



Board Agenda Item No. 11 September 22, 2022

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to submit a funding request to the California Department of Transportation for Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to obligate allocated funding for Long Beach Transit's capital projects.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Marisol Barajas, Manager, Government Relations

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2017, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, into law. Section 19 of SB 1 modifies the State Transit Assistance program to provide new funding to transit operators in California for eligible state of good repair (SGR) capital projects. The SGR is funded from a portion of the new Transportation Improvement Fees on vehicle registrations which commenced on January 1, 2018.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023, the State Controller's Office (SCO) estimates the SGR will provide \$121 million in funding statewide, with more than \$20 million allocated to Los Angeles County. Long Beach Transit (LBT) alongside other Los Angeles County Municipal Operators will receive funding from the SGR program. Annually, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency allocates the SGR funds through the Formula Allocation Procedure.

While the funding is formula driven, all eligible recipients are required to submit to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) a list of capital projects for which they plan to use the funds. Caltrans must approve these projects before the SCO will release the funds.

The deadline for submission of all required documentation to be eligible for the first quarterly distribution was September 1, 2022.

The eligible project planned for these funds:

1. Battery-Electric Bus Replacement Project - continues support for the replacement of older, less energy-efficient bus models with clean-air battery-electric buses.

The project is in accordance with the California Air Resources Board Innovative Clean Transit Regulation that passed in December 2018, which mandates transit agencies in the State of California to transition from conventional buses to zero-emission buses by 2040.



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ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

LBT considered funding sources other than the SGR. Upon evaluation, staff concluded there are insufficient viable funding sources to support the Battery-Electric Bus Replacement Project.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the Metro's Transit Fund Allocations, LBT's SGR Program allocation estimate will be \$1,267,781 for FY 2022–2023.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to submit a funding request to the California Department of Transportation for Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair funds to obligate allocated funding for Long Beach Transit's capital projects in the amount of \$1,267,781.

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

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer



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RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the submittal of a funding request, required certification and assurances and authorized agent form for the Senate Bill 1 State of Good Repair Program.

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit (LBT), is an eligible recipient of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) State of Good Repair (SGR) funding administered through the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has developed guidelines for the purpose of distributing and administering SGR funds approved under SB 1 through the STA program to eligible transit operators which includes Long Beach Transit; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for Los Angeles County authorized to receive and sub-allocate SGR funds to the transit operators under their jurisdiction based on the amounts published by the State Controller's Office (SCO); and

WHEREAS, Caltrans SGR guidelines require that a list of transit projects be submitted by September 1, 2021, and any other supporting documents as necessary such as board authorized resolution, certification and assurances and authorized agent form; and

WHEREAS, LBT wishes to delegate authorization to submit the required funding request documentation 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 SGR program guidance, applicable statutes, and regulations pursuant to Caltrans-funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LBT President and CEO, or his/her designee, be authorized to execute all required documents of the Caltrans SB 1 SGR grant program and any amendments thereto with Caltrans.

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 September 22, 2022.

Abigail Mejia
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date