



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 05, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: March 27, 2023

TITLE: **Adopt Resolution No. 223-46 Authorizing the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Following Project: A&MRTS Free Fares in the Amount of \$14,000.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 223-46 authorizing the execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the following project(s): A&MRTS free fares in the amount of \$14,000.

INTRODUCTION:

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 (SB 862). The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 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 required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

DISCUSSION:

Staff was notified by the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) in February 2023 that there was \$3,597 in LCTOP funds available to the City of Arcata (A&MRTS).

The City submitted a request to the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) in early March 2023 for \$10,403 in regional funds in addition to our dedicated funding of \$3,597 for the creation of a free bus ride program in July 2023 and June of 2024, and approval was granted by HCAOG.

It is our goal to advertise and get new users to try the bus for free during the summer months and see it as a viable transportation method within the City. It has been a longstanding goal to offer a free

transit service, and through the receipt of these LCTOP funds we are able to run the program in the City in the summer months.

A formal application will be submitted to the State by the due date of May 1, 2023, approval of this resolution is a component of that application which will be included in the final application packet.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the Transit revenues as this will be counted as fare box revenue and it will exceed the historical cash fare box revenues we receive during the summer months of June and July.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution No. 223-46 (PDF)