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FY 2026-27 Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Operating Program



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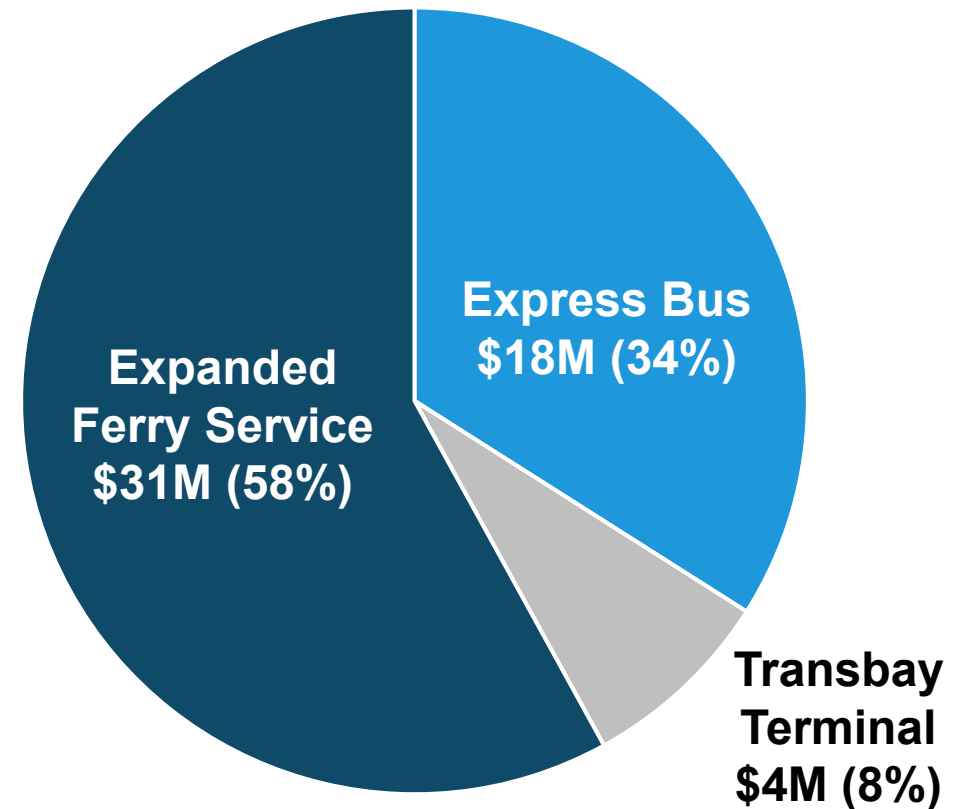
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Operating Program Overview

- Regional Measure 3 (approved June 2018) established a phased \$3 toll increase on BATA bridges to support congestion reduction
- Maximum of 16% of annual RM3 revenues support operating assistance
- Statute identifies sponsors for Transbay Terminal (TJPA) and Expanded Ferry Service (WETA), but not for Regional Express Bus

**RM3 Operating Program
(16% Annual RM3 Revenue)**



Proposed FY 2026-27 RM3 Express Bus Programming Methodology

- An estimated \$18.4 million will be programmed for the RM3 Express Bus Operating Program in FY27
- Previously, funds were apportioned according to operating needs and standardized shortfalls
- RM3 statute calls for express bus funds to be apportioned by “prioritizing bus routes that carry the greatest number of transit riders”
- In FY27 and beyond, staff propose programming express bus revenues proportionally to the estimated ridership on eligible express bus routes

Operator	FY 2026-27 Programming (\$M)
AC Transit	\$6.1
CCCTA	\$0.5
ECCTA	\$0.2
GGBHTD	\$2.1
LAVTA	\$1.4
NVTA	\$0.5
SFMTA	\$2.9
SolTrans	\$3.0
WestCAT	\$1.7
Total	\$18.4

Proposed FY 2026-27 Programming of Prior Years' Express Bus Funds

- MTC has \$14.5 million remaining in Express Bus funds that were collected but not disbursed while RM3 was under legal challenge in FY19-FY22
- FY27 program proposes \$6.7 million to replace discontinued BART feeder bus funding to four operators, provided as a zero-interest rate loan equal to FY26 feeder bus amounts
- Additional \$500k for Golden Gate Transit to support MASCOTS implementation
- Prior year funds are programmed as one-time contributions in addition to the annual revenues

Operator	FY 2026-27 Prior Years' Funds Programming (\$M)
CCCTA	\$0.8
ECCTA	\$2.6
LAVTA	\$0.6
WestCAT	\$2.7
GGBHTD	\$0.5
Total	\$7.2

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommend referral of MTC Resolution No. 4758, FY 2026-27 RM3 Operating Program, to the Commission for approval



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