



Item # 9

DATE April 4, 2018

TO GCTD Board of Directors

FROM Matt Miller, Planning Manager *MM*

SUBJECT **Consider Adoption of Resolution 2018-05 for Authorization of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program**

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. The program 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. 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, \$45,987 has been allocated to GCTD. These funds will be applied to implement Summer Free Fare Saturdays on select Saturdays in the months of June, July and August.

This program is administered by Caltrans in coordination with California Air Resource Board (CARB) 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.

BACKGROUND

Summer Free Fare Saturdays in the months of June, July and August will coincide with the launch of GCTD's new real time arrival information system, which includes a mobile app, and automatic vehicle annunciators and is completely new for the District. This project will encourage ridership throughout the community while also exposing passengers to the planned service improvements that will take place near the same time.

Summer Free Fare Saturdays will be available to anyone who wishes to ride on the GCTD system and will help address transportation barriers that prevent those in our community from attending and enjoying community events held in the summer. Summer Free Fare Saturdays will be promoted through social media boosts, on the GCTD website, exterior and interior bus ads and at bus stops located in disadvantaged communities throughout the service area.

GOLD COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT

For agencies whose service area includes disadvantaged communities, at least 50 percent of the total LCTOP funds received shall be expended on projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities. The City of Oxnard's five disadvantaged communities and the City of Ventura's two disadvantaged communities will meet this requirement as the free fare will apply to anyone wishing to use public transit on those free fare days.

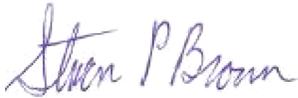
One of the required elements of this program is a resolution from the governing board authorizing an agency official(s) to execute all necessary documents and enter into an agreement with the California Department of Transportation for these funds. This report recommends that the Board of Directors adopt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

Funding of Local Match: The LCTOP funding does not require a local match.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors Adopt Resolution 2018-05 Authorizing the General Manager to Execute all documents for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program with the California Department of Transportation.

GENERAL MANAGER'S CONCURRENCE



Steven P. Brown
General Manager

RESOLUTION #2018-05

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE
THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT:
(Summer Free Fare Saturdays, \$45,987)**

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 implement the LCTOP project(s) listed above,

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 applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Gold Coast Transit District that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination and allocation request to the Department in FY 17-18 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Summer Free Fare Saturdays

Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$45,987

Short description of project: This Project will implement free fares on the GCTD fixed-route transit system on select Saturdays in the months of June, July and August. This project will give and expand the area's disadvantaged communities access to community events and planned summer service improvements.

Passed and approved this 4th day of April 2018.

John C. Zaragoza, Board Chair

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution 2018-05 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Gold Coast Transit at a regular meeting thereof held on the 4th day of April 2018.

Steven P. Brown, Secretary of the Board