


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: June 1, 2022

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOW CARBON TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS PROGRAM AND ADOPT THE PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR FY 21-22**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is requesting authority to submit a project for the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding allocated to LADOT Transit. The City Council must also adopt the attached project resolution to access the grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Adopt the attached LCTOP Project Resolution, as required by Caltrans.
2. Authorize the LADOT General Manager to apply for, accept funds, and execute any necessary agreements for FY 2021-22 LCTOP grant funds from Caltrans in an amount up to \$1,631,000 for the cost associated with replacing one CNG Commuter Express bus with an electric vehicle and associated charging equipment.
3. Authorize the funds to be deposited in Fund 385 Account 94N295 "Commuter Express Fleet Replacement" and appropriate therein for the replacement of one CNG Commuter Express bus.

BACKGROUND

As a transit operator in Los Angeles County, LADOT is eligible to receive a \$1,631,000 allocation from the Caltrans LCTOP funding. Caltrans created LCTOP to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities.

DISCUSSION

For FY 2021-22, LADOT will apply to use the LCTOP allocation to purchase one electric Commuter Express bus to replace the existing CNG Commuter Express bus coming to the end of its useful life.

Official grant requests must be accompanied by the attached Council Resolution. The attached resolution identifies the LCTOP project, and allows LADOT to both accept the LCTOP funding and execute any necessary agreements. LADOT submitted its application to Caltrans in advance of the March 25, 2022 due date.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund since there is no match for this project.

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Attachment

Resolution

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S):
Zero Emission Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure for LADOT Commuter Express
City of Los Angeles \$1,631,000

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation 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, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Seleta J. Reynolds, LADOT General Manager and Mariana Valdivia, Chief of Transit Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Los Angeles City Council 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 Seleta J. Reynolds, LADOT General Manager and Mariana Valdivia, Chief of Transit Programs 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 City Council of the City of Los Angeles that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY2021-2022 LCTOP funds:

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List project(s), including the following information:

Project Name: Zero Emission Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure for LADOT Commuter Express

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$1,631,000

Short description of project: Purchase one 45-foot battery-electric bus and charging equipment to replace existing 40-foot compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicle for Commuter Express bus service

Benefit to a Priority Populations: Project will directly benefit priority populations within disadvantaged communities and Low-income communities

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: 100%