



# FY 2023-2024 LCTOP Authorized Agent

**AS THE CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

**OF THE VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorize the following individual(s) to execute for and on behalf of the Ventura County Transportation Commission, any actions necessary for the purpose of obtaining Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) funds provided by the California Department of Transportation, Division of Local Assistance. I understand that if there is a change in the authorized agent, the project sponsor must submit a new form. This form is required even when the authorized agent is the executive authority himself. I understand the Board must provide a resolution approving the Authorized Agent. The Board Resolution appointing the Authorized Agent is attached.

Martin Erickson, Executive Director OR  
*(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)*

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*(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)*

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*(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)*

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*(Name and Title of Authorized Agent)*

Matt Lavere Chair  
*(Print Name)* *(Title)*

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*(Signature)*

Approved this 5 day of April, 2024



## FY 2023-2024 LCTOP Certifications and Assurances

**Lead Agency:** Ventura County Transportation Commission

**Project Title:** Free Fare Program and Metrolink Weekend Service

**Prepared by:** Heather L. Miller

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has adopted the following Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). As a condition of the receipt of LCTOP funds, Lead Agency must comply with these terms and conditions.

### **A. General**

1. The Lead Agency agrees to abide by the current LCTOP Guidelines and applicable legal requirements.
2. The Lead Agency must submit to Caltrans a signed Authorized Agent form designating the representative who can submit documents on behalf of the project sponsor and a copy of the board resolution appointing the Authorized Agent.

### **B. Project Administration**

1. The Lead Agency certifies that required environmental documentation is complete before requesting an allocation of LCTOP funds. The Lead Agency assures that projects approved for LCTOP funding comply with Public Resources Code § 21100 and § 21150.
2. The Lead Agency certifies that a dedicated bank account for LCTOP funds only will be established within 30 days of receipt of LCTOP funds.
3. The Lead Agency certifies that when LCTOP funds are used for a transit capital project, that the project will be completed and remain in operation for its useful life.
4. The Lead Agency certifies that it has the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the project, including the safety and security aspects of that project.
5. The Lead Agency certifies that they will notify Caltrans of pending litigation, dispute, or negative audit findings related to the project, before receiving an allocation of funds.
6. The Lead Agency must maintain satisfactory continuing control over the use of project equipment and facilities and will adequately maintain project equipment and facilities for the useful life of the project.
7. Any interest the Lead Agency earns on LCTOP funds must be used only on approved LCTOP projects.

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8. The Lead Agency must notify Caltrans of any changes to the approved project with a Corrective Action Plan (CAP).
9. Under extraordinary circumstances, a Lead Agency may terminate a project prior to completion. In the event the Lead Agency terminates a project prior to completion, the Lead Agency must (1) contact Caltrans in writing and follow-up with a phone call verifying receipt of such notice; (2) pursuant to verification, submit a final report indicating the reason for the termination and demonstrating the expended funds were used on the intended purpose; (3) submit a request to reassign the funds to a new project within 180 days of termination.

### C. Reporting

#### 1. The Lead Agency must submit the following LCTOP reports:

- a. **Annual Project Activity Reports October 30<sup>th</sup> each year.**
- b. **A Close Out Report within six months of project completion.**
- c. **The annual audit required under the Transportation Development Act (TDA), to verify receipt and appropriate expenditure of LCTOP funds. A copy of the audit report must be submitted to Caltrans within six months of the close of the year (December 31) each year in which LCTOP funds have been received or expended.**
- d. **Project Outcome Reporting as defined by CARB Funding Guidelines.**
- e. **Jobs Reporting as defined by CARB Funding Guidelines.**

2. Other Reporting Requirements: CARB develops and revises Funding Guidelines that will include reporting requirements for all State agencies that receive appropriations from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Caltrans and project sponsors will need to submit reporting information in accordance with CARB's Funding Guidelines, including reporting on greenhouse gas reductions and benefits to disadvantaged communities.

### D. Cost Principles

1. The Lead Agency agrees to comply with Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations 225 (2 CFR 225), Cost Principles for State and Local Government, and 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
2. The Lead Agency agrees, and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors will be obligated to agree, that:
  - a. Contract Cost Principles and Procedures, 48 CFR, Federal Acquisition Regulations System, Chapter 1, Part 31, et seq., shall be used to determine the allow ability of individual project cost items and

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- b. Those parties shall comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments. Every sub-recipient receiving LCTOP funds as a contractor or sub-contractor shall comply with Federal administrative procedures in accordance with 2 CFR, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.
3. Any project cost for which the Lead Agency has received funds that are determined by subsequent audit to be unallowable under 2 CFR 225, 48 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 31 or 2 CFR, Part 200, are subject to repayment by the Lead Agency to the State of California (State). All projects must reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as required under Public Resources Code section 75230, and any project that fails to reduce greenhouse gases shall also have its project costs subject to repayment by the Lead Agency to the State. Should the Lead Agency fail to reimburse moneys due to the State within thirty (30) days of demand, or within such other period as may be agreed in writing between the Parties hereto, the State is authorized to intercept and withhold future payments due the Lead Agency from the State or any third-party source, including but not limited to, the State Treasurer and the State Controller.

### A. Record Retention

1. The Lead Agency agrees and will assure that its contractors and subcontractors shall establish and maintain an accounting system and records that properly accumulate and segregate incurred project costs and matching funds by line item for the project. The accounting system of the Lead Agency, its contractors and all subcontractors shall conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and enable the determination of incurred costs at interim points of completion. All accounting records and other supporting papers of the Lead Agency, its contractors and subcontractors connected with LCTOP funding shall be maintained for a minimum of three (3) years after the "Project Closeout" report or final Phase 2 report is submitted (per CARB Funding Guidelines, Vol. 3, page 3.A-16), and shall be held open to inspection, copying, and audit by representatives of the State and the California State Auditor. Copies thereof will be furnished by the Lead Agency, its contractors, and subcontractors upon receipt of any request made by the State or its agents. In conducting an audit of the costs claimed, the State will rely to the maximum extent possible on any prior audit of the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of federal and State law. In the absence of such an audit, any acceptable audit work performed by the Lead Agency's external and internal auditors may be relied upon and used by the State when planning and conducting additional audits.
2. For the purpose of determining compliance with Title 21, California Code of Regulations, Section 2500 et seq., when applicable, and other matters connected with



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the performance of the Lead Agency's contracts with third parties pursuant to Government Code § 8546.7, the project sponsor, its contractors and subcontractors and the State shall each maintain and make available for inspection all books, documents, papers, accounting records, and other evidence pertaining to the performance of such contracts, including, but not limited to, the costs of administering those various contracts. All of the above referenced parties shall make such materials available at their respective offices at all reasonable times during the entire project period and for three (3) years from the date of final payment. The State, the California State Auditor, or any duly authorized representative of the State, shall each have access to any books, records, and documents that are pertinent to a project for audits, examinations, excerpts, and transactions, and the Lead Agency shall furnish copies thereof if requested.

3. The Lead Agency, its contractors and subcontractors will permit access to all records of employment, employment advertisements, employment application forms, and other pertinent data and records by the Civil Rights Department, or any other agency of the State of California designated by the State, for the purpose of any investigation to ascertain compliance with this document.

### F. Special Situations

Caltrans may perform an audit and/or request detailed project information of the project sponsor's LCTOP funded projects at Caltrans' discretion at any time prior to the completion of the LCTOP.

I certify all these conditions will be met.

Martin R. Erickson

*(Print Authorized Agent)*

Executive Director

*(Title)*

*(Signature)*

*(Date)*



## FY 2023-2024 LCTOP Board Resolution

RESOLUTION #2024-03

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE  
CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS  
FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT(S):  
**\$2,174,000 for the “Free Fare” program; and**  
**\$415,000 for “Metrolink Weekend Service”**

**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Transportation Commission is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for transit projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Transportation Commission wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to Martin Erickson as the Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission.

**WHEREAS**, the Ventura County Transportation Commission wishes to implement the following LCTOP project(s) listed above,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Transportation Commission that the fund recipient agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Martin Erickson as the Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Ventura County Transportation Commission that it hereby authorizes the submittal of the following project nomination(s) and allocation request(s) to the Department in FY2023-2024 LCTOP funds:  
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**\$2,174,000 for the “Free Fare” program and;  
\$415,000 for “Metrolink Weekend Service”**

**Projects include:**

**Project Name: “Free Fare” Program and “Metrolink Weekend Service”.**

**Short description of project: Fare free transit in Ventura County to college enrolled students and youth under the age of 18 as well as selected days for the general public; and Metrolink Weekend Service providing train service on the weekend on the Ventura County line.**

**Amount of LCTOP funds requested: \$2,174,000 for the “Free Fare” program and \$415,000 for the Metrolink Weekend Service for a total allocation request of \$2,589,900 in FY 2023/24 LCTOP funds.**

**Benefit to a Priority Populations: Yes**

**Amount to benefit Priority Populations: at least 50%**

**Contributing Sponsors (if applicable): Cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks for the “Free Fare” program.**

AGENCY BOARD DESIGNEE:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Matt Lavere, VCTC Chair

ATTEST:

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Roxanna Ibarra, Clerk of the Commission

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Steven Mattas, General Counsel