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AGENDA ITEM 5f
HCAOG Board Meeting
March 16, 2023

DATE: March 7, 2023
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Stephen Luther, Associate Planner
SUBJECT: **FY 2022-23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Allocations**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 23-07 approving the FY 2022-23 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding for the City of Arcata in the amount of \$10,403 and the Humboldt Transit Authority in the amount of \$321,383.”

Staff Summary:

LCTOP Program:

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862. Pursuant to Section 39719(b)(1)(B) the State Controller's Office shall allocate proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Fund to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Program. Entities eligible to receive State Transit Assistant (STA) funds per PUC 99313 or 99314 are also eligible for LCTOP program funds.

The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emission and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects in LCTOP will support new or expanded bus or rail services, expand intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance and other costs to operate those services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas emissions. LCTOP expenditures are solely for projects that reduce GHG emissions and meet any of the following criteria:

- Expenditures that directly enhance or expand transit service by:
 - supporting new or expanded bus, rail services or water-borne transit,
 - expanding intermodal transit facilities,
 - funding equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance, or other costs to operate those services or facilities.
- Operational expenditures that increase transit mode share.
- Expenditures related to purchasing zero-emission buses (including electric buses) or installing necessary equipment and infrastructure to operate and support zero-emission buses.

The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council was not able to review the LCTOP allocation requests as they did not have a meeting scheduled between the call for projects and deadline date. However, Humboldt Transit Authority and City of Arcata staff met to discuss the division of PUC 99313 funds. The City of Arcata requests \$10,403 of PUC 99313 regional shares, and Humboldt Transit Authority requests the remaining \$321,383 of regional funds. Both transit agencies will use the money to fund free and reduced-price fares.

Proposed Regional 99313 allocations:

Project Sponsor	Project Description	99313	99314	Total Allocation
City of Arcata	Free and Reduced Fares	\$10,403	\$3,597	\$14,000
Humboldt Transit Authority	Free and Reduced Fares	\$321,383	\$51,728	\$373,111

The operators will be required to submit the LCTOP applications directly to Caltrans. The deadline for submitting LCTOP applications is March 24, 2023.