FY 2025-26 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) and Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Award Recommendations

Programming and Allocations Committee

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LCTOP Funding Background

State Cap and Trade/Cap and Invest Funding Program managed by Caltrans, with funding allocated to:

- Transit operators based on ridership
- MPOs based on population

FY 2025-26 Program distributed in two cycles

Cycle A	Cycle B
• Full year • Final amounts known • Due to Caltrans April 2026	• Half-year • Amounts estimated, will be finalized in July/August • Due to Caltrans Sept/Oct 2026

FY 2025-26 LCTOP Funding Distribution

FY 2026 Programming Recommended via Res. 4273

LCTOP Framework Category	Cycle A Amount	Cycle B Estimates
North Counties and Small Operators	$4,336,574	$2,165,000
Key Transit Corridors (Transit Performance Initiative)	$8,538,513	$4,268,000
TOTAL	**$ 12,875,087**	**$ 6,433,000**

North Counties/Small Operators Formula Distribution

Projects selected by operators or county transportation authorities

- **$4.3M in Cycle A** and approx. **$2.2M in Cycle B** funds to 16 projects:
  - Nearly 37% of funds for zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure
  - Other projects fund service expansion, free or reduced fare programs across the region
  - Over 78% of funds support projects in disadvantaged communities

Transit Performance Initiative Call for Projects

TPI Program funds cost-effective and quick to implement transit capital projects that boost speed, reliability, and rider experience

- FY 2025-26 Call for Projects initiated in late 2025
- Seven applications received
- Scoring criteria:
  - 60% Impact and cost effectiveness
  - 20% Regional and local policy support
  - 20% Readiness, capacity, and partner support

TPI Award Recommendations

Applicant	Project Title	Avg. Score	Recommended Award
SFMTA	Fillmore Street Transit & Safety Project	41.6	$2,890,000 (Cycle A)
VTA	TSP Implementation for Routes 66/68/568	40.5	$5,103,125 (Cycle A)
LAVTA	West Dublin/Pleasanton BART Station Transit Access Capacity Improvements	40.3	$249,000 (Cycle A)
SamTrans	Redwood City/El Camino Real Bus Boarding Islands and Bus Stop Balancing Project	39.4	$3,319,858 (Cycle A + B, partial award)
AC Transit	International Boulevard Transit-Lane Delineation Project	37.1	$1,244,530 (Cycle B, partial award)

Not Recommended for funding: NVTA Operations project – not eligible;
ECCTA CAD/AVL Replacement – Avg score 28.6, better-fit funding sources available

Recommended Action

- Approval of MTC resolution No. 4273, revised, to program MTC's FY 2026 LCTOP funding for both Cycle A and Cycle B, including:
  - Formula distribution to North Counties and Small Operators
  - Competitive Transit Performance Initiative awards under "Key Transit Corridors" category