SUBJECT:
LCTOP Capital Funding for FY 17/18, FY 18/19 and FY 19/20

SUMMARY:
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.

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.

This program is administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in coordination with Air Resource Board (ARB) and the State Controller’s Office (SCO). Caltrans is responsible to ensure that the statutory requirements of the program are met in terms of project eligibility, greenhouse reduction, disadvantaged community benefit, and other requirements of the law.

While MTA has already received the FY 17/18 and FY 18/19 Capital funds, the program is requiring additional resolutions for those funds in the amounts of:

FY 17/18 $51,140.00
FY 18/19 $70,091.00

Application for FY 19/20 for $176,103.00

The combined funding will be utilized to purchase a battery-electric cutaway bus this next fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt Resolution:
2020-06 LCTOP FY 19/20
RESOLUTION # 2020-06

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S):

Purchase zero-emission bus to replace old gas powered bus, $176,103 in Capital Funds

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Transit Authority is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) 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 Mendocino Transit Authority wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Carla A. Meyer, Executive Director.

WHEREAS, the Mendocino Transit Authority wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Transit Authority that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carla A. Meyer, Executive Director) be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mendocino Transit Authority that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY 19-20 LCTOP funds:

List project(s), including the following information:

Project Name: Purchase of zero-emission bus.
Amount of LCTOP funds requested: $176,103
Short description of project: MTA will replace old gas-powered bus with new zero-emission bus.
Benefit to a Priority Populations: Low-income community will benefit from sound pollution, 45 tons of CO2 annually.
Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): Mendocino Council of Governments

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE:

Saprina Rodriguez, Chairperson of the Board

BY: ________________________________