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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: April 23, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Submittal of Applications for \$152,313 in Fiscal Year 2018-19 for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) STA PUC 99313 Funding and Authorization for the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances for the LCTOP Administered by the California Department of Transportation

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Funding for this Agreement is provided through Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funding and will be included in the Transit Services Fiscal Year 2019-20 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 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 2014-15 through 2017-18 allocation applications were approved by the Transit Services Commission (TSC), the Board of Supervisors and Caltrans for our "Dump the Pump, Ride the Bus" free fare program and the capital purchase of an ADA accessible hybrid transit van. The approved prior years grant applications have been instrumental in allowing Gold Country Stage to embark on providing fare free days, which have been successful and have increased ridership on the scheduled free fare days.

The current 2018-19 LCTOP allocation amount for Nevada County is \$152,313. The call for projects is currently underway and agency applications were due March 28, 2019. Gold Country Stage is planning on submitting applications for two projects encompassing the full allocation amount. The planned projects are as follows:

1. Gold Country Stage Fare Incentive Program V: This project continues the previous fare incentive program. The project is planned to provide free fare service days in conjunction with local community events on a monthly basis. (\$40,000)

2. Low-Income Fare Subsidy Program: This project is for subsidizing monthly bus passes for low-income persons who do not meet the criteria for the current Discount Fare program. This project is designed to meet a community need identified through outreach with local communities, partner agencies and County Social Services. (\$112,313)

Both projects support the LCTOP goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving mobility. The project was presented to, and approved by, the Transit Services Commission at their March 20, 2019 meeting.

Item Initiated by: Robin Van Valkenburgh, Transit Services Manager

Approved by: Trisha Tillotson, Director of Public Works

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Submittal Date: 03/20/18