


CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

Date: October 27, 2020

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 TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
GRANT FOR CLEAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) requests authority to submit a grant application to the California Energy Commission (CEC)'s Clean Transportation Program for Zero-Emission Transit Fleet Infrastructure Deployment.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. ADOPT the attached CEC Grant Resolution.
2. AUTHORIZE the LADOT General Manager to submit the above CEC Clean Transportation Program grant application as required.

BACKGROUND

On July 22, 2020, CEC released the Notice of Proposed Awards (NOPA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Clean Transportation Program (GFO-20-202) Grant Funding Opportunity. There is \$20.0 million in FY 2020 funds for the Clean Transportation Program. The Clean Transportation Program's Zero-Emission Transit Fleet Infrastructure Deployment will finance electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure needed to support the large-scale conversion of transit bus fleets to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs). LADOT Transit is requesting up to \$6 million in grant funds to invest in charging infrastructure for zero-emission transit bus fleets at one bus maintenance facility to charge battery-electric buses. The infrastructure upgrades and improvements include electric battery chargers, transformers, and photovoltaic systems.

The \$6 million in CEC Clean Transportation grant funds will support facility electrification design and engineering, a comprehensive power supply assessment to determine the most cost-effective charging solution for our City's battery-electric public bus fleet, civil and construction, power distribution equipment and labor, charger infrastructure, and community outreach and training.

The 2020 Clean Transportation Program for Zero-Emission Transit Fleet Infrastructure Deployment application will allow LADOT to meet the Mayor and City Council's accelerated mandate to electrify our fleet by 2030 or earlier (C.F. 17-0739).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the City's General Fund nor will LADOT Transit leverage Proposition A funds. The match will be provided by an in-kind match share from LADOT Transit's 2018 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant award with a specific allotment for the purposes of EV charging infrastructure upgrades and implementation. If awarded funding, LADOT will request an allocation of the 2018 TIRCP grant award funding for the project at the time of accepting the grant.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTHORITY FOR THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT) TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND TO SIGN CERTAIN ASSURANCES FOR THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION'S (CEC) CLEAN TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO FUND THE DEPLOYMENT OF CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT BUS FLEETS AT ONE MAINTENANCE FACILITY

WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission (CEC) leverages public and private investments including funds collected from vehicle and vessel registration, vehicle identification plates, and smog abatement fees to support the adoption of cleaner transportation powered by alternative and zero-emission energy systems as established by Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, 2007)) and extended by Assembly Bill 8 (Perea); and

WHEREAS, the Clean Transportation Program became available to public transit agencies and private owners of transit, provides funding to eligible applicant recipients for electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, medium and heavy-duty vehicles, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, funds from the CEC are administered through California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to apply, to sign required assurances and to administer the CEC funds with respect to applications for public transit agencies and private owners of transit; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council authorize the General Manager of LADOT to execute an agreement with CEC to receive the funding for the “project.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CEO/General Manager is authorized to furnish such additional information as the CEC may require in connection with the application for the allocated funding.