

SUBJECT

Resolution for Fiscal Year 2019 Federal Transit Administration Grant

RECOMMENDATION

To adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to file an application and execute a grant agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for \$18,537,682 under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

BACKGROUND

Long Beach Transit (LBT) finances the majority of its capital assets through annual grants awarded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The federal grants are allocated by region under Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant Funds of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. LBT is eligible to receive funds based on a formula allocation.

The FAST Act, enacted on December 4, 2015, established funding levels and federal policy for the nation's highways and public transit systems for Fiscal Years (FY) 2016 through 2020.

For FY 2019, LBT is eligible to apply for \$18,537,682 in federal capital funds from the FTA and to submit capital grant applications under Section 5307.

Section 5307 funding will support the agency's continued efforts to replace its aging fleet and its long history of using innovative technologies to promote clean air in its service area. In the mid-2000s, LBT was an innovator when it began to move away from diesel and purchased gasoline-hybrid buses.

In 2012, LBT purchased its first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses. Additionally, in the fall of 2017, LBT began battery-electric bus (BEB) service on the Passport route. LBT recently introduced an additional 40 CNG buses equipped with near-zero emission engines into its fleet that replaced 26 diesel buses, 13 gasoline-electric hybrid buses and added one new bus to the fleet.

With these new CNG buses, LBT's fleet now includes 76 gasoline-electric hybrids, 125 CNGs and 10 BEBs—making LBT's fleet 85 percent alternatively fueled. LBT is committed to having a 100 percent alternatively fueled fleet by FY 2020.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may choose not to adopt the resolution. However, staff does not recommend this option as LBT would be unable to apply for these federal funds and thus unable to implement planned capital projects.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

These funds will be used as follows:

Fleet Vehicles	\$13,885,564
Preventive Maintenance	\$ 4,000,000
Bus Stop Improvements	\$ 652,118
Total	\$18,537,682

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 filing of applications with the U.S. Department of Transportation, for grants under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to make grants for a mass transportation program of projects and budget;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provision by it of the local share of the project costs in the program;

WHEREAS, it is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the applicant give an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant that disadvantaged business enterprises be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this/these project(s), and that definite procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that disadvantaged businesses shall have the maximum construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Long Beach Transit (LBT),

1. That the President and CEO or his/her designee is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of LBT with the U.S. Department of Transportation to aid in the financing of planning, capital and/or operating assistance projects pursuant to the FAST Act.
2. That the President and CEO is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the President and CEO is authorized to furnish such additional information as the U.S. Department of Transportation may require in connection with the application for the program of projects and budget.
4. That the President and CEO is authorized to set forth and execute Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) policies in connection with the program of projects and budgets procurement needs.
5. That the President and CEO is authorized to execute grant agreements on behalf of LBT with the U.S. Department of Transportation for aid in the financing of the planning, capital and/or operating assistance program of projects and budget.



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