

October 13, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE KERN REGIONAL TRANSIT
TO SUBMIT UPDATED GRANT APPLICATION SEEKING LCTOP FUNDING (All S.D.s)**
(Fiscal Impact: None)

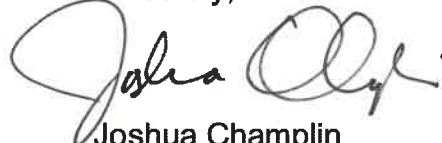
The Public Works Department requests your Board's approval to submit updated grant applications seeking funds from the State's Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). The California Department of Transportation, Division of Rail and Mass Transportation (DOT), requires governing Board authorization for this process.

The California Legislature established the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program by Senate Bill 862 in 2014. The Low Carbon Transit Operations Program is a program created via SB 862 to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve mobility, with priority on serving disadvantaged communities.

On April 14, 2026, the Board approved Resolution No. 2026-153 authorizing Kern Regional Transit to submit two grant applications to receive LCTOP funding for two projects: 1) free rides for students with an initial request amount of \$170,000 and 2) construction of Mojave maintenance facility with an initial request amount of \$127,970. Due to changes in the LCTOP program associated with SB 840, the FY 2025-2026 total funding amounts were split into two cycles resulting in an additional amount to be made available for the funding of our proposed projects. Subsequent to the Cycle A Approval, LCTOP Cycle B funding became available in the amount of \$30,000 for our free rides for students project for an updated total project request amount of \$200,000 and \$160,269 for the construction of Mojave maintenance facility project for an updated total project request amount of \$288,239. The funding agency has advised that an updated/approved resolution reflecting the total project funding, including both Cycle A and Cycle B allocations, is required for the current funding cycle.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED, that your Board approve and adopt the Resolution authorizing Kern Transit to submit two updated grant applications to receive LCTOP funding for two projects: 1) free rides for students and 2) construction of Mojave maintenance facility; and authorize Chairman to sign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Champlin".

Joshua Champlin
Director

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. _____

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
KERN TRANSIT TO SUBMIT UPDATED
LCTOP GRANT APPLICATION**

I, NANCY ANDERSON, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at a regular meeting on the 13th day of October 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

NANCY ANDERSON
County Administrative Officer
Clerk of the Board

Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

(a) Kern Regional Transit is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

(b) The statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

(c) Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

(d) The Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

(e) Kern Regional Transit wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Joshua Champlin, Director of Kern County Public Works, OR Angela Willis, Public Works Manager; and

(f) Kern Transit wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed below.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

1. Kern Regional Transit agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances, applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

2. Joshua Champlin, Director of Kern County Public Works, or Angela Willis, Public Works Manager, are authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

3. Kern Regional Transit is authorized to submit the following two project nominations and two allocation requests to the Department requesting award of FY 2025-2026 LCTOP funds:

Project Name: Free Rides for Students (K-Higher Education)

Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: \$200,000

Short Description of Project: Offer free fares to students attending elementary school, middle school, high school, and higher education classes such as colleges, universities, and vocational schools.

Benefit to Priority Populations: Yes, Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), Low-Income Communities (LIC), and LIC within ½ mile of a DAC.

Amount to Benefit Priority Populations: \$200,000

Contributing Sponsor: City of Tehachapi

Project Name: Construction of Mojave Maintenance Facility

Amount of LCTOP Funds Requested: \$288,239

Short Description of Project: Kern Transit will be using this funding as local match for the Mojave maintenance facility construction project which is primarily funded through Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 funds.

Benefit to Priority Populations: Yes, Disadvantaged Communities (DAC)
Amount to Benefit Priority Populations: \$288,239

4. The Clerk of this Board shall transmit copies of this Resolution to:

General Services
County Administrative Office
County Counsel
Public Works – Transit

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