



Board Agenda Item No. 09

July 29, 2021

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 eligible operating and capital funding provided through the Coronavirus Response and Relief and Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA).

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE

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

BACKGROUND

On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief and Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA) of 2021 became federal law. CRRSAA is in direct response to the significant economic impacts the COVID-19 pandemic has had across the nation.

CRRSAA provides immediate and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, small businesses, and preserves jobs for American industries. Specific to Long Beach Transit (LBT), CRRSAA provides financial assistance to transit agencies to respond to impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 LBT is eligible to apply for \$26,671,160 based on a formula allocation provided by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in its capacity as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA).

CRRSAA funds will be used to support the agency's operating and capital budget needs in response to the recovery efforts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent of the funding is to mitigate the anticipated reduction in the agency's revenues for the proposed FY 2022 budget, as well as to purchase capital equipment to address customer and employee safety and recover from the effects of the pandemic.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

LBT considered sources other than the CRRSAA funds. Upon evaluation, staff concluded there are insufficient viable funding sources at the local, state and regional level to supplement LBT's operating revenues in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as to respond to immediate safety needs related to the pandemic. LBT's inability to apply for these funds would substantially impact the agency's FY 2022 operating and capital budgets.



BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT

The Federal CRRSAA funds will be used as follows:

<u>Operating and Capital Assistance</u>	<u>\$26,671,160</u>
Total	\$26,671,160

STAFF 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 \$26,671,160 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief and Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA).

Kenneth A. McDonald
President and Chief Executive Officer



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RESOLUTION OF LONG BEACH TRANSIT

Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the U.S. Department of Transportation for grants under the Coronavirus Response and Relief and Supplemental Appropriation Act (CRRSAA).

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

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant; including compliance with all federal regulations and circulars; and

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

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the applicant to ensure nondiscriminatory transportation programs and services in support of the mission to enhance the social and economic quality of life without regard to race, color and national origin; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will include provisions to improve transportation options, redevelop communities and expand opportunities for low income individuals, persons with disabilities and minorities to include disadvantaged business enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will utilize disadvantaged business enterprises 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 opportunities to bid on construction, supplies, equipment, consultant and other services contracts; 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 CRRSAA.
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.



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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 29, 2021.

Colleen Bentley
Secretary/Treasurer, Board of Directors

Date