

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

December 11, 2024

Agenda Item 2h-24-1398

**MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised. State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange
Fund and BusAID Funding Agreements**

Subject:

Revised programming of approximately \$6.8 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds to implement quick-build transit priority projects identified by the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program and authorization to enter into funding agreements with project sponsors.

Background:

The BusAID program is a Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) initiative to reduce transit travel times and improve transit reliability. BusAID emphasizes near-term, quick-build solutions at problem “hotspot” locations identified by transit operators. On May 22, 2024, the Commission adopted MTC Resolution 4647, BusAID Program Guidelines and Round 1 project funding recommendations, awarding approximately \$18 million of funding for eight near-term transit priority projects. This funding is comprised in part of approximately \$6.8 million of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds that the Commission allocated directly to project sponsors (MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised).

Staff have been working to develop processes for distributing funding to project sponsors, including developing agreements that specify funding amount and source, project scope of work and schedule, payment conditions and schedule, project manager contact information, insurance requirements, and additional terms and conditions. For BusAID Round 1 projects, STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds will be distributed to project sponsors through Master Funding Agreement (MFA) Supplements. As part of this process, the approximately \$6.8 million of funds allocated directly to project sponsors in May 2024 must be reprogrammed to MTC. MTC will in turn disburse the funds to project sponsors under the terms of the MFA Supplements.

This month’s proposed action would:

1. Reprogram the following allocations to MTC:
 - \$2,800,000 for SFMTA’s K-Ingleside Rapid Project Ocean Avenue Quick-Build

- \$1,094,418 for AC Transit’s Park Street Transit Signal Priority & Signal Optimization
 - \$1,507,688 for Union City’s Alvarado-Niles Road Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot
 - \$385,885 for County Connection’s Monument Corridor Transit Speed Improvements
 - \$972,113 for City of San Jose’s Cloud-Based TSP at 174 Intersections along VTA’s Frequent Network
2. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to execute MFA Supplements with each of the five BusAID project sponsors. The agreements will specify funding amount and source, project scope of work and schedule, payment conditions and schedule, project manager contact information, insurance requirements, and additional terms and conditions.

Issues:

None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised, to the Commission for approval and authorize the Executive Director or designee to enter funding agreements with BusAID project sponsors receiving STA Exchange funds.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised
 - Attachment A
- Attachments A-E: Requests for Commission Approval Summaries of Master Funding Agreement Supplements



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Request for Commission Approval

Summary of Proposed Master Funding Agreement Supplement

Work Item No.: 1627

Agency: San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)

Work Project Title: K-Ingleside Rapid Project Ocean Avenue Quick-Build

Purpose of Project: To fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of the K-Ingleside light rail line in San Francisco.

Brief Scope of Work: To implement larger boarding islands at stops, colorized transit lanes, signal timing modifications, and turn restrictions.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$2,800,000

Funding Source: State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in Fiscal Year 2024-25 MTC Operating and Capital Budgets

Motion by Commission: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) Supplement with SFMTA to fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of the K-Ingleside light rail line in San Francisco described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 2024 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$2,800,000 for such MFA Supplement.

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Commission:

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

Approved: December 18, 2024

Request for Commission Approval

Summary of Proposed Master Funding Agreement Supplement

Work Item No.: 1627

Agency: City of San Jose

Work Project Title: Cloud-Based Transit Signal Priority at 174 Intersections Along VTA's Frequent Network

Purpose of Project: To fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in San Jose.

Brief Scope of Work: To implement next-generation, cloud-based transit signal priority.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$972,113

Funding Source: State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in Fiscal Year 2024-25 MTC Operating and Capital Budgets

Motion by Commission: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) Supplement with City of San Jose to fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in San Jose described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 2024 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$972,113 for such MFA Supplement.

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Work Item No.: 1627

Agency: City of Union City

Work Project Title: Alvarado-Niles Road Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot

Purpose of Project: To fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in Union City.

Brief Scope of Work: To implement a two-year part-time transit lane pilot during hours with peak roadway congestion.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$1,507,688

Funding Source: State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in Fiscal Year 2024-25 MTC Operating and Capital Budgets

Motion by Commission: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) Supplement with City of Union City to fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in Union City described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 2024 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$1,507,688 for such MFA Supplement.

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Work Item No.: 1627

Agency: Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA)

Work Project Title: Monument Corridor Transit Speed Improvements

Purpose of Project: To fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in Concord.

Brief Scope of Work: To implement transit signal priority and relocate and reconfigure existing bus stops.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$385,885

Funding Source: State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in Fiscal Year 2024-25 MTC Operating and Capital Budgets

Motion by Commission: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) Supplement with CCCTA to fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in Concord described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 2024 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$385,885 for such MFA Supplement.

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Work Item No.: 1627

Agency: Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)

Work Project Title: Park Street Transit Signal Priority and Signal Optimization

Purpose of Project: To fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in Alameda.

Brief Scope of Work: To implement transit signal priority and optimize signal timing.

Project Cost Not to Exceed: \$1,094,418

Funding Source: State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

Fiscal Impact: Funds available in Fiscal Year 2024-25 MTC Operating and Capital Budgets

Motion by Commission: That the Executive Director or designee is authorized to negotiate and enter into a Master Funding Agreement (MFA) Supplement with AC Transit to fund a transit priority project to increase the speed and reliability of numerous bus routes in Alameda described above and in the Administration Committee Summary Sheet dated December 11, 2024 and that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to set aside \$1,094,418 for such MFA Supplement.

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Commission:

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

Approved: December 18, 2024

Date: November 15, 2023
W.I.: 1517
Referred by: Programming and Allocations (PAC)
Revised: 12/20/23-C, 5/22/24-C, 12/18/24-C

ABSTRACT
Resolution No. 4529, Revised

This resolution approves the allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds based on the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework to projects identified in the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects.

The resolution contains the following attachments:

Attachment A – Allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

On December 20, 2023, Attachment A was revised to clarify eligible activities for the November 2023 allocations to AC Transit and BART, and to allocate \$25,000 to support Transit Priority activities.

On May 22, 2024, Attachment A was revised to program approximately \$6.8 million to SFMTA, AC Transit, Union City Transit, City of Concord, and City of San Jose to implement quick-build transit priority projects identified by the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program.

On December 18, 2024, Attachment A was revised to reprogram approximately \$6.8 million in BusAID program funding to MTC, which will be distributed to the previously-identified project sponsors through Master Funding Agreement Supplements.

Further discussion is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated December 13, 2023, May 8, 2024, and December 11, 2024, and the MTC Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated May 10, 2024.

Date: November 15, 2023
W.I.: 1517
Referred by: PAC

RE: Transit Transformation Action Plan State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based
Exchange Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4529

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 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 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 MTC Resolution No. 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects, and MTC staff worked with transit operators to secure these funds; and

WHEREAS, the transit operators desiring to fulfill their Action Plan funding commitments with Revenue-based State Transit Assistance (STA) funds adopted resolutions to directly encumber a total of \$49,101,973 in FY 2022-23 Revenue-based STA funds to MTC to implement the Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives and related programming of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds for each initiative are identified in MTC Resolution No. 4519; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 4519 will be revised to identify projects and programming amounts under the various initiative as projects are ready to proceed; and

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the amounts and purposes of STA Revenue-Based Exchange allocations requested by claimants, and is from time-to-time revised; and

WHEREAS, this resolution, including the revisions to Attachment A and the sum of all allocations made under this resolution, are recorded and maintained electronically by MTC; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the allocation of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds to the claimants, in the amounts, for the purposes, and subject to the conditions, as listed and recorded on Attachment A of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to 21 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 6621 and 6753, a certified copy of this resolution, along with written allocation instructions for the disbursement of STA funds as allocated herein, shall be forwarded to the Alameda County Auditor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all STA Revenue-Based Exchange allocations are subject to continued compliance with MTC Resolution 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or designee is authorized to revise Attachment A to add projects and related allocations 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 allocations that exceed \$1,000,000.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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 November 15, 2023.

Date: November 15, 2023
W.I.: 1517
Referred by: PAC
Revised: 12/20/23-C, 5/22/24-C,
12/18/24-C

Attachment A
MTC Resolution No. 4529
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Attachment A: Allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

All STA Revenue-Based Exchange allocations are consistent with MTC Resolution 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects.

Claimant	Project Description	Allocation Amount	Approval Date
AC Transit ¹	Staff Support	\$1,764,738	11/15/2023
BART ¹	Staff Support	\$1,919,960	11/15/2023
MTC	Transit Priority Policy	\$25,000	12/20/2023
SEMTA MTC	BusAID: K-Ingleside Rapid Project Ocean Avenue Quick-Build	\$2,800,000	5/22/2024 12/18/2024
AC Transit MTC	BusAID: Park Street Transit Signal Priority & Signal Optimization	\$1,094,418	5/22/2024 12/18/2024
Union City MTC	BusAID: Alvarado-Niles Road Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot	\$1,507,688	5/22/2024 12/18/2024
Concord MTC	BusAID: Monument Corridor Transit Speed Improvements	\$385,885	5/22/2024 12/18/2024
San Jose MTC	BusAID: Cloud-Based TSP at 174 Intersections along VTA's Frequent Network	\$972,113	5/22/2024 12/18/2024
	Total	\$10,469,802	

Notes:

1. Fiscal year 2022-23 expenses (beginning July 1, 2022) are eligible for reimbursement from these allocations.