


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: March 16, 2021

To: The Honorable City Council
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
Attention: Mike Bonin, Chair, Transportation Committee

From: Seleta J. Reynolds, General Manager 
Department of Transportation

Subject: **AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) AND ADOPT THE PROJECT RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-21**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) is requesting the authority to submit a project for the Caltrans' Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funding allocated to LADOT Transit. The City Council must also adopt the attached project resolution to access the grant funding.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council, subject to the approval of the Mayor:

1. Adopt the attached LCTOP Project Resolution, as required by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).
2. Authorize the Department of Transportation General Manager to apply for, funds, and execute any necessary agreements for FY 2020-21 LCTOP grant funds from Caltrans in an amount up to \$709,857 for the incremental cost difference associated with replacing 12 CNG Cityride shuttle buses with electric paratransit vehicles.
3. Authorize the funds to be deposited in Fund 385 Account 94T297 "CityRide Fleet Replacement" and appropriate therein for the replacement of 12 CNG CityRide shuttle buses.

BACKGROUND

As a transit operator in Los Angeles County, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation is eligible to receive an allocation of \$709,857 from the State of California Department of Transportation Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding. LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities.

For FY 2020-21, LADOT will be applying to use the LCTOP allocation to purchase 12 electric shuttle buses to replace the existing CNG CityRide shuttle buses. The CityRide program assists individuals age 65 and older and qualified persons with disabilities.

Official grant requests must be accompanied by the attached Council Resolution. The resolution identifies the LCTOP project, allows the LADOT to accept the LCTOP funding, and execute any necessary agreements. The LCTOP application is due to Caltrans on April 9, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund since there is no match for this project.