

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

January 10, 2024

Agenda Item 2g - 24-0082

MTC Resolution Nos. 4570, Revised, 4571 Revised, and 4626, Revised.

Subject:

Allocation of \$53.6 million in FY2023-24 Transportation Development Act (TDA), State Transit Assistance (STA), and Regional Measure 3 funds to the City of Fairfield (FAST), the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), and MTC to support transit operations and capital projects in the region.

Background:

FY2023-24 Operating Allocations Summary

This month’s proposed action continues the allocation process of these funds for FY2023-24. Two entities are requesting TDA and RM3 allocations that exceeds the \$1 million Delegated Authority limit. Allocation requests that are less than \$1 million are approved separately through the Executive Director’s Delegated Authority process.

The proposed allocation amount is based on the programming levels identified in the FY2023-24 Fund Estimate (MTC Resolution 4556), and the FY2023-24 RM3 Operating Program (MTC Resolution 4625). The proposed allocations are summarized in the following table:

Allocation Amounts by Entity¹ (amounts in millions)

Entity	TDA (Res. 4570)	STA (Res. 4571)	RM3 (Res. 4626)	Grand Total
FAST	\$7.7			\$7.7
TJPA			\$3.0	\$3.0
MTC		\$42.9		\$42.9
Total	\$7.7	\$42.9	\$3.0	\$53.6

Note that amounts may not sum due to rounding

FY2023-24 Allocation of STA Revenue-based Funds for Transit Transformation Action Plan Purposes

MTC Resolution No. 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Project, outlined an \$85 million funding framework to accelerate the Bay Area’s transit network transformation. The proposed action allocates \$42.9 million in FY2023-24 STA Revenue-based

¹Includes all allocations to be approved in the resolutions listed above, the details of which are provided in Attachment A, including allocations for transit capital or planning and administration. Not inclusive of allocations approved by Executive Director’s Delegated Authority as allowed by MTC Resolution No. 3620, Revised.

funds to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) on behalf of five operators: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Caltrain, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District (GGBHTD), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

These funds will be managed by MTC on behalf of the operators and align with transit agency boards that identify MTC as the designated recipient. The amounts are being allocated to support the delivery of the Transit Transformation Action Plan, including various transit priority on freeways and arterials, the Transit 2050 planning effort, the Regional Mapping & Wayfinding Project, paratransit service inter-agency coordination, and staffing costs associated with delivery of these various activities.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4570, Revised, 4571, Revised and 4626, Revised, to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A –Transit Operator Budget Summary
- MTC Resolution Nos. 4570, 4571, and 4626, Revised



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Attachment A - Transit Operator Budget Summary

City of Fairfield (FAST)

Adopted Operating Budget	\$9.6 million
Increase in Budget Compared to FY2022-23	-6.9%
Projected Ridership (Estimated FY2023-24 as a Percentage of FY 2018-19 actual) ¹	43%
Total Proposed FY2023-24 Operating Allocation ²	\$7.9 million
Proportion of Operating Budget Funded with Allocations	82%

Budget and Operating Highlights

FAST operates fixed route, paratransit, local taxi and microtransit services. As part of the “Comprehensive Operational Strategy”, FAST implemented microtransit service for the City of Fairfield on September 5, 2023. FAST Connect is an on-demand service that operates in two zones, Cordelia/Green Valley and Northeast Fairfield. These zones have replaced local routes 2 and 4. Route 8 has been converted to the 8 Tripper, supporting school schedules in Cordelia/Green Valley.

Since the beginning of 2023, the FAST system experienced significant service changes, such as transferring responsibility for providing Solano Express service from FAST to SolTrans in order to consolidate Solano County intercity bus service under one operator. This change had a significant impact on FAST’s operating budget and service portfolio, with FAST anticipating a decrease of roughly 7% in their FY2023-24 operating budget as compared to FY 2022-23.

FAST is requesting \$600,000 in TDA capital funds for the purchase of five vans that will be used for shared microtransit and paratransit activities. Nine additional shuttles have been ordered for use on microtransit and new fixed route service that will run more frequently in areas where there are major trip generators (medical centers and retail centers).

¹ Only local ridership is used because FAST no longer operates Solano Express service.

² Includes allocations made through Executive Director’s Delegated Authority as allowed by MTC Resolution No. 3620, Revised. Any allocations made by Delegated Authority will be reported as part of the quarterly Delegated Authority update to the Commission. Excludes allocations made for transit capital or planning and administration purposes.

In July 2022, FAST ordered its first three electric vehicles which will be received in late 2023 and will be put into service February/March 2024. FAST has finalized its electrification infrastructure plan at the City's Corporation Yard and will be utilizing already allocated TDA funding (and FTA and state funding) to meet the CARB mandates.