

SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2017 Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program Authorizing Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to file a funding application and execute a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for \$1,206,518 under the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

BACKGROUND

In July 2017, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of \$226.5 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 funds to assist in the financing of capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses, as well as related equipment, through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

Long Beach Transit (LBT) submitted a grant application requesting funding to support the replacement of up to five, 40-foot hybrid gasoline-electric buses that had reached the end of their useful life of 12 years, with up to five, 30-foot Battery-Electric Buses (BEBs).

The replacement of the hybrid gasoline-electric buses not only supports LBT's efforts of maintaining its bus fleet in a state of good repair, but also supports the reduction of greenhouse gases, improves energy consumption and supports the deployment of technologically advanced.

The grant application requested a total of \$4,591,626 in federal funds to support replacement needs. LBT plans to use Transportation Development Credits, therefore no local match is required.

Transportation Development Credits are a federal transportation funding tool used to meet federal funding matching requirements. Transportation Development Credits are not money, instead the credit waives the local cash match required for a project and allows federal funds to be used at a higher reimbursement rate.

On April 6, 2018, the FTA published the federal register announcing the award of the FY 2017 projects. LBT was awarded \$1,206,518 in federal funding to support the requested BEB project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolution. However, staff does not recommend this option as LBT would be unable to execute the grant award, thereby preventing implementation of critical projects aligned with the goals of the agency and the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.



BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the procurement of up to five, 30-foot BEBs are included in the current FY 2019 Capital Budget previously approved by the Board. Federal funds of \$1,206,518 will support this project. LBT plans to use Transportation Development Credits, therefore no local match funds will be required.

Any procurement over \$100,000 will be brought to the Board for review and approval.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "K. McDonald".

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the execution of the grant agreement for the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program.

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit (LBT) is a designated recipient and eligible project recipient of federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program; and

WHEREAS, the FTA issued a competitive solicitation of funds for the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program for FY 2017 to support capital projects to replace, rehabilitate purchase or lease buses, as well as related equipment; and

WHEREAS, LBT was awarded federal funding totaling \$1,206,518 through the Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program as identified in the federal register issued July 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the FTA requires that all awarded funds be obligated through the submittal of grant applications through the electronic grant administration system, Transit Award Management System (TrAMS); and

WHEREAS, LBT wishes to delegate authorization to execute the grant agreement and any amendments thereto to LBT President and CEO or his/her designee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of LBT that the grant recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the federal program guidance, applicable statutes and regulations pursuant to FTA-funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and CEO or his/her designee be authorized to execute all required documents of the FTA Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program and any Amendments thereto with the FTA.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the LBT Board of Directors held on July 23, 2018.

Maricela de Rivera
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date

