



RESOLUTION No. 24-581

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$148,941 OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PUC 99313 AND 99314 FUNDING ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada, Department of Public Works, Transit Services Division, is an eligible project sponsor and may receive State funding now and sometime in the future from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) that provides operating and capital assistance for transit agency projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023-24 LCTOP PUC 99313 and 99314 allocation amount available to Nevada County is \$148,941; 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 sponsors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada, Department of Public Works, Transit Services Division will submit an application for a LCTOP eligible operating project for the provision of Low-Income Passes for qualifying individuals with an annual income of between 138 – 200 percent of Federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the County was awarded the full application amount of \$148,941 on September 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board of Supervisors to approve the Application and accept the Fiscal Year 2023-24 LCTOP funds in the amount of \$148,941 for the Low-Income Pass Fare Subsidy Program for use on all Nevada County Connects fixed route buses; and

WHEREAS, funds shall be deposited into Transit Services Fund 4283-91003-707-1000/445090; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Nevada County Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the Fiscal Year 2023-24 LCTOP application for the Low-Income Fare Subsidy Pass Program for use on all Nevada County Connects fixed route buses in the amount of \$148,941 with the Department of Public Works-Transit Services Division the Lead Sponsor and the Nevada County Transportation Commission a Contributing Sponsor.

2. Directs the County of Nevada, Department of Public Works, Transit Services Division, to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certifications and Assurances document and all applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.
3. Accepts the award of Fiscal Year 2023-24 LCTOP funds in the amount of \$148,941 and directs the Auditor-Controller to deposit the funds into Transit Services Fund 4283-91003-707-1000/445090.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 12th day of November 2024, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward C. Scofield, Lisa Swarthout, Susan Hoek, and Hardy Bullock.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Recuse: None.

ATTEST:

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Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____



Hardy Bullock, Chair

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AARON HOYT, Deputy Executive Director

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File 260.1

April 17, 2024

Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Manager
950 Maidu Ave
Nevada City, CA 95959

Dear Robin,

This letter is to confirm that Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) has approved the request by Nevada County Transit Services to use \$142,258 from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds allocated under Public Utilities Code Section (PUC) 99313 to NCTC for FY 2023/24. Including \$6,683 of PUC 99314, Nevada County Transit will receive a total of \$148,941 of LCTOP for FY 2023/24.

The funds will be used by Nevada County Transit (Nevada County Connects) for the continuation of the Low-Income Fare Subsidy Program. This project is consistent with the LCTOP goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving mobility, and serving transit dependent populations.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Woodman
Executive Director

cc: Caltrans Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

LCTOP FY 2023-2024 Allocation Request

Lead Agency Information

Lead Agency Name:	County of Nevada		
Address:	13081 John Bauer Avenue		
City, State, Zip Code:	Grass Valley, CA 95945		
County:	Nevada County		
Agency Website:	https://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/cda/pw/transit/Pages/Home.aspx		
Regional Planning Agency:	Nevada County Transportation Commission		
Agency Type:	Transit Operator		
Transit Service Name:	Nevada County Connects		
Caltrans District:	03		
Does your agency have an approved Title VI Plan	Yes	Approved Date:	03/26/24
		Title VI Attached:	Yes

Allocation Request Prepared by	
Name:	Robin Van Valkenburgh
Title:	Transit Services Division Manager
Phone #:	530-470-2833
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Contact (if different than "Prepared by")	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone #:	
E-mail:	

Authorized Agent	
Name:	Robin Van Valkenburgh/Trisha Tillotson
Title:	Transit Manager/Dir. Comm Dev Agenc
Phone #:	530-470-2833/530-265-1222
E-mail	robin.vanvalkenburgh@nevadacounty

Legislative District Numbers									
Assembly*:	1								
Senate*:	4								
Congressional*:	1								

*if you have additional Districts, please provide a separate attachment

Project Summary

Name: <i>No more than 180 characters.</i>	Nevada County Connects Low-Income Pass Fare Subsidy Program
Description (Short): <i>No more than 375 characters.</i>	Fare subsidy program designed to support and enhance mobility options for low-income persons, as defined by the CA Department of Housing and Community Development, with in Western Nevada County. The subsidy would be offered to persons who are referred via a partner agency, and who have an annual income between 138-200% of Federal Poverty Level.
Type:	Operations_Project
Sub-Type	Implementation of free or reduced fares

Start date (anticipated) :	10/1/2024	End date (anticipated) :	11/01/2025
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Funding:	99313:	\$142,258	99314:	\$6,683	Total:	\$148,941
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Rollover Projects: Please provide the total number of years your agency plans to accumulate funds and how many years, include this year remaining.	Rollover Project:	No
	Total Years of Rollover:	
	Remaining Years of Rollover:	

Project Life: For capital projects, state the project useful life in years . For operation projects state the number of months a service will be funded.	Capital:		Years
	Operations:	13	Months

Approved LONP:	No	LONP Approval date:	
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Funding Information

Allocation Year	Prior	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	Total
PUC 99313 Amount:		\$142,258					\$142,258
PUC 99314 Amount:		\$6,683					\$6,683
Total LCTOP Funds:	\$0	\$148,941	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$148,941
LCTOP Interest:							\$0
Other GGRF:							\$0
Other Funds:							\$0
Total Funding:	\$0	\$148,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$148,941

Lead Agency:	County of Nevada	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:	Robin Van Valkenburgh		99313
Contact Phone #:	530-470-2833	\$6,683	99314
Contact E-mail:	robin.vanvalkenburgh@nevadacountyca.gov		

Contributing Sponsor:	Nevada County Transportation Commission	Amount:	PUC Funds Type:
Contact Person:	Mike Woodman, Executive Director	\$142,258	99313
Contact Phone #:	530-265-3202		99314
Contact E-mails:	mwoodman@nccn.net		

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Total FY 23-24 LCTOP Funding	\$148,941
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Fully Funded Project: Provide a description of all the funds that will be used to complete this project and how LCTOP funds will not supplant other funding sources. Include the project ID and awarded funding amount from prior rollover years.

This project is fully funded via the requested funding. No other funding is attributed to this program.

Detailed Funding Information: This section should be completed to detail any funds included in the "Prior" column of the Funding Information section above. For projects with an approved CAP that transferred funds and/or interest into the project from previous years, include the Project ID, amount of funds transferred, and CAP approval date.

N/A

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Funding Plan

Total Project Funding							
Component	Prior	FY 23-24	FY 24-25	FY 25-26	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	Total
PA&ED	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PS&E	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
R/W	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CON	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Veh/Equip Purchase	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operations/Other	\$0	\$148,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$148,941
TOTAL	\$0	\$148,941	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$148,941

Funding Source:	Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)						
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Project Information

1) Project Description - Provide a comprehensive project description. For operations projects, include: **number of trips, span, frequency improvements, number of days of operation and marketing component (if applicable)**. For capital projects, include: **product specifications** and identify all **LCTOP funded components**. *No more 1450 Characters.*

The proposed project continues our previously funded low-income pass subsidy program. The program is designed to increase accessibility of transit to low-income community members by providing subsidized Nevada County Connects fixed route bus passes to eligible persons. Eligibility is based on a verified income of between 138 - 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, and the consumer may not currently receive transit benefits via another state of federal program. All consumers are referred to the program by partner agencies (Dept. of Behavioral Health, FREED Center for Independent Living etc.) who provide income verification. The low-income pass subsidy program currently provides an average of 90 passes per month to eligible consumers, which in FY22-23 resulted in approximately 20,000 trips, helping drive a 16 percent increase in ridership over prior year. NevCo Connects bus service operates Mon-Fri 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Sat 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM. The project service area includes all bus routes serving Western Nevada County; Grass Valley, Nevada City, Alta Sierra, Penn Valley, Rough & Ready, Lake Wildwood, Lake of the Pines, North San Juan and with regional connections at the Auburn Amtrak Station.

2) Project Planning - Provide a detailed explanation of the project planning process and how it was designed to avoid substantial burden on any low- income, disadvantaged, and vulnerable populations. **Include any public outreach, events, workshops or community input.** *No more than 1450 characters.*

This is the continuation of our current Low-Income Pass subsidy program, which has proven to be very successful in meeting an unmet need within the community. This program was developed in conjunction with local partner agencies, including: FREED Centers for Independent Living, the Aging and Disability Resource Council, Connecting Point/211, County Behavioral Health, Adult Protective Services and Department of Social Services, the Homeless Outreach Team and the Social Services Transportation Advisory Committee. The project is supported by recommendations within the most recent Transportation Development Plan and Coordinated Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Plan updates completed in June 2021. The program supports significant portions of the local community designated as low-income.

3) Project Costs - Provide an **itemized breakdown** of project components **and** describe **how the cost estimations were developed**. Please include marketing and bus wraps cost in this section. Total costs must correspond to the Funding Information section above. *No more than 1450 characters.*

The project addresses two fare sets: zone 1 Local (Grass Valley, Nevada City and Alta sierra) at \$45.00 per monthly pass, and zone 2 regional (Rough & Ready, Penn Valley, Lake Wildwood, North San Juan, Lake of the Pines and Auburn) at \$90.00 per monthly pass. The current low-income pass subsidy program provided a total of 1,080 passes (650 x zone 1 @ \$45 = \$29,250) and (430 x zone 2 @ \$90 = \$38,700) in fiscal year 2022-23.

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Agency Information

4) Agency Fare - Describe your agency's fare structure including any discounts or special fares and **how the project will affect that structure if at all. No more than 1450 characters.**

The Nevada County Connects fare structure is a two zone system: zone 1 Local (Grass Valley, Nevada City and Alta Sierra) at \$1.50 for an Adult single ride cash fare and \$0.75 Discount (Senior, youth and ADA/disabled), monthly passes are \$45.00 Adult and \$22.50 Discount; zone 2 Regional (Penn Valley, Rough & Ready, Lake Wildwood, North San Juan, Lake of the Pines and Auburn) \$3.00 Adult single ride cash fare, \$1.50 Discount, monthly passes are \$90.00 Adult and \$45.00 Discount. This project will not effect fares.

5) Agency Service - Describe the transit service provided and how the project plays into the overall operations. Include how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted transit service related to the project. **No more than 2450 characters.**

The project will operate within the current Nevada County Connects operating days and hours: Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Saturday 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM and will serve our defined service area. The fixed route bus system operates throughout Western Nevada County serving the Cities, towns and unincorporated communities of: Grass Valley, Nevada City, Penn Valley, Alta Sierra, Rough & Ready, Lake Wildwood, North San Juan, Lake of the Pines and our regional partner Auburn. The proposed project addresses recommendations from local planning documents and does not alter services provided. Public outreach and marketing will educate the community about the program; who is eligible and how to access the program and system. The fare subsidy program provides subsidized monthly bus passes to eligible persons, thereby improving access, increasing ridership and enhancing awareness of the transit system. This project addresses identified unmet needs within the community due to the fact that being low-income is not a qualifying factor for receiving discounted fares.

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Project GHG Benefits

Greenhouse Gas Reductions - Describe qualitatively how this project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions.		
The project will improve access to our rural fixed route public transit bus system by offering an affordable mobility option for low-income persons that connects to employment, education, social services, medical services and community events. The current program provides approximately 20,000 trips annually, thereby reducing VMT and greenhouse gas emissions. The project includes collaboration with organizations throughout the community to assist in outreach efforts and supports the education of, and sharing information on, the benefits of the program as they relate to using public transportation and reducing emissions.		
Greenhouse Gas Reductions - Please provide quantitative information requested below and explanations supporting the data provided.		
	Value	Explanation
Year 1 (Yr1) - First year of service, or year that capital improvements will be completed.	2024	The first year of service to be funded through this LCTOP allocation request.
Year F (YrF) - Final year that the service is funded or the final year of useful life for capital improvements.	2026	The last year of service expected to be funded through this LCTOP allocation request.
Project Yr. 1 Ridership Increase - Estimated annual ridership contributed by the new service or capital improvement in Yr1.	20,796	Total estimated ridership based on current program use and ridership increases. 1,080 passes annually (~90 passes/month) x 19.6 trips/pass/month.
Project Yr. F Ridership Increase - Estimated annual ridership contributed by the new service or capital improvement in YrF.	29,341	Total estimated ridership based upon providing 1,358 passes annually (~113 passes/month) x 21.6 trips/pass/month
Adjustment (A) - Adjustment factor to account for Choice Riders. Use defaults values.	0.670	The Nevada County Connects fixed route transit service provides both local and long distance commute services, therefore an average of the two suggested defaults was used.
Trip Length (L) - Length (miles) of average auto trip reduced or average passenger trip length. You may use defaults values.	2.78	Obtained by dividing FY22-23 annual revenue miles (320,617) by total passenger boardings (115,093).
Project Useful Life	2	This is calculated based on the values above.
Total Project Ridership Increased	50,137	This is calculated based on the values above.
Total Project VMTs Reduced	93,385	This number is calculated based on the values above.
Total Project GHG Emission Reductions (MTCO_{2e})	37.47	This number is calculated based on the values from above and the <u>QM-Tool tab</u> .
LCTOP Project GHG Emission Reductions (MTCO_{2e})	37.47	This number is calculated based on the values from above and the <u>QM-Tool tab</u> .

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Project Benefits

Job Support Benefits (Refer to LCTOP Guidelines and CARB Co-Benefits website for more information)

Primary Project Activity (select from drop-down)	Transit subsidies
% of Project Budget Associated with Primary Activity	100.00%
Other Project Activity (select from drop-down)	
% of Project Budget Associated with Other Activity	
Other Project Activity (select from drop-down)	
% of Project Budget Associated with Other Activity	

Travel Cost Savings Benefits

	Value	Explanation
Baseline Average One-Way Fare Cost (\$/One-Way Trip/Rider) (Average fare per boarding, prior to project implementation)	\$2.30	This is the average fare for the FY22-23 service year based on an adult single ride cash fare of \$1.50 zone 1 and \$3.00 zone 2.
New Average One-Way Fare Cost (\$/One-Way Trip/Rider) (Average fare per boarding resulting from project implementation)	\$2.30	This is the expected average cash fare based on current program use and ridership increases seen in FY23-24.
Transit Facility Parking Cost (\$/Roundtrip/Rider) (Average cost to park to use transit associated with project)	\$0.00	(ex. The average transit facility parking cost is \$5 per day)
Avoided Parking Cost (\$/Roundtrip/Rider) (Average avoided parking cost associated with project)	\$0.00	(ex. The average parking cost in the project area is \$15 per day)
Avoided Toll Cost (\$/Roundtrip/Rider) (Average avoided toll cost associated with project)	\$0.00	(ex. The average tolling cost in the project area is \$10 per day)

Co-Benefits - Check all additional Benefits/Outcomes.

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coordination with Educational Institution |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Public Health | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grades K-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduced Operating/Maintenance Cost | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotes Active Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase System Reliability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotes Integration w/ other modes |

Co-Benefits - Describe benefits selected above and other benefits not listed.

This project supports improved safety by providing bus passes to low-income individuals who may otherwise walk along highways or hitch hike to get to their destination. The project supports improved public health by providing access to mental and physical healthcare locations, employment and education opportunities, including local and regional community college and K-12 schools, and recreation areas within the community such as the Yuba River. Since every bus is fitted with bicycle racks, and Nevada County Connects policy allows for the use and transport of foldable electric scooters, this program may improve participation in active transportation, and offers significant opportunity to connect with regional services including light rail and Amtrak.

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Community Engagement Co-Benefits

Community engagement refers to the process of cultivating active public participation in, or leadership of, affairs of importance to the community. California Climate Investments that engage with communities can provide positive co-benefits. A positive community engagement co-benefit results when a California Climate Investments project is able to demonstrate that public participation in planning, design, and implementation occurs in ways that foster community access, deliberation, and leadership. Please answer a couple of questions to determine your level of Community Engagement Benefit.

Projects Community Engagement Co-benefits: Use the Community Engagement Co-benefit Assessment tool found in the FY 23-24 LCTOP Supplemental Guidance to identify the specific level of Community Engagement Co-benefit (High, Medium, Low):	Low
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Priority Populations Benefits

Step 1 - Identify the Priority Population(s): Determine if the project is at least partially located within a Priority Population census tract or will benefit Priority Population households.

Does your Agency's Service Area have a Disadvantaged Community? (as defined by SB 535)	No
Is the project located within the boundaries of a disadvantaged community census tract?	No
Is the project located within the boundaries of a low-income community census tract or household?	Yes
Is the project located outside of a disadvantaged community, but within 1/2 mile of a disadvantage community and within a low-income census tract?	No

Step 2 - Address a Need: Identify an important community or household need and evaluate how the project provides a benefit that meaningfully addresses the need.

Method: Select the method your agency used for identifying an important community or household need.	D. Alternative Approach: Where direct engagement is infeasible, refer to the list of common needs for priority populations in CARB's Funding Guidelines Table 5 and confirm that the project addresses at least one listed need.
Specific Common Need: Make a selection only if <u>letter D</u> is selected above.	ECON 5 Reduce transportation costs (e.g., free or reduced cost transit passes) and improve access to public transportation (e.g., new services in under-served urban and rural communities).

Priority Populations Community Needs Description: Expound on the selections above in **Method** and **Specific Common Need** to describe the process that your agency used to identify important community needs. Provide details of any public outreach efforts, engagement events, community input, and workshops. *No more than 1,200 characters.*

This project was developed based on strategy recommendations from the 2021 Nevada County Coordinated Public Transit - Human Service Transportation Plan and through direct communications with local partner agencies. Public outreach was held throughout the program development and was most recently offered when current program status was presented during the March 20, 2024 Transit Services Commission meeting. Ongoing public outreach is conducted through the ATCI-MAPCO/SSTAC quarterly meetings, every other month Transit Services Commission meetings and through our website here <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/2259/Fares-and-Passes>. The proposed project will benefit all communities served by Nevada County Connects, a significant portion of which are AB1550 designated low-income populations.

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Priority Populations Benefits

Step 3 - Provide a Benefit: Does the project provide a direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to priority populations.

Identify the Priority Population(s) that will benefit from this project.	Project provides benefits to a LIC/HH
Priority Population Benefit: Select the benefit your project provides to the community or household.	F. Project improves combined housing and transportation affordability.

Priority Population Benefit: Based on the selections above, explain in greater detail how the project will provide benefits to the priority populations in your service area.

By providing subsidized monthly bus passes to low-income persons we are removing a cost barrier to access a myriad of services such as: employment, healthcare and mental health services and local and regional activities, as well as local cultural and entertainment events.

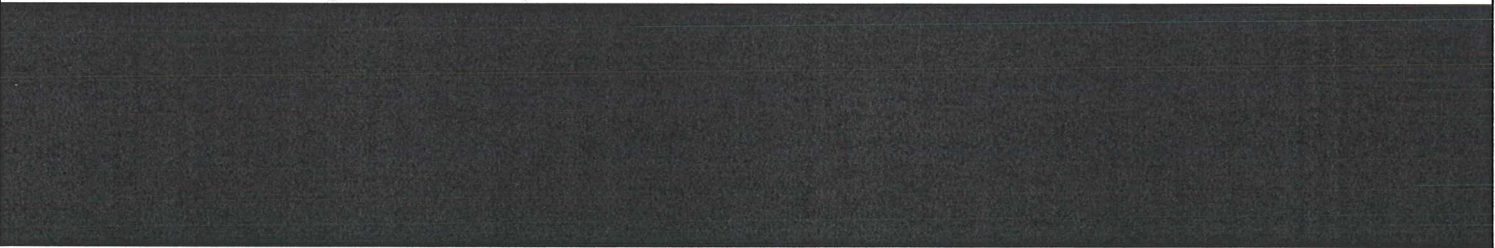
Please provide the amount of FY 23-24 LCTOP funds benefit Priority Populations (Total should not exceed total FY 23-24 LCTOP project funding) :

Amount of funds to benefit a Disadvantage Community:	\$0
Amount of funds to benefit Low-Income Community:	\$148,941
Amount of fund to benefit Low-Income Households and Residents within 1/2 mile of a DAC:	\$0

Agency can meet there DAC requirement by meeting any of the SB 1119 Project Criteria: See page 7 of the LCTOP Supplemental Guidance for more information.

Is the project a transit fare subsidies or network and fare integration technology improvements, including, but not limited to, discounted or free student transit passes	
Is the project a purchase of zero-emission transit buses and/or purchase and installation of supporting infrastructure?	
Is the project a new or expanded transit service that connects with transit service serving a disadvantaged communities?	

SB 1119 Project Criteria: If this is a new or expanded service project, explain how it connects to a transit service that serves a Disadvantaged Community.



California Department of Transportation

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P.O. BOX 942874, MS-1 | SACRAMENTO, CA 94274-0001
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September 13, 2024

Robin Van Valkenburgh/Trisha Tillotson
Transit Manager/Dir. Comm Dev Agency
County of Nevada
13081 John Bauer Avenue
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Re: Letter of No Prejudice (LNOP) Approval

Dear Robin Van Valkenburgh/Trisha Tillotson,


The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is approving the project described below a LNOP for the FY 23-24 funding cycle. The Lead Agency may begin incurring costs for the project described below per Public Resource Code Section 75231 and the LCTOP Guidelines. Regardless of the timing of the LCTOP funding the Lead Agency is still required to spend funding on eligible project expenditures.

23-24-D03-019	Nevada County Connects Low-Income Pass Fare Subsidy Program	\$148,941
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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact LCTOP Program Manager Erik Reitz, by phone at 916-216-7982 or by email at erik.reitz@dot.ca.gov

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