

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 7/22/2026

Staff Report No. 26-285

TO: AC Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Salvador Llamas, General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026-27 Caltrans Planning Grant

ACTION ITEM

AGENDA PLANNING REQUEST: ☐

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Consider adoption of Resolution No. 26-020 authorizing the General Manager or designee to file and execute agreements with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Funds for the Bus Operator Restroom Access and Service Reliability Study.

Staff Contact:
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STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE:

Goal - Financial Stability and Resiliency
Initiative - Financial Efficiency and Revenue Maximization

This resolution authorizes entering into a grant agreement with Caltrans for a study that will improve transit service and conditions for bus operators.

BUDGETARY/FISCAL IMPACT:

AC Transit will receive \$247,883 of federal funds administered by Caltrans through their Sustainable Transportation Planning grant program. These funds will be dedicated to AC Transit staff time spent on completing the study and its tasks as detailed in the grant agreement. The required match of \$32,116 will be fulfilled through District funded staff time.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

On September 18, 2025, Caltrans released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the FY 2026-27 cycle of the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant program, with \$4.5 million available statewide for the Strategic Partnerships project category. AC Transit submitted an application for a project in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), Bus Operator Restroom Access and Service Reliability Study. On May 29, 2026, Caltrans provided AC Transit with a conditional award. One condition of award is a Resolution of Local Support.

The Bus Operator Restroom Access and Service Reliability Study will evaluate existing conditions, conduct

analysis, engage in targeted outreach, convene a Project Advisory Committee, and produce a final plan that will come back to the AC Transit Board of Directors.

Staff recommend adopting the resolution to allow acceptance of these grant funds from Caltrans to perform the Study.

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES:

This grant will fund staff time to conduct a study to improve conditions for bus operators and increase service reliability.

There are no disadvantages to accepting these grant funds.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS:

The only alternative is to decline the grant award. There are no benefits of declining these funds and staff do not recommend this alternative.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION/POLICIES:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 26-020

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