

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

December 10, 2025

Agenda Item 2f-25-1449

**MTC Resolution No. 4695, Revised. Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)
Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)**

Subject:

Staff seek Commission approval of a Low-Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to be submitted to Caltrans requesting a transfer of \$250,808 in population-based LCTOP funds from the FY 2019-2020 allocation and a transfer of \$94,461 in population-based LCTOP funds from the FY 2018-2019 allocation to the FY 2020-2021 allocation to allow the interest earned on the accounts to be used for Clipper START.

Background:

The Means-Based transit fare discount program (henceforth known as Clipper START) was launched in 2020 and has developed into a comprehensive program offering adults (individuals aged 18-64) earning a low income a 50% discount on all transit fares on all transit operators which participate in Clipper. After a three-year period of slow growth, the program saw a sharp uptick in new members in 2024, a rise attributed to programmatic changes introduced in January 2024 and increased marketing of the program.

To pay for administrative and subsidy costs, Clipper START received allocations from the state Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) in four years: FY 2018-2019, FY 2019-2020, FY 2020-2021, and FY 2021-2022. As of February 2025, the FY 2018-19 and 2019-20 allocations had accrued \$94,461 and \$250,808 respectively in interest which could not be spent before the expiration of the allocation on June 30, 2024 due to the slow initial growth of the program. However, due to the recent rise in program growth, these funds will be needed in future years. Therefore, staff are requesting a transfer of \$250,808 in population-based LCTOP funds from the FY 2019-2020 allocation and a transfer of \$94,461 in population-based LCTOP funds from the FY 2018-2019 allocation to the FY 2020-2021 allocation to allow the interest earned on the accounts to be spent. MTC plans to use this interest to fund further program administration and transit subsidies to assist people earning a low income. This requires two Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to be submitted to Caltrans to allow for the transfer of funds between the allocations. Staff previously obtained approval to submit a CAP to transfer the interest from the

FY 2019-2020 allocation in April and are now seeking approval to submit CAPs to transfer the interest from the FY2018-2019 allocation.

Staff recommends the Commission approve the CAP and direct staff to submit the CAPs to Caltrans through revision of MTC Resolution No. 4695.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4695



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