



ITEM #14

DATE: March 4, 2015

TO: Gold Coast Transit District Board of Directors

FROM: Claire Johnson-Winegar *CJW*
Transit Planner II

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution 2015-05 for Authorization of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862. LCTOP provides formula funds to transit agencies (based on the area's percentage of statewide fare revenue) and to regional transportation planning agencies (based on the area's percentage of statewide population). This year, \$11,844 has been allocated to GCTD. All of these funds will be applied to the new Administration and Operations Facility.

Approved projects in LCTOP will support new or expanded bus or rail services, expand intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance and other costs to operate those services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For agencies whose service area includes disadvantaged communities, at least 50 percent of the total moneys received shall be expended on projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities. Most of southeastern Oxnard is considered a disadvantaged community, some of which falls within GCTD's service area; GCTD will meet this requirement.

One of the required elements of this program is a resolution from the governing board authorizing an agency official(s) to execute all necessary documents and enter into an agreement with the California Department of Transportation for these funds. This report recommends that the Board of Directors adopt the attached resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2015-05 for Authorization of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).

II. BACKGROUND

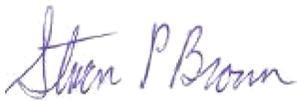
The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emission and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities.

This program will be administered by Caltrans in coordination with Air Resource Board (ARB) and the State Controller's Office (SCO). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible to ensure that the statutory requirements of the program are met in terms of project eligibility, greenhouse reduction, disadvantaged community benefit, and other requirements of the law.

Project cost and funding of local match: The LCTOP funding does not require a local match. The funding allocation will help fund the new Administration and Operations Facility.

III. RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2015-05 for Authorization of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP).



General Manager's Concurrence

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
GOLD COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR AUTHORIZATION OF THE
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE LOW CARBON
TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)**

WHEREAS, the Gold Coast Transit District is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) now or sometime in the future 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 Gold Coast Transit District wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the General Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Gold Coast Transit District that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

Passed and approved this 4th day of March, 2015.

Board Vice-Chair

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution 2015-05 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Gold Coast Transit at a regular meeting thereof held on the 4th of March, 2015.

Steven P. Brown, Secretary of the Board