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AGENDA ITEM 5f
HCAOG Board Meeting
April 30, 2026

DATE: April 8, 2026
TO: HCAOG Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
FROM: Brendan Byrd, Executive Director
SUBJECT: **FY 2025-26 Cycle A Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Allocation**

STAFF REPORT

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Staff's Recommended Action:

Motion to be approved by consent:

“The PAC recommends the HCAOG Board adopt Resolution 26-07 approving the FY 2025-26 Cycle A Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funding for Humboldt Transit Authority in the amount of \$263,214.”

Staff Summary:

LCTOP Program

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. Pursuant to Section 39719(b)(1)(B) the State Controller's Office shall allocate proceeds from the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Fund to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Program. Entities eligible to receive State Transit Assistant (STA) funds per PUC 99313 or 99314 are also eligible for LCTOP program funds.

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. LCTOP expenditures are solely for projects that reduce GHG emissions *and* meet any of the following criteria:

- Expenditures that directly enhance or expand transit service by:
 - supporting new or expanded bus, rail services or water-borne transit,
 - expanding intermodal transit facilities,
 - funding equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance, or other costs to operate those services or facilities.
- Operational expenditures that increase transit mode share.
- Expenditures related to purchasing zero-emission buses (including electric buses) or installing necessary equipment and infrastructure to operate and support zero-emission buses.

LCTOP includes two funding cycles this fiscal year to account for timing shifts in prior-year allocations. Due to delays in cap-and-trade revenue distribution and program administration, some funds were not issued on the typical schedule. As a result, the State is releasing both the current and prior funding amounts in separate cycles to ensure agencies receive their full allocations.

The 99313 funds are regional funds and require HCAOG to coordinate with qualifying transit providers to disperse the funds for eligible uses. Of the 99313 funds, Humboldt Transit Authority requests all available funds to support capital project costs associated with the adoption of Fuel Cell Electric Buses. The 99314 fund amounts are allocated to each transit agency by the state. The Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) will be taking over the operations for the Arcata & Mad River Transit System (A&MRTS) and will request and apply the Arcata 99314 portion.

Proposed Allocations:

Project Sponsor	Project Description	99313	99314	Total Allocation
City of Arcata	HTA - Capital Projects Supporting ZEB Adoption		2,484	2,484
Humboldt Transit Authority	Capital Projects Supporting ZEB Adoption	225,020	35,710	260,730
				\$263,214

HTA will submit the LCTOP applications directly to Caltrans. The deadline for submitting LCTOP applications is April 24, 2025.