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## **LAKE TRANSIT AUTHORITY AWARDED \$13M GRANT FOR NEW CLEARLAKE TRANSIT HUB AND FLEET MODERNIZATION**

**LAKE COUNTY, CA** — Lake Transit Authority (LTA) is excited to announce that it has been awarded \$13M in grant funding through the State of California’s Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) to fund the construction of a new transit center and supporting infrastructure in the City of Clearlake. The TIRCP was created by Senate Bill 862 to provide grants from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) to fund transformative capital improvements that will modernize California’s transit systems and significantly reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, vehicle miles traveled, and congestion. Lisa Davey-Bates, Executive Director of Lake Transit Authority, stated she was “elated to hear the news because this grant program is extremely competitive and, historically, rural applicants have seen little success.” LTA’s TIRCP application, submitted in January, was one of 45 applications received by the California State Transportation Agency. A total of \$2.45B was requested through the current cycle, with LTA receiving a share of \$500M awarded statewide.

This grant award will fund the construction of the new transit hub in Clearlake, the purchase of four hydrogen buses and the necessary fueling/maintenance infrastructure and provide funding for workforce development in coordination with local community colleges. The new hub, likely to be located on South Center Drive in Clearlake, will create more efficient bus routes, improve safety and security for riders, and increase ridership. The fueling and maintenance infrastructure will be located at LTA’s existing operations facility in Lower Lake.

This project is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2020 (once the grant funds become available) and is anticipated to take several years to complete. Project updates will be available on the Lake Transit Authority website, <http://www.laketransit.org>. For more information, contact Lake Transit Authority at 707-263-7868.

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