



# COUNTY OF SONOMA

575 ADMINISTRATION  
DRIVE, ROOM 102A  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95403

## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Agenda Date:** 6/3/2025

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**Department or Agency Name(s):** Sonoma County Public Infrastructure

**Staff Name and Phone Number:** Johannes J. Hoevertsz, 707-565-2550

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**Supervisorial District(s):** Countywide

**Title:**

FY 2024-25 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

**Recommended Action:**

- A. Adopt a Resolution agreeing to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program and authorizing application for FY 2024-25 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program funding in the amount of \$567,590 for the purchase of one 40-foot battery-electric bus.
- B. Authorize the Director of Public Infrastructure to execute all required actions and documents, including any amendments thereto, with Caltrans as required for FY 2024-25 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program funding.
- C. Authorize the Chair to execute the Authorized Agent Form required under the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program.

**Executive Summary:**

The Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Department (SPI) is requesting that the Board authorize the County to obtain FY 2024-25 funding from the Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to purchase one 40-foot battery-electric bus for Sonoma County Transit's fixed-route bus fleet. The purchase of an additional zero-emission electric vehicle for the fixed-route bus fleet will reduce air pollution and help attain the County's greenhouse gas reduction goals.

**Discussion:**

The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) is a State Cap and Trade funding program that was established by the State Legislature in 2014. The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility. LCTOP funding is allocated annually to transit operators based on a formula distribution. Before the State can authorize disbursement of LCTOP funding, Board approval of the requested actions is required.

Sonoma County Transit will be allocated \$567,590 in Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program funding for FY 2024-25. The LCTOP funding requested will assist Sonoma County Transit with the purchase of an additional

40-foot electric-powered bus. The remaining \$783,910 needed for this project will be funded by Transportation Development Act funds. This project, will replace one compressed natural gas-fueled bus in Sonoma County Transit's fleet with one 40-foot zero-emission electric-powered bus.

Sonoma County Transit currently has a fleet of nine 30-foot and 35-foot electric-powered buses that were purchased with previous LCTOP funding and are deployed on various local routes. While the 30-foot and 35-foot electric-powered buses are utilized primarily on local routes, the 40-foot electric bus to be purchased with FY 2024-25 LCTOP funding will have an extended driving range that will enable it to operate on Sonoma County Transit's longer intercity routes.

**Strategic Plan:**

**Pillar:** Climate Action and Resiliency

**Goal:** Goal 4: Maximize sustainability and emissions reductions in all County Fleet vehicles

**Objective:** Objective 1: Where feasible, phase out County (owned or leased) gasoline powered light-duty cars, vans, and pickups to achieve a 30% zero-emission vehicle light-duty fleet by 2026.

**Racial Equity:**

**Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?**

No

**Prior Board Actions:**

7/9/24: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2023-24 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program. Resolution No. 24-0620.

7/11/23: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2022-23 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program. Resolution No. 23-0336.

4/5/22: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2021-22 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program. Resolution No. 22-0136.

5/11/21: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2020-21 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program. Resolution No. 21-0199.

4/14/20: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2019-20 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program. Resolution No. 20-0129.

4/30/19: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2018-19 Low-Carbon Transit Operations

Program. Resolution No. 19-0175.

4/17/18: Board approved resolution authorizing the execution of Certifications and Assurances and Authorized Agent Form and authorizing all actions required for the FY 2017-18 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program. Resolution No. 18-0136.

4/25/17: Board approved resolutions authorizing the execution of required documents and to comply with all necessary regulations to receive FY 2016-17 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program funding. Resolutions No. 17-0170 and 17-0171.

3/1/16: Board approved resolutions authorizing the execution of required documents and to comply with all necessary regulations to receive FY 2015-16 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program funding. Resolutions No. 16-0057 and 16-0058.

4/14/15: Board approved a resolution authorizing the execution of required documents and to comply with all necessary regulations to receive FY 2014-15 Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program funding. Resolution No. 15-0137.

#### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY24-25 Adopted</b>	<b>FY25-26 Projected</b>	<b>FY26-27 Projected</b>
Budgeted Expenses		\$1,351,500	
Additional Appropriation Requested			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$1,351,500</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal		\$1,351,500	
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
<b>Total Sources</b>		<b>\$1,351,500</b>	

#### **Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:**

Revenue and expenditures for the vehicle purchase discussed in this board item are included in the FY25-26 Transit Article 4 Capital Budget (41401-34040102) Recommended budget. The funding sources consist of \$567,590 from LCTOP and \$783,910 from Transportation Development Act funds.

#### **Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):**

None

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**Attachments:**

Resolution

LCTOP Allocation Request

Authorized Agent Form

Certifications and Assurances Form

**Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board:**

None