

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Programming and Allocations Committee**

October 12, 2022

Agenda Item 2f - 22-1459

**MTC Resolution No. 4519, Revised**

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**Subject:**

An update to the Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects to reflect the programming of State Transit Assistance Population-Based funds to 22 transit operators for the Clipper® BayPass program as well as additional updates to the overall program of projects.

**Background:**

In September 2021, the Commission received and accepted the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force's 27-point Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan sets a course for accelerating the Bay Area's transit network transformation while integrating with recovery actions that are on-going in the wake of the pandemic. Central to the Action Plan was a focus on three initiatives that were underway prior to the pandemic. These initiatives--Fare Integration and Policy, Regional Mapping and Wayfinding (Customer Information), and Transit Priority on Roadways were identified and endorsed for accelerated action and focus.

In June 2022, the Commission endorsed a Blue Ribbon Funding Framework, Program of Projects, and programmed approximately \$117 million to support implementation of the Action Plan. The \$117 million is comprised of \$85 million in Blue Ribbon funding (via MTC Resolution No. 4519) and \$31.6 million in OBAG 3 funding (via MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised).

**Transit Transformation Action Plan Programming Update:**

The \$85 million in near-term Blue Ribbon funding comes from a commitment made by the Commission during the programming of American Rescue Plan (ARP) federal COVID-relief funds. The Blue Ribbon Action Plan Program of Projects, Attachment B, identifies the programmed amounts for each of the five initiatives plus staffing support. Specific programming actions within each initiative are being brought to the Commission as projects are ready to move forward.

This month's programming action includes the following:

- **Fare Coordination/Integration (Action Plan Actions # 1-3):** The programming of \$2.3 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) Population-Based funds to 22 transit operators (as detailed in Attachment B) for their participation in the first year of the two-year Clipper BayPass Pilot program (Institutional Pass Pilot). The remaining \$3.7 million of the \$6 million set aside for the Clipper BayPass Pilot program will be programmed to transit operators in the future. Note that \$22 million remains to be programmed in the Program of Projects to future fare coordination/integration implementation activities, beyond the Clipper BayPass Pilot.
- **Regional Mapping and Wayfinding (Action Plan Actions # 4-6):** \$2 million (roughly \$0.6 million in STA Population-Based funds and \$1.4 million in Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 Formula Funds) to the Mapping and Wayfinding Standards project. The remaining \$16.2 million of the \$18.2 million set aside for Regional Mapping and Wayfinding implementation will be programmed in the future.
- **Accessibility (Action Plan Actions # 21-25):** \$2 million in STA Population-Based funds to support the inclusion of paratransit services in the Clipper system. The remaining \$2.6 million in funds set aside for Accessibility actions will be programmed in the future.
- **Staff Support:** \$4.0 million to be programmed to transit operators for staff support of Action Plan implementation. Programming amounts for specific transit operators will be taken in a future action. \$1.0 million to be programmed to MTC for staff support of Action Plan implementation.

Formal fund allocations for each of the above Action Plan programming actions will occur via a separate MTC resolution for each applicable fund source. Transit Capital Priority (TCP) Program fund programming occurred in September 2022. Agenda Item 2e (MTC Resolution No. 4524, Revised) contains allocations of STA funds noted in the above programming actions. Allocations of under \$1 million in STA funds will occur via the Executive Director's Delegated Authority.

Attachment 1 to this item includes the revised anticipated funding contributions from transit operators for the \$85 million in Blue Ribbon funding framework funds that were identified during the ARP programming process. The framework is updated to reflect a shift in funds for

BART and GGBHTD from Transit Capital Priorities/Federal Transit Administration funds to STA Revenue-Based funds. Only the fund source is changed, fund amounts remain unchanged

**Recommendations:**

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4519, Revised to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:**

- MTC Resolution No. 4519
- Attachment 1: Anticipated Funding Contribution by Operator and Fund Source



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Anticipated Funding Contribution by Operator and Fund Source  
to Support the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects  
Updated: October 2022

Operator	ARP \$85M Set-Aside Distribution	Fund Sources				Total	Notes
		STA Population-Based (Res. 4504)	STA Revenue-Based <sup>1</sup>	TCP/FTA Formula	OBAG 2		
AC Transit	\$ 6,175,442	\$ 6,175,442	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 6,175,442	
ACE	\$ 335,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 335,130		\$ 335,130	
BART	\$ 30,908,967	\$ 851,330	\$ 30,057,637	\$ -		\$ 30,908,967	
Caltrain	\$ 3,839,537	\$ -	\$ 1,919,769	\$ 1,919,768		\$ 3,839,537	
CCCTA	\$ 548,920	\$ 548,920	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 548,920	
ECCTA	\$ 178,426	\$ 178,426	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 178,426	
GGBHTD	\$ 5,390,277	\$ 1,048,348	\$ 4,341,929	\$ -		\$ 5,390,277	
LAVTA	\$ 535,322	\$ 535,322	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 535,322	
Marin Transit	\$ 243,613	\$ 243,613	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 243,613	
NVTA	\$ 216,814	\$ 216,814	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 216,814	
SamTrans	\$ 1,460,519	\$ 1,460,519	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,460,519	
SFMTA	\$ 26,921,813	\$ 3,853,147	\$ 11,534,333	\$ 11,534,333		\$ 26,921,813	
Solano County Operators	\$ 613,192	\$ 613,192	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 613,192	
Sonoma County Operators*	\$ 868,262	\$ 118,262	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750,000	\$ 868,262	2
TJPA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	
Union City Transit	\$ 42,344	\$ 42,344	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 42,344	
VTA	\$ 5,202,490	\$ 5,202,490	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 5,202,490	
WCCTA	\$ 270,627	\$ 270,627	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 270,627	
WETA	\$ 1,248,305	\$ -	\$ 1,248,305	\$ -		\$ 1,248,305	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 85,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 21,358,796</b>	<b>\$ 49,101,973</b>	<b>\$ 13,789,231</b>	<b>\$ 750,000</b>	<b>\$ 85,000,000</b>	

TCP/FTA is Transit Capital Priorities/Federal Transit Administration Funds

**Notes**

1. BART and GGBHTD requested in the summer of 2022 to change their originally proposed TCP/FTA contribution to STA Revenue-Based funds.
2. OBAG 2 funds were originally programmed to Sonoma to support transit integration and coordination planning. SCTA will use local funds for that work instead and are using this funding as part of their county's funding commitment.

Date: June 22, 2022  
W.I.: 1517  
Referred by: Programming and Allocations (PAC)  
Revised: 10/26/22-C

ABSTRACT  
Resolution No. 4519

This resolution adopts the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects.

The resolution contains the following attachments:

Attachment A – Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework  
Attachment B – Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects

On October 26, 2022, Attachment B was revised to reflect updated programming of funds to Transit Transformation Action Plan projects and to program State Transit Assistance Population-Based funds to 22 transit operators for their participation in the Clipper® BayPass pilot program (Institutional Pass Pilot).

Further information is contained in memorandum to the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 8, 2022 and October 12, 2022

Date: June 22, 2022  
W.I.: 1514  
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and Program of Projects

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4519

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region; and

WHEREAS, MTC, as the RTPA/MPO for the San Francisco Bay Area, is assigned programming and project selection responsibilities for certain state and federal funds; and

WHEREAS, MTC convened the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (Task Force) to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force developed and endorsed the Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan) in July 2021 and the Action Plan was received and accepted by MTC in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Action Plan identifies near-term actions needed to achieve a more connected, efficient, and user-focused mobility network across the Bay Area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (H.R. 1319) was signed into law in response to the nationwide Coronavirus pandemic and provides supplemental appropriations for Emergency Transit Operations Assistance through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area and Section 5311 Rural Area formula programs; and

WHEREAS, MTC approved an ARP funding distribution policy in MTC Resolution No. 4481, which identified that a minimum of \$85 million in ARP funds “should support the

implementation of certain recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force”; and

WHEREAS, to best position Bay Area transit agencies to compete for additional FTA discretionary financial assistance, MTC distributed the reserved \$85 million in ARP funds to operators and in return transit operators agreed to collectively provide an equivalent amount in alternate near-term revenue sources to implement the Action Plan and recommendations from the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, MTC staff, in discussion with transit operators have identified the contribution amounts by operator or county and likely fund sources in Attachment A, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework, incorporated herein as though set forth at length, and MTC staff is working with transit operators to secure these funds; and

WHEREAS, the fund sources identified in Attachment A, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework, may be subject to change; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives and related programming amounts for each initiative are identified in Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects, incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, each initiative identified in Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Action Plan Program of Projects will be comprised of one or more projects, which are or will be identified in Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Program of Projects; and

WHEREAS Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects, will be revised to identify projects and programming amounts under the various initiative as projects are ready to proceed; and

WHEREAS, programming and allocations of funds related to each initiative and project identified in Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects will be further subject to the program policies for each fund source, respectively; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework as set forth in Attachment A of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects and programming set forth in Attachment B of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or designee is authorized to revise the fund sources in Attachment A, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or designee may make technical adjustments and other non-substantial revisions to Attachment A, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and/or Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or designee is authorized to revise Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects, to add projects and related programming under each initiative up to \$1,000,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, staff shall return to the Commission to revise this Resolution to add projects and related programming that exceed \$1,000,000.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California and at other remote locations on June 22, 2022.



## **Attachment A: Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework**

### **I. Funding**

This funding framework pertains to the \$85 million in funds anticipated to be available to support implementation of the Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan was developed as part of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force and sets a course for accelerating the Bay Area's transit network transformation while integrating with recovery actions that are on-going in the wake of the pandemic.

As part of the distribution of federal COVID relief funds provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), MTC initially set aside a minimum amount of \$85 million in ARP funding for the implementation of Blue Ribbon initiatives. In October 2021, to address and optimize transit operator funding opportunities at the Federal level, the \$85 million was directly distributed to transit operators and, in exchange, transit operators agreed to work with MTC staff to identify alternate near-term revenue sources. Transit operators and County Transportation Agencies, in the case of Sonoma and Solano, have agreed to provide funding in the respective amounts shown in Table 1 to support implementation of the Action Plan.

The \$85 million in funding is focused on three initiatives to accelerate transformation of the transit system for the benefit of transit customers in the San Francisco Bay Area and to support on-going transit recovery in the wake of the pandemic. These initiatives are Fare Coordination/Integration, Regional Mapping and Wayfinding (Customer Information), and Transit Priority on Roadways. The \$85 million is primarily intended to support near-term implementation activities for these initiatives. A smaller share of the funds is also available to support other initiatives coming out of the Action Plan and to provide staff resources for implementation.

More funding is needed to fully implement the three accelerated initiatives as well as other actions in the Action Plan. MTC will collaborate with partner agencies, including transit operators, to advocate for and secure other funds to implement the Action Plan.

**Table 1: Funding Amounts by Operator**

<b>Operator</b>	<b>Funding</b>
AC Transit	\$ 6,175,442
ACE	\$ 335,130
BART	\$ 30,908,967
Caltrain	\$ 3,839,537
CCCTA	\$ 548,920
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 85,000,000</b>

**II. Fund Sources**

MTC and transit operators have identified a variety of fund sources to fulfill the \$85 million funding commitment. These potential fund sources include, but are not limited to:

- Population-based State Transit Assistance (STA);
- Revenue-based STA;
- Federal Transit Administration funds through the Transit Capital Priorities; and
- Federal STP/CMAQ funds through One Bay Area Grant Programs.

The specific fund sources will be identified through programming actions contained in Attachment B, Blue Ribbon Action Plan Program of Projects, to this resolution. MTC and transit operators will continue to work together to secure funds to fulfill the \$85 million funding commitment. MTC will be able to independently program some of these fund sources while others will require additional coordination with and participation of transit operators.

Funding exchanges may be needed to implement the Blue Ribbon Action Plan Program of Projects. MTC will pursue funding exchanges, as necessary, to fulfill the \$85 million funding commitment.

### **III. Programming and Allocations Process**

The Blue Ribbon Action Plan Program of Projects, Attachment B, identifies the programmed amounts for each initiative. Specific programming actions within each initiative will be taken as projects are ready to move forward. Should additional funding be secured to implement the projects identified in Attachment B, recommendations to shift funds between initiatives may be made based on project eligibility for different funding and overall needs of the Blue Ribbon Program.

Programming of funds, up to \$1 million, may be made through the Executive Director's Administrative Authority.

Additional actions may be needed following the adoption of the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects that are specific to the fund source assigned to a project. Project sponsors are responsible for ensuring completion and compliance with any additional actions needed to secure the funds identified for the project through this resolution in Attachment B.

A summary of subsequent actions necessary to obligate or encumber the expected fund sources is provided below. This information is not exhaustive and additional fund sources may be identified and incorporated into the Blue Ribbon Funding Plan at a future date. Project sponsors are responsible for complying with all policies related to the respective fund sources programmed to the project in Attachment B.

#### *State Transit Assistance Funds:*

An allocation request should be submitted to MTC by the project sponsor or subrecipients in order to encumber funds to the project.

#### *Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 or 5311:*

Following or concurrent with the programming through Attachment B, these funds must be programmed through the MTC Transit Capital Priorities Program. The project sponsor must

then add the funds to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and, following approval of the TIP, submit a request to FTA for the funds.

*Federal Transportation Program Funds—Surface Transportation Block Grant (STP) or Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds:*

Along with the programming through Attachment B, these funds must be formally amended into the One Bay Area Grant Program. The project sponsor must then add the funds to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and following approval of the TIP, submit a request to Caltrans for the funds. Caltrans will issue an authorization to proceed.

#### **IV. Timely Use of Funds**

Project sponsors shall adhere to the respective project delivery milestones, invoice, and funding expiration deadline, or other requirements of the funding received.

The Blue Ribbon funds are intended to support the near-term (approximately three years) implementation of Transit Transformation Action Plan. Should priorities or conditions change, or if a project is not ready to advance, funds may be reassigned to another project.

## Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects

Initiative	Action # <sup>1</sup>	Sponsor	Project	Funding by Initiative	SUM(A:E) Total Project Programming	Fund Sources				Notes
						A	B	D	E	
						Population-based STA <sup>2</sup>	STA Revenue-based STA Exchange	FTA Section 5307	OBAG 2	
						\$ 21,358,796	\$ 49,101,973	\$ 13,789,231	\$ 750,000	
<b>I. Fare Coordination/Integration ( Actions 1-3)</b>				\$ 28,000,000						
	1a	MTC	Clipper® BayPass (Institutional Pass Pilot)		\$ 6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000				
			AC Transit			\$ 162,807				
			BART			\$ 1,089,451				
			Caltrain			\$ 231,748				
			CCCTA			\$ 7,637				
			ECCTA			\$ 5,000				
			FAST			\$ 5,001				
			GGBHTD			\$ 80,951				
			LAVTA			\$ 5,723				
			Marin Transit			\$ 8,049				
			NVTA			\$ 5,000				
			Petaluma Transit			\$ 5,000				
			SamTrans			\$ 35,138				
			Santa Rosa CityBus			\$ 5,000				
			SFMTA			\$ 444,908				
			SMART			\$ 9,242				
			SolTrans			\$ 7,561				
			Sonoma County Transit			\$ 5,000				
			Union City Transit			\$ 5,000				
			Vacaville City Coach			\$ 5,000				
			VTA			\$ 88,848				
			WestCAT			\$ 5,389				
			WETA			\$ 50,641				
			Total Year 1 Programming <sup>4</sup>			\$ 2,268,094				
<b>II. Regional Mapping and Wayfinding ( Actions 4-6)</b>				\$ 18,200,000						
	4a	MTC	Mapping and Wayfinding Standards		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 624,140		\$ 1,375,860		
<b>III. Transit Priority on Roadways (Actions 7-12)</b>				\$ 26,000,000						
	25a(9aX)	MTC	Regional Transit Card (RTC) Improvements (exchange with Bay Bridge Forward)		\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				3
	9a	MTC	Bay Bridge Forward - Preliminary Engineering		\$ 750,000			\$ 750,000		
<b>IV. Transit Planning (Actions 13-20)</b>				\$ 3,250,000						
<b>V. Accessibility (Actions 21-25)</b>				\$ 4,550,000						
	23a	MTC	Paratransit Fare Payment Clipper		\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000				
<b>VI. Staff Support</b>				\$ 5,000,000						
		MTC	MTC Staff		\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000				
		TBD	Transit Operator Staff				\$ 4,000,000			
<b>Total Programming</b>				\$ 85,000,000	\$ 12,250,000	\$ 14,660,327	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 1,375,860	\$ 750,000	
<b>Balance</b>					\$ 72,750,000	\$ 6,698,469	\$ 45,101,973	\$ 12,413,371	\$ -	

**Notes:**

- Action # refers to the twenty-seven actions in the Transit Transformation Action Plan. Actions 26 and 27, related to Funding, are not included in this Blue Ribbon Program of Projects. Additional alphabetical identifiers have been added to identify projects related to the initiative and action. "X" signifies a funding exchange.
- Population-based STA is programmed to the Blue Ribbon Program through MTC Res. No. 4450, FY 2022-23 Fund Estimate.
- The Bay Bridge Forward project, 9a, will receive OBAG 2 funds from the RTC project (Action 25a) and the RTC Project will be allocated \$500,000 in Blue Ribbon funds.
- Clipper BayPass Year 1 Programming action in October 2022. Additional funds to be programmed to operators in 2023.