

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

September 14, 2016

Commission Agenda Item 6e

Resolution No. 4041, Revised

Subject: Revision to the New Freedom Cycle 4 Program of Projects.

Background: The New Freedom Program was originally authorized under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to provide funding for new capital and operating projects aimed at reducing transportation barriers faced by individuals with disabilities, beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. The program was discontinued as a stand-alone program under MAP-21.

Funds were apportioned by formula to large urbanized areas (UAs), small UAs, and rural areas based on the population of persons with disabilities in each area. MTC, as the designated recipient of the Bay Area's large UA funds, is responsible for managing those funds. Caltrans manages the state's small UA and rural area funds.

In November 2011, MTC adopted Resolution No. 4041, which approved the New Freedom Cycle 4 Program of Projects.

This item makes one minor revision to the adopted program of projects for the Fourth-Cycle. The revision is as follows:

- 1) Redirect \$26,774 for projects in Alameda County.** The Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has completed its Alameda County Mobility Management project under budget, leaving a balance of \$26,774 (original budget, \$80,000). The ACTC is returning these funds to MTC and staff recommends reprogramming the funds to the Center for Independent Living's (CIL) Mobility Management Project (which is an existing New Freedom Cycle 4 project). This would increase the New Freedom funding for CIL's project from \$384,360 to \$411,134. The CIL project is being proposed because it is ongoing, is in the same county (Alameda) as the ACTC project, is a similar priority management project, and is in the same program cycle and FTA grant as the ACTC project. No other projects from Cycle 4 have these same characteristics.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer Resolution No. 4041, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachment: MTC Resolution No. 4041, Revised

Date: November 16, 2011
W.I.: 1518
Referred by: PAC
Revised: 09/28/16-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4041, Revised

This resolution adopts the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Freedom (Section 5317) Cycle 4 Program of Projects for the large urbanized areas of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The following attachment is provided with this resolution:

Attachment A New Freedom Cycle 4 Program of Projects for Large Urbanized Areas

This resolution was revised on September 28, 2016 to amend Attachment A to change the total cost and New Freedom recommended share amount for the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Alameda County Mobility Management project and the Center for Independent Living's Mobility Matters project.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheet dated November 9, 2011 and September 14, 2016.

Date: November 16, 2011
W.I.: 1518
Referred by: PAC

Re: New Freedom Cycle 4 Program of Projects for Large Urbanized Areas

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION No. 4041

WHEREAS, the United States Code Title 49 Section 5317 (49 U.S.C. 5317) authorizes and sets forth the provisions for the New Freedom Program, which makes grants to recipients for addressing the transportation needs of disabled persons through the provision of new services and facility improvements that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(c) apportions New Freedom funds by formula to large urbanized areas, small urbanized areas, and non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(d) requires designated recipients of New Freedom funds to conduct a competitive process to award grants to subrecipients; and

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

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2), MTC is the designated recipient of New Freedom Program funding apportionments for large urbanized areas in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, as the designated recipient, MTC has conducted a competitive selection process and developed for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) a program of projects (POP) for the San Francisco Bay Area's large urbanized area New Freedom Program FY2010 and FY2011 apportionments, attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 4012, which sets forth MTC's Program Guidelines for Cycle 4 of the of the New Freedom Program; and

WHEREAS, MTC conducted the competitive selection processes for the New Freedom large urbanized area apportionment in accordance with those guidelines; now, therefore, be it

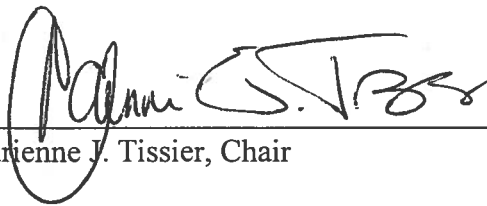
RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the New Freedom Cycle 4 Program of Projects for large urbanized areas as listed in Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to FTA a grant application to secure the New Freedom funding for those agencies listed as subrecipients in Attachment A who are not able to submit a grant application to FTA themselves; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will enter into agreements with those agencies listed as subrecipients in Attachment A to ensure their compliance with all applicable Federal requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to FTA, and such agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Adrienne J. Tissier, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on November 16, 2011.

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**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM - CYCLE 4
PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS**

No.	Project Sponsor	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
MTC Subrecipients					
1	City of Alameda	Accessible Pedestrian Signal Installations	The project will install Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) at approximately nine intersections that are adjacent to an AC Transit bus stop or a City of Alameda Paratransit Shuttle stop.	\$188,625	\$150,900
2	Alameda County Transportation Commission (5)	Alameda County Mobility Management	Coordinate elements and resources already present in Alameda County related to travel training, and information and referral to move towards a more full-fledged mobility management approach in Alameda County. Tasks include the following: (1) Transition the paratransit hotline and AccessAlameda.org website into a much more thorough Information and Referral source and position those services to provide one-stop-shopping for consumers; (2) Establish quarterly coordination meetings among travel trainers across the County and create a framework to provide travel training throughout the whole County. Create a print and web resource available listing all travel training in the County.	\$92,080	\$53,226
3	Center for Independent Living (5)	Mobility Matters	Continue and expand Mobility Matters, a travel and mobility device training program. Provide program outreach and conduct travel and mobility device training to a full spectrum of individuals and families from the cross-disability community. Services are offered across the Bay Area.	\$490,935	\$411,134

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MTC Subrecipients (continued)					
4	City of Lafayette	Lamorinda Spirit Van Program for Fragile Elderly and Disabled Seniors	Provide van service to assist the fragile elderly in remaining in their own homes as they age, thereby allowing them to participate more fully in the community which lessens isolation and improves socialization. Train drivers to meet the specialized needs of the passengers, including: persons who use canes, walkers, and wheelchairs; persons who are ambulatory but have balance and medical challenges and cannot walk to bus stops or even from the door to the street to meet a CCCTA paratransit van without assistance; persons with vision and hearing challenges; persons with dementia who need supervision when going out in the community.		
5	LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Accessible Muni Metro Station Maps (AMMSM)	Develop and distribute a booklet of accessible maps of the eight (8) San Francisco Muni Metro underground stations to facilitate safe and more effective travel for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.	\$104,134	\$83,307
6	Marin Transit	Countywide Transportation Guide	Produce and distribute a printed county-wide transportation guide. This guide will be available in both English and Spanish and will feature transportation options by city, town or area of the county. The guide will also be available in fully-accessible formats on both the Marin Transit and Marin Access websites.	\$28,544	\$22,835
7	Marin Transit	Pilot Premium ADA Transportation Service / Marin Access Mobility Center	(1) Partially subsidized rides that can be scheduled as early as the same day for ADA eligible riders. (2) Continue and expand the Marin Transit Marin Access Mobility Management Center.	\$541,456	\$288,881

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MTC Subrecipients (continued)					

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8	Outreach & Escort Inc.	Together We Ride	Using mobility management best practices, provide a menu of services beyond the requirements of the ADA that address the transportation needs of veterans, individuals with developmental disabilities, and other persons with disabilities. Components include: (1) Employment Transportation; (2) Center-Based Travel Instruction (travel training targeted at specific destinations); (3) Prioritized ride scheduling and coordinated vehicle sharing with paratransit and other human service transportation providers; (4) Vehicle Share Program (donate retired paratransit vehicles to partner organizations); (5) County-to-County travel (expand ADA travel area for job trips in adjoining counties outside SC County); (6) Friendly Rides (Volunteer driver & ridesharing support).	\$1,859,736	\$929,868
9	Peninsula Jewish Community Center	Get Up & Go	Escorted Transportation and socialization program serving San Mateo County older adults who can no longer drive due to disability or frailty.	\$259,800	\$103,920
11	City of Richmond Paratransit	R•Transit 24/7/365 same-day door-to-door service for the greater Richmond area (1)	The pilot R•Transit project is a 24/7/365 same-day door-to-door wheelchair accessible transportation service for residents with disabilities and seniors living in the City of Richmond and the unincorporated communities of East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Kensington, North Richmond, and Rollingwood. The service will be for local trips only and rides will be shared whenever possible to keep cost down. The service area will include the cities of El Cerrito, Pinole (up to Appian Way), Richmond and San Pablo and the unincorporated communities of Bayview - Montalvin, East Richmond Heights, El Sobrante, Kensington, North Richmond, Rollingwood, and Tara Hills.	\$201,548	\$100,774
12	City of San Leandro	Accessible Pedestrian Signals	Upgrade pedestrian signals at approximately 13 signalized intersections by installing Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) devices for individuals with disabilities and the general public.	\$163,733	\$130,987

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Direct Recipients					
13	Senior Helpline Services	Rides for Seniors / Transportation Information and Referral (2)	(1) Continue providing, to our current otherwise homebound clients (seniors age 60 and older) residing in Contra Costa County, free, one-on-one, escorted, door-through-door rides primarily for medical care and basic necessities. (2) Formalize Transportation Information and Referrals service.	\$215,852	\$141,075
14	AC Transit	Intra-Vehicle Text-Based Message Signs (IVTMS)	Purchase and install rolling text-based LED signs, to be mounted on the interior of AC Transit's revenue vehicle fleet. The LED signs would have the capability to display bus stop location information similar to automated audio announcements.	\$250,000	\$200,000
15	BART / City CarShare	AccessMobile Program Expansion	Purchase, convert and deploy at least three (3) additional wheelchair-accessible carshare vehicles, known as AccessMobile minivans, and conduct the requisite awareness and outreach campaigns necessary to ensure that we attract and best serve a larger group of Bay Area residents.	\$360,280	\$254,674
16	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	Bus Stop Improvements	Accessibility enhancements at bus stops, including installation of bus pads and cross-walks, and improving and/or replacing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.	\$110,000	\$88,000
17	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	ParaTaxi Program	A reimbursement-based taxi program to all LAVTA ADA certified paratransit patrons. Service area is in the Cities of Dublin and Pleasanton within Alameda County.	\$32,800	\$16,400
18	San Francisco Municipal Transp. Agency	Accessible Light Rail Stops (3)	Hire a consultant to identify a total of ten locations on the J, K, L, M and N light rail lines where existing boarding islands can be converted to wheelchair accessible stops with ramps and "mini-high" boarding platforms. Perform preliminary engineering for the identified stop locations.	\$250,000	\$200,000
19	San Mateo County Transit District	Peninsula Rides Implementation and Development Activities (4)	Provide mobility management services, including (1) continuing and expanding the Mobility Ambassador Program; (2) updating and distributing the Senior Mobility Guide.	\$264,225	\$211,380

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Direct Recipients (continued)					
20	City of Santa Rosa, Transit Dept.	Sonoma Access One Call/One Click Transportation Resource Center	Implement a One Call/One Click Transportation Resource Center, as an initial step in implementing Mobility Management in Sonoma County. Using Marin Access' call center and website as a model, establish a call center and accessible, bilingual web site providing referrals, service availability, trip planning and travel training schedules for paratransit, fixed route and human service agencies in Sonoma County. Every effort will be made to mirror and link to Marin County's call center and website to expand Marin's effort into a regional resource.	\$233,041	\$186,443
<i>Subtotal - Direct Recipients</i>				<i>\$1,500,346</i>	<i>\$1,156,897</i>
Total				\$6,022,895	\$3,752,897

Notes:

1. Fund two years of three-year request if the following conditions are met: (1) MTC approves the contractor payment method, (2) Richmond sets and MTC agrees to a maximum number of R-Transit trips per rider per month; (3) Richmond tracks and reports on the number of persons with disabilities who use the R-Transit service.
2. Project sponsor to track the number of persons being served in West County.
3. Funds to be used only for preliminary engineering and environmental clearance. Planning & outreach are not eligible uses of NF funds, unless planning for MM.
4. Fund two components: (1) Ambassadors: \$174,400; (2) Guide: \$36,980.
5. Alameda County Transportation Commission, completed Alameda County Mobility Management project under budget. Deprogram \$26,774 from the Alameda County Mobility Management and reprogram to the Center for Independent Living's Mobility Matters project. The New Freedom project funding for the Mobility Matters project changes from \$384,360 to \$411,134 and from \$80,000 to \$53,226 for the Alameda County Mobility Management.