

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-042

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

\$4,095,614 IN FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 FUNDS FOR “WELCOME BACK” FARE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR OC BUS RIDERS (\$3,379,462); AND COLLEGE PASS PROGRAM FOR ORANGE COAST COLLEGE (\$716,152)

\$2,100,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 FUNDS FOR “WELCOME BACK” FARE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR OC BUS RIDERS (\$159,285); AND TEN BATTERY-ELECTRIC BUSES, BUS DEPOT UPGRADES, AND CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (\$1,940,715).

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 that the OCTA Board hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to Caltrans in fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Welcome Back Fare Reduction Program for OC Bus Riders; and College Pass Program for Orange Coast College.

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: FY 2020-21 LCTOP funding at \$4,095,614.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the OCTA Board hereby authorizes the submittal of program documentation to Caltrans to nominate the following projects for FY 2018-19, LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Welcome Back Fare Reduction Program for OC Bus Riders; and Ten Battery-Electric Buses, Bus Depot Upgrades and Charging Infrastructure Project.

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: FY 2018-19 LCTOP funding at \$2,100,000.

Short Description of Projects:

FY 2020-21 LCTOP funds:

- Welcome Back Fare Reduction Program for OC Bus Riders (\$3,379,462): In 2020, OC Bus experienced ridership losses due to the impacts of coronavirus. To encourage people to return to the system, OCTA is proposing the Welcome Back Fare Reduction Program for OC Bus Riders. OCTA proposes to provide the fare reduction program, subject to rider demand and funding availability.

Benefit to a Priority Populations: The program will benefit disadvantaged communities (DAC). OCTA provides service to 71 DAC with 411,282 residents, to 331 low-income communities or households with 1,908,502 residents, and to 112 low-income communities or households within a half-mile of a DAC with 1,929,010 residents.

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$1,700,000.

Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): NA.

- College Pass Program for Orange Coast College (\$716,152): The College Fare Program provides incentive and ongoing funding to allow college students to ride OC Bus free. The funds are used to support the loss of fare revenue for the life of the program. After the first year, the students pay a student fee as part of their enrollment to help offset the cost of riding the bus.

Benefit to a Priority Populations: The program will benefit DAC. Orange Coast College is in a low-income community. OCTA provides service to 71 DAC with 411,282 residents, to 331 low-income communities or households with 1,908,502 residents, and to 112 low-income communities or households within a half-mile of a DAC with 1,929,010 residents.

Amount to benefit Priority Populations: \$400,000.

Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): City of Laguna Beach is providing \$13,725.

FY 2018-19 LCTOP Funds from the Metrolink Expansion Project:

- Welcome Back Fare Reduction Program for OC Bus Riders (\$159,285). See above under FY 2020-21 projects.
- Ten Battery-Electric Buses, Bus Depot Upgrades and Charging Infrastructure Project. (\$1,940,715): Combined with previously approved funds the FY 2018-19 LCTOP funds will allow the purchase of ten battery-electric buses under the State of California General Services Contract.

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

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this 24th day of May 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Andrea West
Interim Clerk of the Board

Andrew Do, Chairman
Orange County Transportation Authority

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