

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04
OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY (TAMC)**

***ALLOCATION OF \$814,702 OF LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FUNDS
TO THE MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR FREE WEEKEND FARES IN SALINAS,
MONTHLY YOUTH PASSES, FREE FARES FOR HARNELL COLLEGE AND MONTEREY PENINSULA
COLLEGE STUDENTS, AND DISCOUNTED HOSPITALITY GROUP TRANSIT PASSES, AND
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS***

WHEREAS, the State of California enacted the Transit, Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (SB 862) in 2014 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, SB 862 established the Low Carbon Transit Operating Program (LCTOP) to receive revenue from the sale of emission allowances in California's Cap-and-Trade program and distribute these funds to Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) and transit operators eligible to receive State Transit Assistance funds pursuant to Sections 99313 and 99314 of the Public Utility Code (PUC) for transit projects which reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) and the Monterey-Salinas Transit District (MST) are the eligible recipients of LCTOP funds in Monterey County;

WHEREAS, TAMC may elect to act as a contributing sponsor and transfer its share of funds to MST; and

WHEREAS, MST has determined that free fares on the weekends on routes that serve disadvantaged communities in Salinas, free monthly passes for youth living in disadvantaged communities, free fares for Hartnell College and Monterey Peninsula College students, and discounted hospitality group transit passes would be the most productive use of the Fiscal Year 2019/20 (FY2019/20) allocation of LCTOP funds to MST; and

WHEREAS, MST has committed these funds in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program; and

WHEREAS, the free fares on weekends for routes that serve East Salinas, the 1,062 monthly youth passes for youth living in a disadvantaged community, free fares for Hartnell College and Monterey Peninsula College students, and discounted hospitality group transit passes is expected to increase transit ridership, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, serve disadvantaged communities, and is consistent with the Monterey County Regional Transportation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County shall act as a “contributing sponsor” and transfer its \$814,702 Fiscal Year 2019/2020 allocation of Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds to support free fares on the weekends on routes that serve disadvantaged communities in Salinas, free monthly passes for youth living in disadvantaged communities, free fares for Hartnell College and Monterey Peninsula College students, and discounted hospitality group transit passes; and
2. The Executive Director is authorized to sign and execute on behalf of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County any actions and agreements necessary to pass fund through to Monterey-Salinas Transit.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County, State of California this 25th day of March 2020, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

LUIS ALEJO, CHAIR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

ATTEST:

DEBRA L. HALE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY