

STAFF REPORT



MEETING DATE:	4/28/15
SUBJECT:	Approve Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Project
AGENDA ITEM:	5-11
STAFF CONTACT:	Jennifer Pollom, Associate Transportation Planner

SUMMARY:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is a new funding source dedicated to new public transportation services or enhancement to transit systems. The Shasta region was allocated \$62,657 for fiscal year 2015. Projects must be approved by the board of directors to be eligible for funding. Expansion of express route services provided by RABA is recommended for LCTOP funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the board of directors:

1. Approve expansion of express route services for LCTOP funding; and
2. Adopt Resolution 15-07 authorizing the executive director to provide certifications, assurances, and other requested information, as needed, to Caltrans for the project to proceed.

DISCUSSION:

LCTOP is a new program funded by auction proceeds from the California Air Resources Board Cap-and-Trade Program. LCTOP provides public transportation operating and capital assistance to transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility through new and enhanced services. SRTA will serve as project lead this first round to minimize RABA's administrative burden and provide SRTA staff an opportunity to gain experience with the new program. RABA concurs with this approach.

For fiscal year 2015, the Shasta region was allocated \$62,657 in LCTOP. Projects must be approved by the board of directors to be eligible for funding. Projects are sourced from the 2014 Short-Range Transit Plan, SRTA's Transit Needs Assessment, and consultation with RABA staff. Expansion of express route services provided by RABA is recommended for LCTOP funding, specifically:

- Increased service hours on Cottonwood Express, Airport Express, and Burney Express; and
- New service known as the Crosstown Express, serving Hilltop hotels, Redding Civic Auditorium; and Turtle Bay Exploration Park.

ALTERNATIVES:

The board of directors may modify or choose not to approve the recommended project. This would disqualify the project, and funds would likely be lost to the region.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Caltrans administers the LCTOP. RABA staff submitted a letter of intent to sponsor SRTA as the project lead. The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) concurs with the staff recommendation.

FINANCING:

Staff time required for administrative and reporting requirements of the LCTOP is budgeted in the Overall Work Program.

Daniel S. Little, AICP, Executive Director

Attachments: Resolution 15-07: Authorization for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

RESOLUTION



RESOLUTION NUMBER:	15-07
SUBJECT:	Authorization for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

WHEREAS, Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) 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 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; and

WHEREAS, SRTA wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the executive director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency 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 Shasta Regional Transportation Agency executive director is authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any amendments thereto with Caltrans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2015, by the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency.

Missy McArthur, Chair
Shasta Regional Transportation Agency