DATE: May 3, 2017

TO: GCTD Board of Directors

FROM: Claire Johnson-Winegar, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Consider Adoption of Resolution 2017-06 Approving the Receipt of Grant Funds or Services from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) for the Sustainability Planning Grant Project for Building Transit Supportive Communities

SUMMARY

GCTD has been successful in its application for funding for Building Transit Supportive Communities project through SCAG’s Sustainability Planning Grant program. The award is for $66,116, with a local match of $9,016. The project will include stakeholder and community engagement, education and data collection to develop a consensus based set of strategies and recommendations for areas where transit supportive land use is recommended. It will include a plan that takes into account planned high quality transit areas, current high ridership bus stops, GCTD’s Short Range Transit Plan and goals outlined in SCAG’s 2016 RTP/SCS. It will also incorporate innovative community engagement through a half day workshop, lead by an engaging expert facilitator.

One of the required elements of this program is a resolution from the governing board approving the application and receipt of grant funds for the Building Transit Supportive Communities Project. It is therefore recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2017-06 in order to receive the allocated funding.

BACKGROUND

The Sustainability Planning Grant Program (formerly known as Compass Blueprint Grant Program) was established as an innovative vehicle for promoting local jurisdictional efforts to test local planning tools. Since starting in 2005, about 200 projects have been completed through the program. By supporting exemplary projects, the Sustainability Planning Grants Program illustrates the value effective growth planning can bring to our regional partners and the region as a whole.

The Sustainability Planning Grants Program provides direct technical assistance to SCAG member jurisdictions to complete planning and policy efforts that enable implementation of the regional SCS.

Funding of Local Match: the local match to be provided for this project is $9,016.
RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2017-06 approving the Building Transit Supportive Communities application and receipt of grant funds.

GENERAL MANAGER’S CONCURRENCE

Steven P. Brown
General Manager
WHEREAS, The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) has allocated funds for projects that promote the policies and programs of the 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/ Sustainability Communities Strategy (2016 RTP/SCS); and

WHEREAS, SCAG has evaluated, ranked and awarded proposals submitted for Projects under the Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a resolution certifying the approval of the application by the applicant's governing body before receipt of awards; and

WHEREAS, Gold Coast Transit District will receive funds or services to assist in the implementation of the proposed project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GOLD COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The receipt of an award for the Sustainability Planning Grant Program is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The Chair, or presiding officer, is hereby authorized to affix his signature to this Resolution signifying approval of the Gold Coast Transit District for application for grant funds, and the City Clerk, or his/her duly appointed deputy, is directed to attest thereto.

Bryan MacDonald, Board Chair

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution 2017-06 was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of Gold Coast Transit at a regular meeting thereof held on the 3rd of May, 2017.

Steven P. Brown, Secretary of the Board