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Subject: **ADOPTION OF 2017 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUNDS**  
**RESOLUTION G-17-26, AMENDING RESOLUTION G-16-32**

## **ISSUE:**

Should the California Transportation Commission (Commission) adopt the 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds as recommended by staff?

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Commission staff recommends that the Commission adopt the 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds in accordance with the attached resolution and the staff recommendations, noting any specific changes, corrections, or exceptions to staff recommendations.

In summary, staff recommends programming \$10,000,000 in Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds to three projects valued at \$16,274,000. This includes programming of \$7,100,000 to two projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged communities.

Commission staff recommends that the Commission adopt the following three projects into the 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds:

- 1) City of South Lake Tahoe – Sierra Boulevard Complete Streets Project
- 2) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority – Metro Bike Share USC/South Los Angeles/Expo Line Communities Expansion
- 3) San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments – Bike Share Expansion into the San Gabriel Valley

The Commission received 27 applications requesting funds from the 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Program. These applications were reviewed and evaluated by Commission, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and California Air Resources Board staff. While Commission and Caltrans staff evaluated project applications based on all aspects of the Commission's adopted guidance, the California Air Resources Board staff limited their review to project eligibility, greenhouse gas reductions, and disadvantaged

community benefit criteria. Based on the evaluations conducted, it was determined that 17 projects did not meet the requirements of the Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds and were removed from the evaluation process.

Of the 10 eligible projects remaining, based on the evaluations conducted, Commission staff recommends funding the three projects identified above and detailed further in Attachment A.

Due to the limited programming capacity available for the successful applicants, staff recommends funding only \$4,554,000 of the \$6,850,000 requested by the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for the Bike Share Expansion into the San Gabriel Valley project. Commission staff will work with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to determine if the project may be delivered with the funds available.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Assembly Bill (AB) 1613 (Budget Act of 2016), signed by the Governor on September 14, 2016, appropriated Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds totaling \$10 million for the Active Transportation Program necessitating an amendment to the 2017 Active Transportation Program Guidelines. The Commission adopted amendments to the Active Transportation Program Guidelines for the use of these funds at the October 2016 Commission meeting.

AB 1532 (Pérez, Chapter 807, Statutes of 2012), Senate Bill (SB) 535 (De León, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012), and SB 1018 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, Chapter 39, Statutes of 2012) provide the framework for how the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds must be appropriated and expended. Goals derived from AB 1532, established for the investment of auction proceeds, and SB 535, requirements for allocating funds to benefit disadvantaged communities, are:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Maximize economic, environmental, and public health benefits to the State;
- Foster job creation by promoting in-State greenhouse gas emission reduction projects carried out by California workers and businesses;
- Complement efforts to improve air quality;
- Direct investment toward the most disadvantaged communities and households in the State;
- Provide opportunities for businesses, public agencies, nonprofits, and other community institutions to participate in and benefit from statewide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Lessen the impacts and effects of climate change on the State's communities, economy, and environment.

Pursuant to AB 1613, the \$10 million appropriated from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Active Transportation Program must be allocated by the Commission no later than June 30, 2018 and liquidated by June 30, 2020.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds: Staff Recommendations
  
- Attachment B: Resolution G-17-26

**CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**ADOPTION OF THE 2017 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

**GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUNDS**

**RESOLUTION G-17-26**

**Amending Resolution No. G-16-32**

- 1.1** **WHEREAS**, the Active Transportation Program was created by Senate Bill 99 (Chapter 359, Statutes of 2013) to encourage increased use of active modes of transportation, such as biking and walking; and
- 1.2** **WHEREAS**, Streets and Highways Code section 2384 requires the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to adopt a program of projects to receive allocations under the ATP; and
- 1.3** **WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1613, signed by the Governor on September 14, 2016, appropriated \$10 million from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Active Transportation Program; and
- 1.4** **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 535, set forth that no less than 25% of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds must be allocated to projects that benefit disadvantaged communities; and
- 1.5** **WHEREAS**, not all programs utilizing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds can contribute towards the disadvantaged community requirements, certain programs are required to exceed the statutory minimum; therefore, the Administration specified a 50% funding target for the Active Transportation Program; and
- 1.6** **WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2016, the Commission adopted an amendment to the 2017 ATP Guidelines for the use of Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds and issued a call for projects on June 1, 2017; and
- 1.7** **WHEREAS**, the Commission staff recommendations for the 2017 Active Transportation Program were published on July 31, 2017; and
- 1.8** **WHEREAS**, Streets and Highways Code section 2382(a) requires the California Transportation Commission (Commission) to develop guidelines for the Active Transportation Program; and

- 1.9** WHEREAS, the staff recommendations conform to the Fund Estimate and other requirements of the Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds; and
- 1.10** WHEREAS, the Commission considered staff recommendations and public testimony at its August 16-17, 2017 meeting.
- 2.1** NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby adopts the 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds to include the program described in the staff recommendations, including the attachment to this resolution; and
- 2.2** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department will continue to work with project sponsors to resolve any project component eligibility and deliverability issues, and report back to the Commission with project specific programming recommendations to resolve those issues; and
- 2.3** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that having a project included in the adopted 2017 Active Transportation Program – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds, is not authorization to begin work on that project. Contracts may not be awarded nor work begin until an allocation is approved by the Commission for a project in the adopted program; and
- 2.4** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if available funding is less than assumed in the Fund Estimate, the Commission may be forced to delay or restrict allocations using interim allocation plans, or, if available funding proves to be greater than assumed, it may be possible to allocate funding to some projects earlier than the year programmed.

**2017 Active Transportation Program - Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds  
(\$1,000's)  
Staff Recommendations**

Application ID	Co	Project Title	DAC SB 535 (CES 2.0)	Total Project Cost	Total Fund Request	Funding Recommendation	17-18	CON	CON NI
3-South Lake Tahoe-1	ED	Sierra Boulevard Complete Streets Project		6,267	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	0
7-Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority-2	LA	Metro Bike Share USC/South LA/Expo Line Communities Expansion	X	2,546	2,546	2,546	2,546	2,287	259
7-San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments-1*	LA	Bike Share Expansion into the San Gabriel Valley	X	7,461	6,850	4,554	6,850	6,577	273
		Totals		16,274	12,296	10,000	12,296	11,764	532

\* Applicant requested \$6850. \$4554 was the remaining available funding. Commission staff will work with the applicant to determine if the project can be delivered with available ATP - GGRF funding

CES: CalEnviroScreen

CON: Construction Funding

DAC: Benefit to Disadvantaged Communities

NI: Non-Infrastructure