

STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Approval of Resolution Authorizing an Application for Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 Funding

FROM: Jennifer Yeamans, Senior Grants & Management Specialist

DATE: June 23, 2020

Action Requested

Staff requests the Committee recommend Board approval of Resolution 18-2020 to receive funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program for continued operations of Wheels Route 14 serving North Livermore. This resolution is required to receive approval of LAVTA’s proposed project from MTC and subsequently receive funding from Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for this purpose.

Background

The Lifeline Transportation Program was established by MTC in 2005 to provide funding for community-based transportation projects in the nine Bay Area counties that are:

- intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents;
- developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process; and
- proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a substantive community-based transportation plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs.

In June 2020, MTC released draft program guidelines (expected to be approved June 24) for Cycle 6 of the Lifeline Transportation Program, making just over \$7 million in FY19 & FY20 FTA Section 5307 formula funding administered by MTC available to the region’s transit operators to implement eligible projects. Funding is apportioned within the region by urbanized area and assigned to transit operators based on a formula developed by MTC for each urbanized area that is split 50/50 based on each transit agency’s low-income ridership and the share of transit service areas that falls within MTC-defined Communities of Concern. Per MTC’s formula, LAVTA is eligible to receive a total of \$94,183 for the two funding years. Eligible projects must meet the goals of the Lifeline Transportation Program, and a local match is required for all projects, with a minimum of 20% for capital projects and 50% for operating projects. A resolution of local support is also required.

Discussion

LAVTA has used regional Lifeline program funds from various sources to support continued operation of Route 14 service in North Livermore since the program’s inception in 2005. Route 14 serves the most concentrated area of low-income residents in LAVTA’s service area, the

North Livermore community. A map showing the location of the North Livermore Community and Route 14 service is shown in Attachment 2.

Following implementation of the Comprehensive Operations Analysis in 2016, which included extensive public-outreach efforts including outreach directed to low-income riders and community members, the original Route 14 community circulator was redesigned to provide direct, one-seat rides from North Livermore to a wider range of essential destinations, including the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, the Livermore Transit Center/ACE, and a greater number of employment, shopping, medical, recreational, and social-service destinations.

LAVTA’s request to MTC will provide for two years of funding to support continued operation of the Route 14, including the required 50% local match, for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

Project Budget

The proposed project budget and schedule is as follows, pending approval by Alameda CTC and MTC.

Fund Source	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	Total
Lifeline Cycle 6 request (FTA 5307)	\$47,091	\$47,092	\$94,183
TDA 4.0	\$47,091	\$47,092	\$94,183
Total Budget	\$94,182	\$94,184	\$188,366

Next Steps

If funding for the project is approved by MTC, LAVTA will request these funds from FTA for FY 2020-21 and include these funds in the FY 2021-22 budget.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Committee forward Resolution 18-2020 to the Board for approval, in support of a funding request to MTC for the Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program for continued operations of Wheels Route 14 serving North Livermore.

Attachments:

1. Resolution 18-2020 for Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 Funding Request
2. Route 14 Map showing location of North Livermore Low Income Community

RESOLUTION 18-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
TO REQUEST LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 6
FUNDING FROM THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
FOR ROUTE 14 OPERATION ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has established a Lifeline Transportation Program to assist in funding projects that 1) are intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties; 2) are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process; and 3) are proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a substantive community-based transportation plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs; and

WHEREAS MTC has adopted principles, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4416, to guide implementation of the Lifeline Transportation Program for the two-year period from Fiscal Year 2018-19 and Fiscal Year 2019-20, and MTC has solicited applications from transit operators (eligible recipients of FTA Section 5307 funds) from each of the nine Bay Area counties to propose projects for Lifeline Cycle 6 funding; and

WHEREAS the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) has generally conducted a broad, inclusive public involvement process, and has used multiple methods of public outreach in identifying projects for the Lifeline Transportation Program in Alameda County; and

WHEREAS LAVTA submitted a project in response to the solicitation of applications/call for projects; and

WHEREAS LAVTA has confirmed that proposed project(s), described more fully on Attachment A to this Resolution, attached to and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, is consistent with the Lifeline Transportation Program goals as set out in MTC Resolution No. 4416; and

WHEREAS LAVTA recommends that the proposed project(s), described more fully on Attachment A to this Resolution, attached to and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, be funded in part under the Lifeline Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS LAVTA agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the Lifeline Transportation Program, provide for the required local matching funds, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4416; and

WHEREAS LAVTA certifies that the project(s) and purpose(s) for which funds are being requested is in compliance with the requirements of the California

Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.) and if relevant the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et seq. and the applicable regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS there is no legal impediment to LAVTA making the funding request; and

WHEREAS there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of LAVTA to deliver the proposed project(s) for which funds are being requested;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) requests that MTC program funds available under its Lifeline Transportation Program, in the amounts requested for which LAVTA is eligible, for the project(s) described in Attachment A of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that LAVTA staff shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, and such other agencies as may be appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY the governing board of the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority on this 6th day of July 2020.

Bob Woerner, Chair

Attest:

Michael Tree, Executive Director

**ATTACHMENT A
Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 Projects**

Project Name	Project Description	Lifeline Transportation Program Funding Amounts		Local Match Amount	Total Project Cost
		5307	Total Lifeline Funding		
Route 14 Operating Assistance	Operating assistance for Wheels Route 14, providing service from the North Livermore community to the Livermore Transit Center, East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station, and other essential employment, shopping, healthcare, and human services destinations.	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total		\$	\$	\$	\$

Route 14 Map Showing North Livermore Community

