

**SUBJECT**

FY 2016–17 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program Authorizing Resolutions

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt two resolutions to enable Long Beach Transit (LBT) to receive funding under the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP):

- 1) A resolution authorizing the President and CEO to execute the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms, along with all subsequent documents for the FY 2016–17 State LCTOP***
- 2) A resolution authorizing the execution of the Route 22 Extension Project with \$240,348 provided under LCTOP***

BACKGROUND

On March 27, 2017, LBT's Board of Directors adopted two resolutions to enable LBT to receive funding under the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) in the amount of \$236,592 and implement the Route 22 Extension Project.

As a result of the City of La Mirada forfeiting its LCTOP allocation of \$3,756, LBT is now eligible to receive a total of \$240,348 under LCTOP. LBT's Board of Directors must re-adopt two resolutions stating the new funding total to enable the agency to receive the additional funding.

As stated in the March 27, 2017 LCTOP Board report, LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 in Senate Bill 862. The program is designed to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with a priority of serving designated disadvantaged communities (DAC) as identified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) under Senate Bill 535.

The LCTOP is funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Cap-and-Trade Program. LBT is eligible to receive \$240,348 under this program for FY 2016-17.

To complete the application process and receive the funds, LBT is required to submit a resolution authorizing the President and CEO or his designee to act on behalf of the Board of Directors and LBT for the purposes of this program. A resolution is also required to approve the project and project request under LCTOP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LBT has more than 26.2 million annual boardings across its 100-square-mile service area, covering 13 cities in southeastern Los Angeles County and northwestern Orange County. LBT also connects with a number of transit systems within its service area.

LBT is seeking funding assistance through LCTOP now, in the amount of \$240,348 for the Route 22 Extension Project. LBT's Route 22 presently operates from the Transit Gallery in downtown Long Beach, California, to Alondra Boulevard at Downey Avenue in Paramount, California.



The goal of the Route 22 Extension Project is to extend the current route from its existing terminus on Alondra Boulevard at Downey Avenue to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Green Line Lakewood Station. Metro's Green Line Lakewood Station in Downey, California, is located approximately 2.2 miles from the current Route 22 terminus.

This extension provides new transportation connections that make transit a viable travel option for customers to connect to Metro's Green Line station and central eastern section of Long Beach, an area designated by CalEPA as a DAC. Moreover, the project provides a direct connection to Metro rail lines, increases access to downtown Los Angeles and job opportunities, contributes to the reduction of automobile usage, delivers a transit option where currently there is none within LBT's service area and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, which is the key goal of LCTOP and CARB's Cap-and-Trade Program.

Staff analysis of the existing public transit network in southeastern Los Angeles County demonstrated that the Route 22 extension will

provide an important link between Long Beach and the regional connectivity of Metro's Green Line station. This project has been discussed with municipal jurisdictions it will serve, including the cities of Paramount and Downey, and both cities are supportive of the Route 22 Extension Project. LBT will hold community meetings and a public hearing in Summer/Fall 2017 to solicit


input from customers. These outreach activities will take place before any implementation of the Route 22 Extension, which is anticipated to be implemented in FY 2018.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board could opt to not approve the resolutions. However, staff does not recommend this option as LBT would be unable to apply for these funds.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

The total overall Route 22 Extension Project is estimated at \$680,578. LCTOP funds in the amount of \$240,348 for this project will be leveraged. The remainder of the project will be funded through Measure M revenues.



Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION OF THE
LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

Resolution authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, or Long Beach Transit, is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) 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 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Department) 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

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents 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 fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP-funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Long Beach Transit President and CEO, or his designee, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer of Long Beach Transit 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 June 26, 2017.



Colleen Bentley
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

6-26-17

Date

**RESOLUTION OF THE
LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY**

Resolution authorizing the execution of the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program Project:
Long Beach Transit Route 22 Extension Project in the amount of \$240,348

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, or Long Beach Transit, 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 (2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Department) 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

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit wishes to implement the LCTOP project(s) listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Long Beach Transit that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP-funded transit projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Long Beach Transit that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2016–17 LCTOP funds:

Long Beach Transit Route 22 Extension Project:

The Long Beach Transit Route 22 Extension Project is seeking LCTOP funding assistance in the amount of \$240,348 to extend the existing route, within designated disadvantaged communities, to connect to Metro's Green Line Lakewood Station. The route extension would provide an important link between Long Beach and the regional connectivity of Metro's Green Line Station.

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The undersigned duly appointed Secretary/Treasurer of Long Beach Transit 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 June 26, 2017.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colleen Bentley', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen Bentley
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

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