

RESOLUTION 2020-002

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:

\$7,130,042 IN FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 FUNDS FOR TEN BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES; BRAVO! 529 RAPID BUS SERVICE OPERATIONS; DISCOUNTED AGE-BASED FARE PROGRAM; NEW COLLEGE PASS PROGRAMS; AND TRAVEL TRAINING;

\$7,111,592 IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 FUNDS FOR METROLINK SERVICE EXPANSION; BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES; BUS DEPOT UPGRADES AND CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE; TRAVEL TRAINING; COLLEGE PASS PROGRAM; BRAVO! MAIN STREET OPERATIONS

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 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 and any amendments thereto to Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OCTA Board of Directors (Board) 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 Darrell E. Johnson, Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP and any amendments thereto with Caltrans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the OCTA Board that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all LCTOP-funded transit projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the OCTA Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to Caltrans in fiscal year (FY) 2019-20 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Ten Battery-Electric Buses; Bravo! 529 Rapid Bus Service Operations; Discounted Age-Based Fare Program; New College Pass Programs at Irvine Valley, Saddleback, Cypress and Coastline colleges; and travel training.

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: FY 2019-20 LCTOP funding at \$7,130,042.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the OCTA Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to Caltrans in fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Metrolink Service Expansion, Battery Electric Buses, Bus Depot Upgrades, and Charging Infrastructure, and Bravo! Main Street Operations.

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: FY 2018-19 LCTOP funding at \$7,111,592.

Short Description of Projects:

FY 2019-20 LCTOP funds:

- **Ten Battery-Electric Buses (\$2,594,886):** Combined with already approved funds, for Bravo! Main Street Capital the FY 2019-20 LCTOP funds will allow the purchase of ten battery-electric buses under the State of California General Services Administration's contract.
- **Bravo! 529 Rapid Bus Service Start-Up and Operations (\$1,470,913):** LCTOP funds will support up to an additional seven months for the Bravo! 529 Rapid Bus Service Start up and Operations Project operating primarily on Beach Boulevard from Fullerton Park-and-Ride to the Goldenwest Transportation Center and previously funded with FY 2017-18 LCTOP funds.
- **Discounted Age-Based Fare Program (\$2,000,000):** OCTA is proposing to offer free youth passes. The cost of lost revenue over four years is estimated to be \$2,000,000.
- **New College Pass Programs at Irvine Valley, Saddleback, Cypress, and Coastline Colleges (\$749,243):** The College Fare Program provides funding to OCTA to allow college students to ride free for one year and then cover the cost of ridership increases for the life of the program. The program will provide an incentive to a student enrollment fee to pay for future student use of the OC Bus.
- **Travel Training (\$315,000):** \$315,000 in FY 2019-20 LCTOP will be used to expand the Travel Training Program by increasing training opportunities.

FY 2018-19 LCTOP Funds:

- **Existing Project - College Fare Programs at Fullerton, Santa Ana, and Golden West Colleges (\$1,000,000):** The College Fare Program provides funding to OCTA to allow college students to ride free for one year and will cover the cost of ridership increases for the life of the program. The program will provide an incentive to a student enrollment fee to pay for future student use of the OC Bus.
- **Existing Project - Travel Training (\$685,000):** Travel training is available to seniors and disabled to assist in increasing ridership over the three-year period.

- **Existing Project - Battery electric buses, bus depot upgrades, and charging infrastructure for Bravo! Main Street Rapid Bus Service (\$2,523,000):** LCTOP funds will provide match to other grant funds available for the purchase of five zero-emission buses for the new Bravo! Main Street Rapid Bus service, as well as provide funding for the required bus depot upgrades and charging infrastructure.
- **Existing Project - Bravo! Main Street Operations (\$2,912,976):** LCTOP funds were approved for future Bravo! Main Street service operations. However, \$2,100,000 is now proposed for the Metrolink Service Expansion and \$812,976 is proposed for Bravo! 529 Rapid Bus Service Start-up and Operations.
- **New Project - Metrolink Service Expansion (\$2,100,000 in FY 2018-19 LCTOP funds):** Starting in April 2020, expand Metrolink service on the Orange County line by up to two round trips between Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo and Los Angeles Union Station, one round trip between the cities of Oceanside and Los Angeles, and up to two weekday round trips on the 91/Perris Valley Line between Perris-South and Los Angeles Union Station, via Fullerton.
- **New FY 2017-18 Project - Bravo! 529 Rapid Bus Start-up and Operations (\$812,976):** LCTOP funds will support up to an additional four months for the Bravo! 529 Rapid Bus Service Start up and Operations Project operating primarily on Beach Boulevard from Fullerton Park-and-Ride to the Goldenwest Transportation Center and previously funded with FY 2017-18 LCTOP funds.

The projects will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce automobile vehicle miles traveled and as applicable, reach over 50 percent of boardings from disadvantaged communities.

Contributing Sponsor: City of Laguna Beach

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of March 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Laurena Weinert
Clerk of the Board

Steve Jones, Chairman
Orange County Transportation Authority

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