

SUBJECT

Fiscal Year 2016 Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Vehicle Program Authorizing Resolution

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for \$1,172,867 under the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the availability of \$55 million of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 funds for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles, as well as related equipment through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) in March 2016 for the Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program.

Long Beach Transit (LBT) submitted a grant application requesting funding to support the replacement of up to 10, 40-foot hybrid gasoline-electric buses that had reached the end of their useful life of 12 years, with up to 10, 30-foot Battery-Electric Buses (BEBs).

The grant application requested a total of \$1,918,020 to supplement other grant funds previously awarded to LBT. Federal funds requested totaled \$1,631,810 with the balance of \$286,210 being provided through local match commitment.

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, it also supports the reduction of greenhouse gases, improves energy consumption and supports the deployment of technologically advanced, U.S.-made transit buses.

On September 7, 2016, the FTA published the federal register announcing the award of the FY 2016 projects. LBT was awarded \$1,172,867 in federal funding to support the requested project.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could opt to not approve 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 Low-No Program.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for the procurement of up to 10, 30-foot BEBs are included in the current FY 2018 Capital Budget previously approved by the Board. Federal funds of \$1,172,867 will be matched by local



funds of \$205,747 for a total project amount of \$1,378,614. Local match funds will be provided through Prop 1B revenues.

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

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the execution of the grant agreement for the
Low or No Emission Vehicle Program

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, or Long Beach Transit, is a designated recipient and eligible project recipient of federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA)'s Low or No Emission (Low-No) Vehicle Program; and

WHEREAS, the FTA issued a competitive solicitation of funds for the Low-No Vehicle Program for FY 2016 to support the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies and for related equipment or facilities use for transit revenue operations; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit was awarded federal funding totaling \$1,172,867 through the Low-No Vehicle Program as identified in the federal register issued September 7, 2016; 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), by September 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit wishes to delegate authorization to execute the grant agreement and any amendments thereto to Long Beach Transit President and CEO, Kenneth A. McDonald, or his designee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Long Beach Transit 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 Long Beach Transit President and CEO, Kenneth A. McDonald, or his designee be authorized to execute all required documents of the FTA Low-No Vehicle Program and any Amendments thereto with the FTA.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer of Long Beach Transit's Board of Directors certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Long Beach Transit Board of Directors held on October 23, 2017.

Colleen Bentley
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date

