

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 12, 2019

Agenda Item 2f

MTC Resolution No. 4377

Subject: Adopt the \$17 million FY2019-20 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Program of Projects

Background: In accordance with the STA Population-Based Consolidated Policy (MTC Resolution No. 4321, Revised), MTC is apportioned 30% of the estimated population-based STA revenue. MTC has historically received a similar share of the program for regional transit coordination efforts and annually presents to the Commission a program of projects.

The proposed program of projects for FY2019-20 includes:

- Clipper® operations for \$7 million;
- Regional Means-based Fare Discount Pilot Program for \$8 million; and
- Other regional transit efforts such as 511 Transit, and the Hub Signage project for \$1.4 million.

Attachment A to MTC Resolution No. 4321 summarizes the program of projects proposed for FY2019-20. Attachment B provides more detailed information about each of these projects.

The STA regional program is projected to have a significant revenue balance over the next several years as a result of additional funding from the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 (aka SB1). However, STA revenue has always been volatile since it is tied to the price of diesel fuel and staff has taken a conservative approach to programming funds since the projected level of funding is uncertain. Should this higher level of revenue continue, staff may recommend adding other regional coordination projects to the program in the future.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 4377 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4377



Therese W. McMillan

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4377

This resolution establishes the FY 2019-20 program for the MTC State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Coordination Program funds.

The resolution includes the following attachments:

Attachment A – FY 2019-20 STA Regional Coordination Program

Attachment B – Project Descriptions

Further discussion is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated June 12, 2019.

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RE: FY 2019-20 MTC Regional Coordination Program for State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4377

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

WHEREAS, the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund is created pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 99310 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code § 99313 provides for the allocation by the Controller of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to MTC based on the ratio of the population of the area under MTC's jurisdiction to the total population of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public Utilities Code § 99316(a) MTC has created the State Transit Assistance fund with Alameda County for deposit of STA funds received from the State Controller; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code § 99313.6(d) provides that MTC is an eligible claimant for such population-based STA funds for projects to achieve regional transit coordination objectives; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted a Transit Coordination Implementation Plan pursuant to Government Code Section 66516.5 which identifies a number of projects to be implemented by MTC and the region's transit agencies to improve coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, the projects listed in Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, are consistent with the STA Population-Based Consolidated policy established in MTC Resolution No. 4321; and

WHEREAS, MTC has provided information about the programming of STA funds for projects in FY 2019-20 as shown in Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the projects and purposes listed in Attachment B comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., and the State EIR Guidelines (14 Cal. Code of Regs. § 15000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, MTC has complied with the applicable rules and regulations for an allocation of STA funds under 21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6730 et seq.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that STA funds are programmed by MTC in the amounts and for the purposes that are specified in Attachment A and described in Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into 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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**STA Regional Coordination Program
FY 2019-20**

STA Regional Discretionary Funds ^(note 1)	\$ 41,098,876
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Project Name	Claimant	Amount
Clipper [®]	MTC	\$ 7,100,000
Clipper [®]	GGBHTD	\$ 10,000
Regional Transit Mapping and Wayfinding	MTC	\$ 350,000
Hub Signage	AC Transit	\$ 306,000
Hub Signage	MTC	\$ 20,000
511 Transit	MTC	\$ 350,000
Regional Paratransit Program	CCCTA	\$ 75,000
RTC Program	MTC	\$ 100,000
Means-based Fare Pilot Program	MTC	\$ 8,000,000
Transit Projects Contingency	MTC	\$ 200,000
	Total	\$ 16,511,000

Balance after Programming	\$ 24,587,876

Estimated Funds Remaining	\$ 24,587,876
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Notes:

1. This amount is from the FY2019-20 Fund Estimate, MTC Resolution No. 4366, and is comprised of the estimated carryover at the end of FY2018-19 of \$18,549,887 and new revenue of \$22,548,989 for FY2019-20.

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STA Regional Coordination Program Summary FY 2019-20

STA Regional Coordination Program funds have historically supported MTC's regional operations projects as well as other planning and operational efforts to improve coordination of, and access to, transit services in the Bay Area. The proposed FY 2019-20 STA Regional Coordination Program is approximately \$16.5 million and generally focuses on operating Clipper® with \$1.4 million programmed to implement other MTC regional transit projects such as 511 Transit, and Regional Wayfinding consistent with the Commission's Plan Bay Area and other regional planning documents. \$8 million will be held in reserve for the Means-based Transit Fare Pilot Project. More detail about the specific projects and the amount of STA funds programmed to each follows.

Clipper®

Programmed to MTC: \$7,100,000

Programmed to GGBHTD: \$ 10,000

Clipper® allows transit riders to pay transit fares with a reloadable Clipper® smart card. Clipper® may be used on most transit systems in the San Francisco Bay Area. MTC's Clipper® responsibilities include oversight of a contract with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. to design, build, operate and maintain the Clipper® system and a number of other contracts related to the implementation and operation of the Clipper® system. In FY 2019-20, \$7.1 million of STA will support the \$31 million total operating costs. GGBHTD is programmed \$10,000 for assisting in the administration of Federal Transit Administration funds. Any unspent STA funds will be returned to the STA Program to reallocate in future years.

Regional Transit Mapping

Programmed to MTC: \$350,000

As approved at the January 2019 Commission meeting, staff is developing regional mapping and wayfinding prototypes at various scales (regional to local) as well as a digital proof-of-concept which could eventually lead to implementation of regional standardization of information and wayfinding to transit riders and the public. Next spring, staff expects to better understand the costs and propose options for implementation. These funds will be available for potential future phases of work along with past programming of \$540,000 in STA funds in FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 that was not needed due to other funds being available. Should these funds not be needed, they will return to the regional program.

Hub Signage

Programmed to AC Transit: \$306,000

Programmed to MTC: \$ 20,000

MTC is committed to maintaining the information in transit information displays (TIDs) at 24 regional transit hubs. MTC has an agreement with AC Transit for them to maintain these displays on behalf of the region. The agreement with AC Transit was recently renewed and it documents the scope of work in exchange for the direct allocation of STA funds. The agreement extends through FY 2021-22 and identifies the anticipated amounts of STA funds that will be made available to AC Transit, subject to Commission programming and allocation actions.

MTC will use STA funds for ongoing operations, maintenance of other hub signage, and transit connectivity projects.

511 Transit

Programmed to MTC: \$350,000

STA funds will be used to supplement federal STP and CMAQ funds for the 511 Transit program. 511 Transit collects, maintains, updates, and distributes region-wide transit service information for the benefit of the traveling public and MTC's transit partners.

Regional Paratransit Program

Programmed to CCCTA: \$75,000

STA funds will support the 'lead agency' for the Regional Paratransit Program. This approach is consistent with the goals of the Transit Coordination and Implementation Plan, which endorses the concept of reimbursement for services provided by a lead agency - currently CCCTA, on behalf of other operators. CCCTA will coordinate paratransit operational activities such as:

- Oversight of the Paratransit Eligibility Program and Regional Eligibility Database, and delivery of the Paratransit Technical Assistance Program through a consultant; and
- Liaison between the Paratransit Technical Coordination Council (PTCC) and MTC, including reporting on the status of activities.

The lead agency will provide progress reports summarizing work performed.

Regional Transit Connections (RTC) Program

Programmed to MTC: \$100,000

The RTC program issues Clipper cards to disabled persons in order to provide discounted transit fares. AC Transit currently administers the program on behalf of the transit operators, but the operators have expressed a desire to have MTC take a greater role in the program's administration. Staff will explore the level of effort needed to provide upgrades and modernization to certain aspects of the RTC Program including upgrading the database and developing an online application portal. An appropriate cost-sharing framework will also be considered. Around \$20,000 will be used to help support immediate changes to the RTC Program.

Transit Project Contingency

***Programmed to MTC:* \$200,000**

These funds would be used in the event of unforeseen project needs or operating shortfalls with respect to MTC's regional operations projects such as Clipper®, 511 Transit, Regional Transit Mapping, and mobility management. These funds would also allow MTC to respond to unexpected regional or sub-regional transit planning needs or requests as they arise. Unspent contingency funds will be returned to the STA Program.

Regional Means-based Fare Discount Pilot Program

***Programmed to MTC:* \$8,000,000**

In accordance with MTC Resolution 4321, Revised, approximately \$8 million per year may be used for the administrative costs as well as to help offset transit fare revenue loss of the Means-based Fare Program. These funds will be transferred to a separate account and held in reserve to be used toward future costs of the program.