Public Works Transit Manager to Apply for, and Accept if Awarded, the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Grant for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

No. 2016-149

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1)  Approved as recommended

2)  Denied

3)  Approved as amended

4)  Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST:   
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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CEO CONCURRENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

4/5 Vote Required: Yes  No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Authorize the Public Works Transit Manager to apply for, and accept if awarded, the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) grant for up to \$198,076.
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Works Transit Manager to execute all required documents of the LCTOP grant and any amendments.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2016 California Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is the second in a series of capital and operating assistance grants from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and administered by the Division of Rail and Mass Transportation. LCTOP provides funding for transit capital projects such as procurement of and installation of transit amenities, including bus shelters and stand-alone bus benches, in addition to improvements to bus stops to meet the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements. Additionally, LCTOP grants can be used for operating projects such as reduced or discounted fare programs and implementation of new routes.

The Public Works Transit division is an eligible recipient for the LCTOP transit capital and operating grant in the County. The Transit division submitted a grant application to Caltrans at the end of January 2016 to request funding for a fare reduction program and bus stop improvements to meet ADA accessibility requirements in the County's service area. In order to receive the grant award, Caltrans has requested that the Stanislaus County governing board approve the attached resolution authorizing the execution of the Certificate and Assurances for the County's FY 2015-2016 LCTOP grant application.

The amount available to Stanislaus County for FY 2015-2016 is \$198,076 and will be used in implementing projects throughout the County's service area including Disadvantaged Communities (DAC). The projects will include a fare reduction program that entails distributing Stanislaus Regional Transit (StaRT) passes and tickets at events in the County that complement the Passenger Incentive Program approved in April 2014 by the County Board of Supervisors to encourage and increase ridership. The second project consists of improving and enhancing bus stops located in the service area to meet the ADA requirements. Once the

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grant application is approved by Caltrans, the projects will be implemented in DAC communities including the cities of Patterson, Modesto, Riverbank and Waterford as well as unincorporated areas of Crows Landing, Grayson, Empire, Hickman and Westley.

**POLICY ISSUE:**

The Board of Supervisors approval is necessary to adopt a formal resolution authorizing the execution of the Certificate and Assurances for the LCTOP grant application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If the grant is awarded, the Department will return with a request to increase revenue and appropriations up to \$198,076.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:**

Approval of this action supports the Board's priority of A Well Planned Infrastructure System and Efficient Delivery of Public Services by providing for a public transit system that is compliant with Federal and State efficiency standards.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

Existing Transit division staff will work with Caltrans to complete all grant activities.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Resolution for Caltrans Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

# Attachment 1

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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and approved by the following vote,

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Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

Item # \*C-1

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES  
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Public Works Transit Division 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 named the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby agree that the fund recipient will comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certifications and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects listed below; and

- a. Free Fare/Reduced Fare Project estimated to be \$25,000
- b. Bus Stop Improvement and Enhancement estimated to be \$173,067

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

ATTEST: **ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk**  
**Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,**  
**State of California**

  
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