

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

February 13, 2019

Agenda Item 2b

## MTC Resolution No. 3847, Revised

**Subject:** New Freedom Cycle 1 Programming Revisions for Large Urbanized Areas

**Background:** The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Freedom Program provided grants for 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. MTC was the designated recipient of New Freedom funds for the Bay Area's Large Urbanized Areas (UZAs). While MAP-21 eliminated the New Freedom program as a stand-alone program, staff continues to monitor New Freedom projects, and provide required reports on program activities to FTA.

Staff has reviewed the remaining New Freedom grants, and is proposing to reprogram unused funding from closed or completed projects. Funds may only be reprogrammed to project sponsors and projects listed in the original grant, and only within the UZA in which the funds were originally apportioned. This item makes the following modifications to the adopted program of projects:

1. Reprogram \$67,578 in the San Francisco-Oakland UZA to the Peninsula Ride Connection project: cost savings from the completed AC Transit Paratransit Inventory project will be reprogrammed to SamTrans for continued mobility management activities under the Peninsula Ride Connection project.
2. Reprogram \$15,000 in the Concord UZA for a taxi scrip project: unused funds from the discontinued City of Benicia taxi scrip project will be reprogrammed to CCCTA (County Connection) to provide on-demand, accessible transportation in Contra Costa County.

FTA, SamTrans and County Connection have been consulted on the recommended modifications, and concur with them. Following MTC approval, staff will modify the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), submit changes to the New Freedom grant, and enter into agreements with SamTrans and County Connection.

**Issues:** None.

**Recommendation:** Refer Resolution No. 3847, Revised to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 3847, Revised

Date: February 27, 2008  
W.I.: 1512  
Referred by: PAC  
Revised: 06/24/09-C 10/28/09-C  
12/16/09-C 05/26/10-C  
02/27/19-C

## ABSTRACT

### Resolution No. 3847, Revised

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

The following attachment is provided with resolution:

Attachment A FY 2005-06 New Freedom Program of Projects for  
Large Urbanized Areas

This resolution was revised on June 24, 2009 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amount for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency project, and to modify the total project cost and project description accordingly.

This resolution was revised on October 28, 2009 to amend Attachment A to remove the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency project, and to increase the amount of New Freedom funding for the SamTrans project by \$200,000.

This resolution was revised on December 16, 2009 to amend Attachment A to make BART the subrecipient of funds for the Ed Roberts Campus project rather than the City of Berkeley.

This resolution was revised on May 26, 2010 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amount for the SamTrans project.

This resolution was revised on February 27, 2019 to amend Attachment A to reprogram \$67,578 in cost savings from completed projects to the SamTrans Peninsula Ride Connection project, and reprogram \$15,000 in unused funds to CCCTA (County Connection) for the purposes of accessible taxi scrip in central Contra Costa County.

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Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum to the Programming and Allocations Committee dated February 13, 2008, and the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated February 13, 2008, June 10, 2009, October 14, 2009, December 9, 2009, May 12, 2010 and February 13, 2019.

Date: February 27, 2008  
W.I.: 1513  
Referred by: PAC

Re: Program of Projects for Federal Transit Administration's New Freedom Program (Section 5317) Funds for Large Urbanized Areas

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION No. 3847

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, 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 apportionment, attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at lengths; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to FTA a grant application to secure the New Freedom funding for the subrecipients listed in Attachment A; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, that Attachment A may be revised from time to time by approval of MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

  
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Bill Dodd, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on February 27, 2008.

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**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM - FY 2005-06 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS**

No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
1	AC Transit (e)	Paratransit Inventory	Conduct a detailed inventory of all available transit resources, including funding, equipment, and personnel, in Alameda and Western Contra Costa County to determine how best to structure a coordinated system. Also investigate institutional settings and financial implications of establishing a mobility manager.	<del>-\$180,000</del> \$95,527	<del>\$144,000</del> \$76,422
2	Benicia, City of (e)	Taxi Scrip Program Extension	Expand the Benicia Breeze Taxi Scrip Program to destinations in Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek to provide access to social service, medical centers, shopping, recreation and other quality of life destinations in Central Contra Costa County for seniors, persons with disabilities, and Medicare card holders.	<del>-\$30,000</del>	<del>\$15,000</del>
3	BART (c)	Ed Roberts Campus/Ashby BART Station Enhancements	Support construction of a universally designed helical ramp, oversized accessible elevators, and an accessible elevator lobby for people who will visit the Ed Roberts Campus.	\$1,106,568	\$669,405
4	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	Community Connection Program Expansion	Provide a \$5,000 per van annual subsidy for maintenance of up to 25 retired paratransit vans for use by community-based organizations to provide transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities, with at least 50 trips per month to ADA-eligible individuals.	\$125,000	\$62,500
5	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	Comprehensive Mobility Options Inventory	Conduct a comprehensive inventory of all available mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities to serve as a building block for later developing a mobility management function for majority of Contra Costa County and the Tri-Valley.	\$43,750	\$35,000
6	Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Dept	Contra Costa Volunteer Driver Program Expansion	Expand existing volunteer driver programs for disabled, homebound seniors to areas in Contra Costa County that are low-income and/or have high populations of ethnic groups who do not speak English as their primary language.	\$153,114	\$45,000

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7	San Mateo County Transit District (a)(d) (e)	Peninsula Ride Connection	Provide mobility management services to seniors and people with disabilities in San Mateo County. Cycle 1 tasks: assess feasibility of countywide phone information and assistance service; coordinate corps of volunteer mobility ambassadors; update the Senior Mobility Guide; coordinate and administer shared van program; promote mobility in city planning processes; and develop business plan. Cycle 3 tasks: continue and expand the Mobility Ambassador Program; implement a Vehicle Sharing Demonstration Program; update, reprint, and distribute the Senior Mobility Guide; assess how to coordinate an information and referral network of call centers; market and promote the development of volunteer ride programs. 2019 Reprogramming: Provide mobility management services (travel training) to seniors and people with Disabilities in San Mateo County.	\$493,939 \$578,412	\$347,200 \$414,778
8	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (b)	NextMuni Audible Arrival Time/Push-to-Talk (PTT)	Evaluate results of the pilot PTT installations, which translate bus arrival information and other messages to speech at bus shelters; and purchase and install PTT at an additional 50 locations.	\$250,000	\$0
9	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency	Mobility Options Travel Training Program	Provide travel training and fixed-route transit support information to persons with disabilities and seniors over a three-year period. Includes on-site and mobile presentations; specialized training for individuals with visual, cognitive, and developmental disabilities; group travel instruction; one-on-one travel instruction; and peer mode travel instruction.	\$454,254	\$227,127
10	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (e)	Taxi Scrip Program	2019 Reprogramming: Provide demand response access to social service, medical centers, shopping, recreation and other quality of life destinations in Contra Costa County for seniors and persons with disabilities.	\$30,000	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$1,545,232</b>

## Notes:

- (a) San Mateo County Transit District's New Freedom share was increased from \$147,200 to \$347,200 and total project cost was increased from \$184,200 to \$501,139 on 10/28/09. See Resolution No. 3930 for additional information.
- (b) San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's NextMuni Audible Arrival Time/Push-to-Talk (PTT) New Freedom amount was changed to zero on 10/28/09 at the request of SFMTA. The project was funded with other local funds.
- (c) The subrecipient of funds for the Ed Roberts Campus project was changed from the City of Berkeley to BART on 12/16/09.
- (d) San Mateo County Transit District's total project cost was reduced from \$501,139 to \$493,939 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount for their Cycle 3 project.
- (e) On 2/27/19, cost savings in the amount of \$67,578 from the AC Transit Paratransit Inventory were reprogrammed to SamTrans for the Peninsula Ride Connection project, and \$15,000 from the unimplemented City of Benicia taxi scrip project were reprogrammed to Central Contra Costa Transit Authority for accessible taxi scrip.