

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

September 10, 2025

Agenda Item 2c-25-1073

MTC Resolution Nos. 4709, Revised; 4710, Revised; 4711, Revised; 4712, Revised; 4717, Revised; and 4727

Subject:

The proposed action allocates \$95.9 million in FY2025-26 Transportation Development Act (TDA), State Transit Assistance (STA), Regional Measure 2 (RM2), Regional Measure 3 (RM3), and Senate Bill (SB) 125 funds to five transit operators to support transit operations and capital projects in the region and adopts a revised MTC policy for distribution of TDA funds in Sonoma County in line with recommendations from the Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan (MASCOTS).

Background:*FY 2025-26 Allocation of TDA, STA, RM2, RM3, and SB125 Funds*

This month's proposed actions continue the annual allocation process of these funds for FY2025-26. Five entities are requesting TDA, STA, RM2, RM3, and SB125 allocations this month that exceed 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. These funds comprise a significant share of the revenue for agencies' operating budgets.

The proposed allocation amounts are based on the programming levels identified in the FY2025-26 Fund Estimate (MTC Resolution 4688), the RM2 Operating Program (MTC Resolution 4705), and the RM3 Operating Program (MTC Resolution 4706). The proposed allocations are summarized in the following table:

Allocation Amounts by Entity¹

Entity	TDA (Res. 4709)	STA (Res. 4710)	RM2 (Res. 4711)	RM3 (Res. 4712)	SB 125 (Res. 4717)	Grand Total
GGBHTD	\$11.2	\$25.3	\$2.1	\$2.5	\$20.8	\$61.9
Marin Transit	\$9.4	\$4.0				\$13.4
Solano TA	\$3.2	\$5.4				\$8.6
WestCAT		\$2.5				\$2.5
AC Transit				\$9.4		\$9.4
Total	\$23.9	\$37.2	\$2.1	\$11.9	\$20.8	\$95.9

Note that amounts may not sum due to rounding

This month's \$9.4 million allocation of RM3 Operating funds to AC Transit is in addition to \$11.7 million in RM3 Operating funds already allocated to AC Transit for FY 2025-26. The additional funds draw from the roughly \$24 million in RM3 funding for express bus operations that was accrued but not disbursed while RM3 was under legal challenge from 2018 to 2022. In accordance with MTC Resolution Nos. 4619, Revised, and 4706, Revised, this \$9.4 million allocation completes MTC's regional funding commitment to help offset AC Transit's near-term operating shortfalls.

MTC Policy for Distributing TDA in Sonoma County

Beginning in June 2024, the MASCOTS effort has brought together representatives from MTC; Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD); Santa Rosa CityBus; Sonoma County Transit; Sonoma-Marín Area Rapid Transit (SMART); Petaluma Transit; and the County Transportation Agencies of Marin and Sonoma counties to assess transit conditions and propose refinements to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and legibility of transit service along the Highway 101 corridor in the North Bay. This work has been timely, as transit demand and service offerings in the North Bay have shifted in response to changing travel patterns following the COVID-19 pandemic and the introduction of SMART service. Stakeholders have identified and assessed various transit service alternatives, with public outreach scheduled for summer 2025 and implementation envisioned for early 2026.

One recommendation stemming from the MASCOTS plan is to distribute TDA funding from Sonoma County based on performance statistics specifically, ridership and service provision – in line with existing practice in Marin County. To implement this recommendation, the proposed MTC Resolution No. 4727 would supersede the existing MTC Resolution No. 2858, which specifies that GGBHTD is to receive 25% of TDA revenue in Sonoma County regardless of performance statistics. Under the proposed MTC Resolution No. 4727, TDA funding in Sonoma County will now be programmed through the annual MTC Fund Estimate using a performance-driven methodology adjusted for countywide service agreements provided by Sonoma County Transportation Authority. Fiscal Year 2025-26 will be the first year in which funds are distributed using this methodology.

Issues

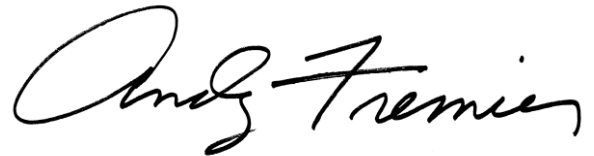
None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4709, Revised; 4710, Revised; 4711, Revised; 4712, Revised; 4717, Revised; and 4727 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A - Transit Operator Budget Summary
- Attachment B - Senate Bill 125 Regional Accountability Measure Progress Update for Claimant(s)
- MTC Resolution No. 4709, Revised
 - Attachment A
- MTC Resolution No. 4710, Revised
 - Attachment A
- MTC Resolution No. 4711, Revised
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- MTC Resolution No. 4717, Revised
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- MTC Resolution No. 4727



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