



## CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager

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**MEETING DATE:** June 23, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Resolution 2026-93, Providing Authorization for the Execution of the Certification and Assurances and Authorized Agent Forms for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) for the Following Project: Free Fare Program in the Amount of \$122,249

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### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt Resolution 2026-93

### **BACKGROUND:**

LCTOP is one of several programs that are part of the Transit, Affordable Housing, and Sustainable Communities Program established by the California Legislature in 2014 by Senate Bill 862.

The LCTOP was created to provide operating and capital assistance for transit agencies to reduce greenhouse gas emission and improve mobility, with a priority on serving disadvantaged communities. Approved projects in LCTOP are intended to support new or expanded bus or rail services, expand intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance and other costs to operate those services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Banning, in working with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), requested an allocation of LCTOP funds in the amount of \$122,249 to fund an additional year of the Free Fare Program for students, seniors, persons with disabilities, veterans and City of Banning residents with proper identification.

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The Free Fare Program is intended to support transit operations and promote the use of public transportation. The Free Fare Program will also help meet LCTOP's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving mobility within disadvantaged communities. It also allows the City of Banning to take advantage of the \$122,249 LCTOP funds which will be used to supplement free rides provided to the community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If approved, staff will have the authority to execute and submit the required documentation to receive LCTOP funds in the amount of \$122,249. The revenue budget associated with this program will be included in the proposed FY 2026/27 Operating Budget. There is no impact on the General Fund associated with this action.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. [Resolution\\_2026-93\\_LCTOP JT.docx](#)
2. [Certifications and Assurances LCTOP FY27.docx](#)
3. [FY 26-27 Authorized Agent form.docx](#)
4. [RCTC's LCTOP Contributing Sponsor Letter FY 25-26.pdf](#)