

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

January 8, 2020

Agenda Item 2f

## MTC Resolution No. 4381, Revised

**Subject:** Allocation of roughly \$35 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to BART and rescission of \$9.6 million in STA funds from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

**Background:** As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the nine county Bay Area, MTC is responsible for the allocation of STA funds. STA funds are derived from a sales tax on diesel and split evenly at the state level into a population-based account and a revenue-based account. MTC has full discretion over the programming of population-based funds and [MTC Resolution No. 4321](#) establishes the framework (70% by County Block Grant formula, 30% to a Regional Program, and a small off the top set aside for a Transit Emergency Service Contingency Fund) for the allocation of these funds. The State apportions the revenue-based funds to operators based on each operator's contribution of qualifying revenue sources compared to all other operators.

This month's proposed action continues the annual allocation process of STA funds for FY2019-20, as summarized below:

<b>Transit Operator</b>	<b>STA (MTC Resolution No. 4381)</b>
BART	\$ 34,843,538
VTA	\$ (9,666,856)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,176,682</b>

### **BART STA Funding Request**

BART requests \$33.5 million in Revenue-based funds and \$1.3 million in County Block Grant (population-based) funds to support their transit operations. An additional \$1.9 million in operating and \$0.8 million in capital will be allocated through the Executive Director's Delegation of Authority. STA funds comprise five percent of BART's \$800 million operating budget. Highlights of BART's operating budget and program include:

- The total operating budget is increasing 4.2 percent with labor and benefits accounting for 97 percent of the increase. The budget includes funding for 67 new positions including nineteen police officers and four fare inspectors to improve safety and security.
- Service is expected to increase 1.5% percent with operating costs rising faster than service increases due to BART's strategic focus on modernization and quality of life issues such as station cleanliness, fare evasion, safety, and homelessness.

- A 5.4 percent fare increase will begin January 1, 2020 and is expected to provide \$9 million in revenue for high priority capital needs. However, overall fare revenue is projected to decrease 1 percent from factors such as overall ridership decline, particularly in weekend and evening trips, and participation in the Means-based Fare Discount Pilot Program. Fares (\$480 million) comprise 60 percent of BART's operating budget.
- As of November 2019, over 100 new cars are available for revenue service. Current plans call for the new car delivery rate to increase from ten to sixteen cars per month during calendar year 2020. BART expects that 220 cars will be delivered by the end of FY 2020 and 775 cars by Spring 2023. BART has begun to pilot decommissioning of the original cars and will approve a decommissioning plan in Spring 2020.
- BART is beginning a process to modernize its parking program through initiatives such as a mobile payment system, automated enforcement system, and expansion of the carpool program to more stations. BART will also make recommendations regarding its parking policies to create a demand-based structure to better manage parking resources this summer.

Given the discussion at last month's meeting, staff is working with BART to confirm the attendance of Bob Powers, BART's General Manager, at your February 12th meeting. Mr. Powers will provide an update on BART's service quality efforts and core capacity projects.

**VTA's STA Funding Allocation Reduction**

\$9.6 million in Revenue-based funds will be rescinded from VTA due to a change in the calculation of its revenue shares for STA Revenue-based funds and an overall reduction in revenue projected for the STA program. More information about this reduction is provided in Agenda Item 3a.

**Issues:**

None

**Recommendation:**

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4381, Revised to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:**

MTC Resolution No. 4381, Revised



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## ABSTRACT

### Resolution No. 4381, Revised

This resolution approves the allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for fiscal year 2019-20.

This resolution allocates funds to County Connection (CCCTA), MTC, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

On July 24, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to AC Transit, Eastern Contra County Transit District (ECCTA, aka Tri Delta Transit), Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Sonoma County Transit, and WestCAT (WCCTA).

On September 25, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District (Golden Gate), Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA), Solano County Transit (SolTrans), and Solano Transportation Authority.

On November 20, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to AC Transit, Golden Gate, LAVTA, Marin Transit, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County, and Tri Delta Transit. Funds are being rescinded from County Connection and VTA.

On December 18, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to SamTrans.

On January 22, 2020, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and rescind funds from VTA.

Discussion of the allocations made under this resolution is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 12, 2019, July 10, 2019, September 4, 2019, November 13, 2019, December 11, 2019, and January 8, 2020.

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Re: Allocation of Fiscal Year 2019-20 State Transit Assistance to Claimants in the MTC Region

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4381

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code § 66500 et seq., the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (“MTC”) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act (“Transportation Development Act” or “TDA”), Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq., provides that the State Controller shall, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99310, allocate funds in the Public Transportation Account (“PTA”) to the MTC region to be subsequently allocated by MTC to eligible claimants in the region; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313.6, MTC has created a State Transit Assistance (“STA”) fund which resides with the Alameda County Auditor for the deposit of PTA funds allocated to the MTC region; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313.6(d), MTC may allocate funds to itself for projects to achieve regional transit coordination objectives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 99314.5(a) and 99314.5(b), claimants eligible for Transportation Development Act Article 4 and Article 8 funds are eligible claimants for State Transit Assistance funds; and

WHEREAS, eligible claimants have submitted applications to MTC for the allocation of fiscal year 2019-20 STA funds; and

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the amounts of and purposes for the fiscal year 2019-20 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 21 California Code of Regulations Section 6754, MTC Resolution Nos. 4321 and 4355, and Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the required findings MTC must make, as the case may be, pertaining to the various claimants to which funds are allocated; and

WHEREAS, the claimants to which funds are allocated under this resolution have certified that the projects and purposes listed and recorded in Attachment A are in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the findings set forth in Attachment B to this resolution; and, be it further

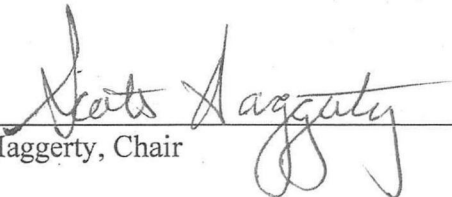
RESOLVED, that MTC approves the allocation of fiscal year 2019-20 STA funds to the claimants, in the amounts, for the purposes, and subject to the conditions, as listed and recorded on Attachment A to this resolution;

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 allocations are subject to continued compliance with MTC Resolution 3866, the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution incorporates any revisions to the TDA, either by statute or regulation, made hereafter.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

  
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Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was approved by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, on June 26, 2019.

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ALLOCATION OF STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS  
 DURING FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

All STA allocations are subject to continued compliance with MTC Resolution 3866, Revised,  
 the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan.

Claimant	Project Description	Allocation Amount	Alloc. Code	Approval Date	Apportionment Area
<b>5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Population-based Small Operator/Northern Counties</b>					
Soltrans	Transit Operations	1,057,109	16	09/25/19	Solano County
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,057,109</b>			
<b>5820 - 6730A Operations - Population-based Lifeline</b>					
AC Transit	Cycle 5: Preserve service in CoC	1,109,174	05	07/24/19	Alameda County
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,109,174</b>			
<b>5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Revenue-based</b>					
VTA	Transit Operations	32,900,898	01	06/26/19	VTA
AC Transit	Transit Operations	20,253,875	06	07/24/19	AC Transit
WCCTA	Transit Operations	2,601,185	07	07/24/19	BART
SFMTA	Transit Operations	64,970,651	08	07/24/19	SFMTA
ECCTA	Transit Operations	2,802,042	09	07/24/19	BART
GGBHTD	Transit Operations	8,291,789	17	09/25/19	GGBHTD
SamTrans	Transit Operations	9,149,033	23	12/18/19	SamTrans
SamTrans	Transit Operations	5,327,497	24	12/18/19	Caltrain
BART	Transit Operations	33,543,538	25	01/22/20	BART
VTA	Transit Operations	(9,666,856)	01	01/22/20	VTA
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>170,173,652</b>			
<b>5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Population-based MTC Regional Coordination</b>					
MTC	Clipper Operations	7,100,000	02	06/26/19	MTC
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,100,000</b>			
<b>5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - County Block Grant</b>					
CCCTA	Transit Operations	5,513,876	03	06/26/19	Contra Costa County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	5,331,184	10	07/24/19	Alameda County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	1,517,019	11	07/24/19	Contra Costa County
LAVTA	Transit Operations	1,834,900	12	07/24/19	Alameda County
Sonoma County	Transit Operations	2,133,337	13	07/24/19	Sonoma County
ECCTA	Transit Operations	3,167,597	14	07/24/19	Contra Costa County
SFMTA	Transit Operations	1,603,814	15	07/24/19	San Francisco County
NVTA	Transit Operations	1,928,357	18	09/25/19	Napa County
CCCTA	Transit Operations	(533,329)	03	11/20/19	Contra Costa County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	13,209	10	11/20/19	Alameda County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	3,387	11	11/20/19	Contra Costa County
LAVTA	Transit Operations	4,391	12	11/20/19	Alameda County
Sonoma County	Transit Operations	387,964	13	11/20/19	Sonoma County

**5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - County Block Grant (continued)**

ECCTA	Transit Operations	7,071	14	11/20/19	Contra Costa County
Marin Transit	Transit Operations	1,045,059	20	11/20/19	Marin County
GGBHTD	Transit Operations	1,559,474	21	11/20/19	Marin County
Santa Rosa	Transit Operations	2,102,652	22	11/20/19	Sonoma County
<b>BART</b>	<b>Elevator Attendant Program</b>	<b>1,300,000</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>07/24/19</b>	<b>San Francisco County</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>27,619,962</b>			

**5822 - 6731C Paratransit - Operating - County Block Grant**

VTA	Transit Operations	7,414,416	04	06/26/19	Santa Clara County
VTA	Transit Operations	(600,000)	04	11/20/19	Santa Clara County
SamTrans	Transit Operations	1,407,983	24	12/18/19	San Mateo County
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>6,814,416</b>			

**5828 - 6731B Planning and Admin - Population-based Small Operator/Northern Counties**

Solano TA	Planning and Admin	1,461,293	19	09/25/19	Solano County
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,461,293</b>			

**5821 - 6730B Capital Costs - Revenue-based**

SamTrans	Transit Capital	4,477,945	26	12/18/19	Caltrain
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>4,477,945</b>			

**TOTAL 219,813,551**

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ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS  
TO CLAIMANTS IN THE MTC REGION

**FINDINGS**

The following findings pertain, as the case may be, to claimants to which State Transit Assistance funds are allocated under this resolution.

1. That each claimant has submitted, or shall have submitted prior to the disbursement of funds, copies, to MTC and to appropriate agencies, of all required State Controller's reports and fiscal audit reports prepared in accordance with PUC §§ 99243 and 99245; and
2. That the projects and purposes for which each claimant has submitted an application for TDA Article 8 funds to MTC are in conformance with MTC's Regional Transportation Plan (21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6651), and with the applicable state regulations (21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6600 et seq.), and with the applicable MTC rules and regulations; and
3. That each claimant has submitted to MTC as part of its application for TDA Article 4 funds a budget indicating compliance with the 50% expenditure limitation of PUC § 99268, or with the applicable fare or fares-plus-local-support recovery ratio requirement (PUC §§ 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.4, 99268.12, or 99270.5), or with the applicable fare or fares-plus-local-match recovery ratio requirement (as set forth, respectively, in PUC §§ 99268.5, 99268.12, or MTC Resolution No. 1209, Revised), as so attested to by the claimant's chief financial officer; and
4. That each claimant is making full use of federal funds available under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, as amended; and
5. That the sum of each claimant's allocation of Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive, in accordance with the calculations prescribed by 21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6633.1 or § 6634; and



6. That MTC has given priority consideration to claims to offset reductions in federal operating assistance and the unanticipated increase in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high priority regional, countywide, or area wide public transportation needs; and
7. That each claimant has made a reasonable effort to implement the productivity improvements recommended pursuant to PUC § 99244; and
8. That each claimant has submitted to MTC a copy of a certification from the California Highway Patrol verifying that the claimant is in compliance with Section 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code (“Pull Notice Program”), as required by PUC § 99251; and
9. That each claimant is in compliance with the eligibility requirements of PUC §§ 99314.6 or 99314.7; and
10. That each claimant has certified that it has entered into a joint fare revenue sharing agreement with every connecting transit operator, and that it is in compliance with MTC’s Transit Coordination Implementation Plan, pursuant to Government Code §§ 66516 and 66516.5, PUC §§ 99314.5(c) and §99314.7, and MTC Resolution No. 3866, Revised.