



STAFF REPORT – CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 15, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

PREPARER: Netra Khatri, City Engineer

DATE: May 08, 2024

TITLE: **Adopt Resolution No. 234-51 Authorizing the Execution of the Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Following Project: Arcata and Mad River Transit System (A&MRTS) Free and Reduced Fares in the Amount of \$28,712.**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Council adopt Resolution No. 234-51 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): Arcata and Mad River Transit System (A&MRTS) free and reduced fares in the amount of \$28,712.

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 2024 that there was \$3,858 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 2024 for \$24,854 in regional funds in addition to our dedicated funding of \$3,858 for the creation of a free bus ride program in July 2024 and June of 2025, 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 was submitted to the State on April 26, 2024. Approval of this resolution is a component of that application which will be submitted on May 16, 2024.

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 234-51 (PDF)