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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Heba El-Guindy, Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Submittal of an Application for \$138,749 in Fiscal Year 2022/23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) PUC 99313 and 99314 Funding and Authorization for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances for the LCTOP Administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution and execute the attached Certifications and Assurances

FUNDING: Funding for this project is provided through Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funding and will be included in the Transit Services Fiscal Year 2023/24 budget. A budget amendment is not required, and there is no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is one of several programs established by Senate Bill 862 (2014) that provides operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the administrative agency for LCTOP. Caltrans is responsible for ensuring that the statutory requirements of the program are met, and local agency recipients are responsible in ensuring projects selected provide maximum public benefits for transit ridership, greenhouse gas emission reductions and other co-benefits. Eligible projects are operational or capital projects that must be consistent with the project leads most recent short-range transit development plan, regional plan or publicly adopted plan that programs funds for transit projects including a transportation improvement plan.

The current 2022/23 LCTOP total allocation amount for Nevada County is \$138,749 (99313 - \$132,517 via NCTC; 99314 - \$6,232 via the County). The call for projects is currently underway and agency applications were due May 1, 2023. Nevada County Connects has submitted an operating grant application for the full allocation amount. The planned project is as follows:

- Continuation of the Low-Income Pass Subsidy program providing subsidized bus passes to qualifying individuals with annual income of 138 – 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

The purpose of the proposed project is to enhance transit accessibility by removing cost barriers associated with the purchase of monthly bus passes. The Low-Income Fare Subsidy Program

currently provides passes to approximately 90 individuals per month. The program supports the consumers of our partner agencies such as FREED, Behavioral Health and Social Services.

Item Initiated by: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Manager
Approved by: Heba El-Guindy, Director of Public Works

Submittal Date: May 1, 2023

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