Wheels Receives Funding Towards the Purchase of Two Hybrid Replacement Buses

LIVERMORE, Calif., July 11, 2016 – The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), operator of the popular Wheels bus system, received notification from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) that it has been approved for funding towards the purchase of two hybrid replacement buses.

The agency received $253,365 as part of the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). This program was established in the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable communities Program by Senate Bill 862 in 2014. The LCTOP draws funds from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support transit agencies in their efforts to increase transit ridership and achieve set regional greenhouse reduction goals.

The new buses will be used on LAVTA’s commuter route 70X which connects the Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, and Dublin/Pleasanton BART stations. Currently, the agency has 20 hybrid buses and plans to transition to running electric buses in the future.

About the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority

The Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) is the provider of the Wheels fixed bus routes and paratransit service in the Tri-Valley area. Wheels was founded in 1985 by the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton and Alameda County to serve the community’s transit needs and interests. Wheels’ mission is to provide equal access to a variety of safe, customer oriented, reliable, and affordable public transportation choices, increasing the mobility and improving the quality of life of those who live, work in or visit the Tri-Valley.

Wheels supports environmental sustainability by eliminating thousands of car trips off local roads, easing traffic congestion and helping to keep the air clean in Tri-Valley. We are able to continually provide services through the support of federal, state and local funding, including Alameda County’s Measures B and BB. Wheels serves nearly 2 million customers a year with our Wheels fixed bus routes and our paratransit services.

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