

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-015

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES, AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM, AND FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM PROJECTS

\$10,144,185 IN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-25 FUNDS FOR THE YOUTH RIDE FREE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) 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, SB 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) named the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, OCTA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents, the authorized agent form and any amendments thereto or other related documents to Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO); and

WHEREAS, OCTA wishes to implement the LCTOP project listed above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all applicable 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 Darrell E. Johnson, CEO, or his designee, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP and any amendments thereto with Caltrans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OCTA Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nominations and allocation requests to Caltrans in FY 2024-25 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Youth Ride Free Program

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: FY 2024-25 LCTOP funding at \$10,144,185

Short Description of Project:

Youth Ride Free Program

The Youth Ride Free Program allows youth aged 18 and under to ride OC Bus free of charge. The service will allow this transit-dependent group to reach destinations such as homes, schools and parks at no cost. The program has been supported with prior LCTOP funds and interest. In addition, the FY 2024-25 LCTOP funds are expected to fund an estimated 30 months of the program as well as approximately \$300,000 for providing all youth with new passes for the new Rider Validation System.

Benefit to Priority Populations: The project will benefit disadvantaged communities (DAC). OCTA provides service to 95 DAC tracts with 564,264 residents. The project will also benefit low-income communities. OCTA provides service to 662 low-income communities block groups with 1,120,092 residents. Finally, the program will benefit low-income communities or households within one-half mile of a DAC. OCTA provides service to 450 low-income block groups within one-half mile of a DAC with 791,631 residents. The project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in these communities, improving health for the residents in these impacted communities. The project will also provide clean transportation options in these communities allowing these transit dependent groups to reach destinations such as home, schools, parks, and other recreation centers. In addition, residents in these SB 535 (Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012) communities are more transit dependent and represent a higher proportion of OC Bus riders.

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: At least 50 percent of the allocation will be used to benefit DAC.

Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): City of Laguna Beach is providing \$33,915.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this ____ day of April 2025.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Andrea West
Clerk of the Board

Doug Chaffee, Chair
Orange County Transportation Authority

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