



RECOMMENDED ACTION

To adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms for the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project with \$434,975 provided under LCTOP.

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

Tracy Beidleman, Manager, Government Relations, Capital Planning and Grant Programs

BACKGROUND

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (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 (SB) 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 SB 535.

In 2016, Assembly Bill (AB) 1550 revised investments within DACs requiring administering agencies to allocate: 1) a minimum of 25 percent of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds (GGRF) to be invested in projects that are located within and benefiting individuals living in DACs; 2) a minimum of 5 percent of GGRF to benefit individuals living in low-income communities or benefiting low income households statewide, and; 3) a minimum of 5 percent benefiting individuals living in low-income communities, or benefiting low-income households, that are within a ½ mile of a DAC.

The LCTOP is funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Cap-and-Trade Program. Long Beach Transit (LBT) is eligible to receive \$434,975 under this program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020–21.

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, as well as approving the project under LCTOP.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LBT provides public transportation to more than 23 million annual boarding customers in southeastern Los Angeles County and northwestern Orange County. With a service area covering over 100 square miles across 14 cities, LBT annually runs more than 6.9 million service miles over 700,000 service hours, using 250 fixed-route buses.

LBT is seeking funding assistance through the FY 2020–21 LCTOP in the amount of \$434,975 for the Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project.



The First Street Transit Gallery is located in the heart of downtown Long Beach on 1st Street between Pine and Pacific Avenue, and includes eight bus shelters labeled A – H. The area serves as the hub for LBT's major routes and other local, sub-regional and regional transit systems such as Metro and Torrance Transit. As millions of customers commute through the transit gallery each year, it is an important transit hub for LBT's services.

The Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project will include the installation and upgrade of new solar lighting equipment that will create a safe environment at the gallery for customers and increase visibility for operators approaching the bus stop to better see waiting customers. The project also includes upgrades to the existing information kiosks at the eight bus shelters with digital information kiosks. This will enable customers to access schedules and map out their travel itinerary digitally instead of sorting through paper copies of transit schedules.

Bus stops are the core infrastructure of urban mobility as they allow customers to board, transfer and connect between various transit systems across the Los Angeles region. For current and future customers, bus stops can relay important information about public transit systems and in some instances create preconceived attitudes about the system.

As bus stops are customers' first encounter with LBT, it is important to provide customer amenities that create safe and comfortable waiting environments. These improvements will attract riders to utilize public transit and reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging transit use rather than riding in a single-occupancy vehicle.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

LBT considered other funding sources other than the LCTOP. Upon evaluation, staff concluded there are insufficient viable funding sources at the local, state and regional level to support the Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project. LBT's inability to apply for these funds would substantially impact this critical project.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

The total overall Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project is estimated at \$448,000. LCTOP funds in the amount of \$434,975 for this project will be leveraged. The remainder of the project will be funded through local Municipal Operators Service Improvement Program (MOSIP) funds.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer



RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the execution of the certifications and assurances and authorized agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project with \$434,975 provided under LCTOP.

WHEREAS, Long Beach Transit (LBT) 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 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, LBT wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the LBT President and CEO or his/her designee; and

WHEREAS, LBT wishes to implement the LCTOP project listed above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of LBT 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 the President and CEO or his designee be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of LBT that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 2020-2021 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Transit Gallery Customer Amenities Improvement Project

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$434,975

Short description of project: LBT's First Street Transit Gallery is located in the heart of Downtown Long Beach with a total of eight bus shelters. The Transit Gallery serves as the hub for LBT's major routes and other local and regional transit systems. This project will provide customer amenity enhancements including enhanced solar lighting and digital information kiosks.



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Benefit to a Priority Populations: Yes

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$434,975

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 LBT Board of Directors held on April 22, 2021.

Colleen Bentley
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date