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STAFF REPORT

Date: December 6, 2023

To: TRPA Governing Board

From: TRPA Staff

Subject: Allocation of Fiscal Year 2023/24 California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program Funding

Summary and Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution allocating fiscal year 2023/24 California Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program funding to the Tahoe Transportation District and Placer County to support public transit in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Required Motions:

In order to adopt the proposed resolution, the Board must make the following motion, based on the staff report:

- 1) A motion to adopt the resolution 2023-__ shown in Attachment A

In order for motion to pass, an affirmative vote of any eight Board members is required.

Project Description/Background:

The Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) was created by California Senate Bill (SB) 862 (Chapter 36, Statutes of 2014) and modified by SB 9 (Chapter 710, Statutes of 2015), to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, urban rail systems, and bus and ferry transit systems, to significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. AB 102 (Chapter 38, Statutes of 2023) and SB 125 (Chapter 54, Statutes of 2023) amended the Budget Act of 2023 to appropriate \$4,000,000,000 of General Fund to the TIRCP over the next two fiscal years as well as \$910,000,000 of GGRF funding and \$190,000,000 of Public Transportation Account (PTA) funding over the next four fiscal years to establish the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP). SB 125 provided additional direction with regards to the funding appropriated in the California Budget Act of 2023. It created specific categories for funding as follows:

1. **TIRCP** - \$3,995,000,000 over the next two fiscal years (FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25) shall be distributed pursuant to a population-based formula to regional transportation planning agencies (RTPAs) as defined in Section 7 of these guidelines. The bill authorizes RTPAs to use the funds for high-priority transit capital projects that both increase ridership and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The funding may also be used to fund transit operating expenses that prevent service cuts and increase ridership for operators within the RTPA's jurisdiction, subject to compliance with requirements and further detail described in Section 6 of the TIRCP guidelines.

2. **ZETCP** - \$1,100,000,000 over the next four fiscal years (FY 2023/24 through FY 2026/27) shall be for the establishment of the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) and requires funds under the program to be allocated to RTPAs pursuant to a population-based formula and another formula based on transit operator revenues within the jurisdiction of these RTPAs, as specified (the formula described is consistent with the current State Transit Assistance formula). The bill authorizes RTPAs to use the moneys for zero emission transit equipment, including, but not limited to, zero-emission vehicles and refueling infrastructure and, subject to compliance with requirements described in Section 6 of the TIRCP guidelines, to use those moneys to fund transit operating expenditures that prevent service reduction or elimination in order to maintain or increase ridership.

TRPA staff received notification that the TIRCP Final Guidelines were approved on September 29, 2023, confirming the FY 2023/24 TIRCP and ZETCP allocation amounts. As the RTPA, it is TRPA's role to allocate TIRCP and ZETCP funding to each project sponsor under the authority of TRPA. According to the TIRCP Final Guidelines, TRPA's allocation for FY 2023/24 TIRCP is \$5,753,283 and \$596,916 for FY 2023/24 ZETCP. TRPA Staff has coordinated with TTD and Placer County to determine a proposed list of projects for allocation based on each transit operator's documented needs. The allocation proposal also includes funds for TRPA administration of the program limited to 1% of the overall allocation. The proposed program of projects is shown in Attachment B.

Per the TIRCP and ZETCP guidelines, TRPA will work with TTD and Placer County to prepare and submit an Initial Allocation Package by December 31, 2023 and allocate FY 2023/24 funding to TTD and Placer County following TRPA's receipt of funding from the State of California (estimated to be no later than April 30, 2024).

Contact Information:

For questions regarding this agenda item, please contact Nick Haven, MPO Director, at (775) 589-5256 or nhaven@trpa.gov.

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Attachments:

- A. Resolution 2023-____
- B. TIRCP – ZETCP FY 2023/24 Proposed Program of Projects

Attachment A
Resolution 2023-____

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - _____

ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2023/24 TRANSIT AND INTERCITY RAIL CAPITAL PROGRAM AND ZERO
EMISSION TRANSIT CAPITAL PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 29532.1(b) identifies Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) as the designated regional transportation planning agency for the Lake Tahoe Basin; and is responsible for the planning, allocating and/or programming of funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2023, the California State Transportation Agency approved the Budget Act of 2023 SB 125 Formula-Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) Final Guidelines and allocation amounts for the 2023/24 fiscal year (FY); and

WHEREAS, TRPA is responsible for allocating TIRCP and ZETCP funds to eligible project sponsors under the authority of TRPA; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has determined that a total of \$5,753,283 in TIRCP FY 2023/24 funds and \$596,916 in ZETCP FY 2023/24 funds are available for transit purposes, subject to consistency with the California State Transportation Agency's SB 125 TIRCP and ZETCP Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) and Placer County are qualifying transit operators and may receive state funding from the TIRCP and ZETCP program; and

WHEREAS, TRPA has determined appropriate TIRCP and ZETCP projects consistent with applicable TTD and Placer County transit plans and TIRCP and ZETCP Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the eligible TIRCP and ZETCP projects involve transit fleet electrification, charging infrastructure, operational efficiency planning and analysis, program administration, and stabilizing operating funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency that TRPA agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) & Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) Final Guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the TRPA Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the TIRCP and ZETCP and any amendments thereto with the California State Transportation Agency;

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency this
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 by the following vote:

Ayes:
Nays:
Absent:

Cindy Gustafson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ITEM NO. 6 &
CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM NO. 6

Attachment B
TIRCP – ZTECP FY 2023/24 Proposed Program of Projects

Tahoe FY 2023/24 TIRCP and ZETCP (SB125) Proposed Program of Projects

December 2023

Recipient and Projects	FY 2023/24
Regional	
Transit Comprehensive Operational Analysis (TART/TTD/Other shuttle services)	\$ 800,000
TRPA Administration (reporting, planning & analysis, financial management, etc.)	\$ 63,000
Regional Subtotal	\$ 863,000
Placer County	
TART Connect Vehicle Procurement	\$ 1,490,000
TART Technology and Data Upgrades (Rider info, AVL, signage, APCs, Etc.)	\$ 217,000
TART Charging Infrastructure (TART Yard and Tahoe City Transit Center)	\$ 750,000
Placer County (TART) Subtotal	\$ 2,457,000
Tahoe Transportation District	
TTD existing maintenance facility upgrades (Shop St.)	\$ 700,000
Microtransit Vehicle Procurement	\$ 1,490,000
TTD Charging Infrastructure	\$ 340,199
South Shore Transit Operations support (Fixed to Micro Transition)	\$ 500,000
TTD Subtotal	\$ 3,030,199
TRPA Request Total	\$ 6,350,199
TRPA Revenue Total	\$ 6,350,199