

SUBJECT

*Resolution for State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program
(Staff Representative: Debra Johnson)*

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt a resolution:

- 1) *Authorizing the President and CEO to submit a funding request to the California Department of Transportation for Senate Bill 1 State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair funds to obligate allocated funding for Long Beach Transit's capital projects in the amount of \$535,936*
- 2) *Certifying that Long Beach Transit will comply with State Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Recipient Certifications and Assurances, and authorizing the President and CEO to execute all required documents and any amendments with the California Department of Transportation*

BACKGROUND

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

The State Controller's Office (SCO) estimates the STASGR will provide \$105 million in funding statewide, with more than \$31.6 million allocated to Los Angeles County. The funds will be distributed using the STA formula. Los Angeles County Municipal Operators Association (LACMOA) will receive funding from both the STA program and the STASGR program. 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. These projects must be approved by Caltrans before the SCO will release the funds.

Caltrans issued formal draft guidelines in May 2019. For FY 2019–2020, SGR staff is developing a new process for the submittal of project lists via an online reporting tool. Transit operators will now submit their project lists directly to their respective regional entities who will in turn compile the list of projects for all transit operators and submit to Caltrans through the electronic reporting tool no later than September 1, 2019. For Los Angeles County transit operators, the regional entity is represented by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

The deadline for submission to Caltrans of all required documentation to be eligible for the first quarterly distribution is September 1, 2019. Agencies that miss this deadline risk forfeiture of first quarter funds.

A Board-adopted resolution is required by Caltrans and should accompany the list of projects to be funded through the STASGR funding. LBT is submitting its request to support the continued replacement of its bus fleet.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

LBT considered other funding sources other than the STASGR program. Upon evaluation, staff concluded there are insufficient viable funding sources at the local, state and regional level to support critical projects aligned with the goals of the agency and the STASGR program. LBT's inability to apply for these funds would substantially delay the implementation of critical capital projects.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

Based on the SCO's January 31, 2019 FY 2019–2020 State of Good Repair Program Allocation Estimate, it is estimated that LBT's STASGR allocation will be \$535,936 for FY 2019–2020.



Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer

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 Transit Assistance State of Good Repair Program.

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit (LBT) is an eligible recipient of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) State Transit Assistance (STA) 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 LBT; 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 STASGR guidelines require that the funding recipient submit a Board-authorized resolution, certification and assurances and authorized agent form with its list of transit projects by September 1, 2019; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LBT President and CEO, or his/her designee, is authorized to execute all required documents of the Caltrans SB 1 STASGR 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 July 22, 2019.

Adam Carrillo
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date