RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider the adoption of an additional resolution, Resolution No. 17-022, authorizing the General Manager or his designee to file and execute applications and funding agreements with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for allocations of the FY 2016-17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (EBBRT) project and the AC Transit Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements project.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On March 22, 2017, the Board approved Resolution 17-010 and authorized the District to submit a funding application to Caltrans for allocations of the FY 2016-17 LCTOP funds for the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit (EBBRT) project. However, also on March 22nd, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) recommended a change to their LCTOP population-based funds project list that their Commission then approved on April 26th. This change approved the replacement of the Geary Bus Rapid Transit Phase I project sponsored by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) with the Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements Project sponsored by AC Transit.

This change was made due to LCTOP program restrictions requiring projects to have full environmental clearance. The SFMTA project will not have its full environmental clearance approved until a later date. In order to ensure that the region receives these funds, MTC recommended the LCTOP funds be awarded to the District’s Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements project instead.

Since there will now be two District applications for FY 2016-17 LCTOP funds, Caltrans requires an additional resolution naming both projects. The applications were submitted by the March 30, 2017 deadline, but the resolution is not required until the projects are awarded.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

The allocation of $1,118,681 in LCTOP funds for the Rapid Bus Corridor project will come out of a $5 million Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) allocation that the District received earlier this year from MTC. That portion of CMAQ funds will now go to SFMTA’s project. Staff anticipates receiving a $1,118,681 allocation of LCTOP funds for the Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements project and a $936,336 allocation for the EBBRT project by June 2017. There is no matching requirement for these funds.
ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

There are no disadvantages to accepting the LCTOP funds for the Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements project instead of the federal CMAQ funds.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

Since the change in funding sources for the Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements project was recommended by MTC and does not impact the implementation of the project, no alternatives were considered.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

Staff Report 17-087; Resolution 17-010 - Authorizing the General Manager or his designee to file and execute applications and funding agreements the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for allocations of the FY 2016-17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds for the EBBRT project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: Resolution 17-022

Approved by: Claudia L. Allen, Chief Financial Officer
Reviewed by: Denise C. Standridge, General Counsel
Chris Andrichak, Director of Management and Budget
Prepared by: Laramie Bowron, Senior Capital Planning and Grants Specialist
ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 17-022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO FILE AND EXECUTE APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR ALLOCATIONS OF THE FY 2016-17 LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS FOR THE EAST BAY RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT AND THE AC TRANSIT RAPID BUS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (District) is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) now or sometime in the future for transit projects; 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 project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to implement the LCTOP project(s) listed above.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District does resolve as follows:

Section 1. The fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

Section 2. Authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 2015-16 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project
Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: $936,336
Short Description of Project: For the construction of the East Bay BRT project. This will include dedicated bus lanes, signal priority and real time information, fare collection, and other passenger amenities on a 9.52 mile corridor connecting the cities of Oakland and San Leandro.
Project Name: AC Transit Rapid Bus Corridor Improvements
Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: $1,118,681
Short Description of Project: AC Transit’s Rapid Bus Corridor Improvement Project will improve transit operations on its most productive bus routes.
Contributing Sponsors: MTC

Section 3: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 2017.

Elsa Ortiz, President

Attest:

Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary

I, Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary for the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 24th day of May, 2017 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Linda A. Nemeroff, District Secretary

Approved as to Form and Content:

Denise C. Standridge, General Counsel