

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 12, 2019

Agenda Item 2j

MTC Resolution No. 4273, Revised

- Subject:** Project Approval for FY2018-19 Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program
- Background:** On April 24, 2019, the Commission adopted the FY2018-19 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) population-based funds project list via MTC Resolution No. 4273, Revised. The Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) category included \$1.3 million to VTA for the *Fast Transit Program: Speed Improvement Project*.
- Caltrans, which administers LCTOP, has determined that VTA's *Fast Transit* application is ineligible for FY2018-19 funding. In order to retain those funds within the region, MTC must reprogram to another project. Due to timing restrictions, the funds must be programmed to an existing LCTOP project or an approved FY2018-19 project application. Further, due to program restrictions, the beneficiary project must have a funding plan that enables receipt of additional LCTOP funds (e.g., the approved funding plan shows anticipated future LCTOP funds). Based on these constraints, staff recommends placing these funds on a Caltrans-approved VTA LCTOP project entitled *2021 Zero Emission Bus Procurement*. VTA is putting its \$6.3 million in FY19 LCTOP revenue-based funds on this project, and anticipates a total LCTOP contribution of \$20.9 million over several years.
- Issues:** VTA's 2021 Zero Emission Bus Procurement project is not within the intended scope of the MTC Cap and Trade Framework's LCTOP TPI setaside, which is for investments in key transit corridors (such as the originally proposed VTA Fast Transit Program). Because the timing of this action prevents MTC from fully programming FY19 LCTOP TPI funds according to the framework, \$1.3 million will be counted toward VTA's minimum LCTOP TPI percentage. Concurrently, VTA is expected to commit a like amount of local funds toward an eligible TPI project. Staff will follow up on this commitment through ongoing semi-annual TPI updates to the Commission.
- As required by the LCTOP program, VTA's board is scheduled to take a concurrent approval action for the reprogramming on June 21, 2019.
- Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 4273, Revised, to the Commission for approval.
- Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 4273, Revised


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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4273, Revised

This resolution adopts the allocation requests for the Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the San Francisco Bay Area.

This resolution includes the following attachments:

Attachment A – Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program – Population-based Funds Project List

This resolution was amended through Executive Director’s Administrative Authority on March 22, 2017 to update the name of the GGBHTD project.

This resolution was revised via Commission Action on April 26, 2017 to replace the SFMTA Geary Bus Rapid Transit Phase 1 project with the AC Transit San Pablo and Telegraph Rapid Bus Upgrades project.

This resolution was amended through Executive Director’s Administrative Authority on May 24, 2017 to replace the City of Union City Convert New Cutaway Vans from Gasoline to Gasoline-Hybrid project with the AC Transit East Bay Bus Rapid Transit project.

This resolution was revised via Commission Action on March 28, 2018 to add the FY 2017-18 LCTOP Population-based Funds Project List to Attachment A, and to add the Transit Performance Initiative Project Savings Policy as Attachment B.

This resolution was amended through Executive Director’s Administrative Authority on May 23, 2018 to replace the FY 2017-18 AC Transit East Bay Bus Rapid Transit project with the AC Transit San Leandro BART – Transit Access Improvements project.

This resolution was revised via Commission Action on April 24, 2019 to add the FY 2018-19 LCTOP Population-based Funds Project List to Attachment A.

This resolution was revised via Commission Action on June 26, 2019 to replace the FY 2018-19 VTA Fast Transit Program: Speed Improvement Project with the VTA 2021 Zero Emission Bus Procurement project.

Further discussion of these actions is contained in the Programming and Allocations Summary Sheets dated March 8, 2017, April 12, 2017, March 7, 2018, April 10, 2019, and June 12, 2019.

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RE: Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4273

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, Plan Bay Area (“Plan”), the region’s integrated long-range transportation and land use plan adopted by MTC, provides the planning foundation for transportation improvements and regional growth throughout the San Francisco Bay Area through 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes a \$3.1 billion reserve from future Cap and Trade funding; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the expected uses of Cap and Trade funding as including but not limited to transit operating and capital rehabilitation/replacement, local streets and roads rehabilitation, goods movement, and transit-oriented affordable housing, consistent with the Plan's focused land use strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Plan states that Cap and Trade revenues will be allocated to specific programs through a transparent and inclusive regional public process; and

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for the process to ensure that at least 25 percent of the Cap and Trade revenues will be spent to benefit disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 852 (Statutes 2014) establishes the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the recipient of the population-based funding in LCTOP funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313 and 99314; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolutions 4123 and 4130, a Programming Framework for the Cap and Trade funds and Transit Core Capacity Challenge Grant program; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a LCTOP population-based funding allocation request list, Attachment A, for submittal to Caltrans based on the distribution formula in Resolution 4130, said attachment attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the LCTOP now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, MTC wishes to implement the LCTOP program of projects attached hereto as Attachment A; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts LCTOP program of projects, attached hereto as Attachment A, and finds it consistent with the RTP; and, be it further


RESOLVED, that MTC agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC hereby authorizes the submittal of the project nominations and allocation requests to the Department in LCTOP funds attached hereto as Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to make changes to Attachment A, including revisions to existing allocation requests up to \$1,000,000, and authorize new

allocations up to \$1,000,000 to conform to sponsor requests, and Caltrans and State Controller's actions.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Jake Mackenzie, 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 March 22, 2017.

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Attachment A

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FY 2016-17 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Requests

Based on State Controller's Office Letter dated 2/1/2017

Agency	Project(s)	FY 2016-17 LCTOP Population-Based Funding	Date
CCCTA	Martinez Shuttle	\$ 228,378	3/22/17
ECCTA	Pittsburg eBART Connector Service Demonstration Project	\$ 137,935	3/22/17
LAVTA	Las Positas College Easy Pass Fare Voucher Program	\$ 94,419	3/22/17
NVTA	Vine ZEB Procurement Program	\$ 65,105	3/22/17
AC Transit (from Union City) ⁴	East Bay Bus Rapid Transit Project	\$ 33,064	5/24/17
WCCTA	Continue Expanded Service on Route 11	\$ 30,450	3/22/17
GGBHTD ¹	Purchase Sixty-seven (67) 40-Foot Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses	\$ 74,635	3/22/17
Marin Transit ¹	MCTD 2016 Transit Service Expansion	\$ 45,803	3/22/17
City of Fairfield ²	Local Bus Fleet Replacement - Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses	\$ 67,091	3/22/17
Solano County Transit ²	SolTrans Electric Bus Purchase	\$ 129,018	3/22/17
City of Petaluma ³	Weekday Afternoon Service Enhancements	\$ 27,715	3/22/17
City of Santa Rosa ³	Increased Frequency on Trunk Routes - Santa Rosa CityBus Operating	\$ 80,639	3/22/17
Sonoma County Transit ³	Electric Bus Purchase	\$ 122,069	3/22/17
North Counties / Small Operators Subtotal		\$ 1,136,320	
MTC	Clipper Fare Payment System	\$ 1,118,681	3/22/17
AC Transit	San Pablo and Telegraph Rapid Bus Upgrades	\$ 1,118,681	4/26/17
TOTAL		\$ 3,373,683	

* MTC approval conditioned on local support documentation submitted to Caltrans

1. Marin County received \$120,438, and distributed between Marin Transit and GGBHTD as noted.

2. Solano County received \$196,109, and distributed between City of Fairfield and Solano County Transit as noted.

3. Sonoma County received \$230,423, and distributed between City of Petaluma, City of Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County Transit as noted.

4. City of Union City received \$33,064 and released funds back to MTC. These funds have been re-programmed to AC Transit for FY16-17 as noted. When MTC distributes population-based funds for the FY17-18 LCTOP program according to the Cap and Trade Funding Framework (MTC Resolution No. 4130, Revised), the same amount will be redirected from the Transit Performance Initiative category to the North Counties/Small Operators category, provided that sufficient funds are available.

FY 2017-18 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Requests**Based on State Controller's Office Letter dated 2/7/2018**

Agency	Project(s)	FY 2017-18 LCTOP Population-Based Funding	Date
CCCTA	New Service and Additional Weekend Trips (Martinez DAC)	\$ 375,378	3/28/18
CCCTA	Low/No Electric Bus	\$ 265,319	3/28/18
ECCTA	Continue Service -- New Route 381	\$ 386,968	3/28/18
LAVTA	Purchase Four (4) 40-foot Battery-Electric Buses	\$ 264,885	3/28/18
NVTA	Vine Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Procurement Program	\$ 182,646	3/28/18
Union City ¹	Paratransit Vehicle Replacement	\$ 125,822	3/28/18
WCCTA	Purchase and Install New AVL/CAD/APC System	\$ 85,426	3/28/18
GGBHTD ²	Purchase Sixty-four (64) 40-foot Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses	\$ 202,999	3/28/18
Marin Transit ²	MCTD 2016 Transit Expansion [Third year]	\$ 134,881	3/28/18
City of Fairfield ³	Electric Bus Infrastructure Upgrade Project	\$ 189,628	3/28/18
Solano County Transit ³	SolTrans Electric Bus Purchase	\$ 360,542	3/28/18
City of Petaluma ⁴	Enhanced Weekday Afternoon Transit Service	\$ 77,990	3/28/18
City of Santa Rosa ⁴	Maintain Increased Frequency on Trunk Routes and Improve Route 15 Service - Santa Rosa CityBus Operating	\$ 226,261	3/28/18
Sonoma County Transit ⁴	Electric Bus Purchase	\$ 342,183	3/28/18
North Counties / Small Operators Subtotal		\$ 3,220,928	
MTC	Clipper Fare Payment System	\$ 3,138,381	3/28/18
SFMTA	Mission Bay Loop	\$ 1,440,568	3/28/18
VTa	North First Street Light Rail Speed and Safety Improvement Project - Phase 1	\$ 874,631	3/28/18
AC Transit	San Leandro BART -- Transit Access Improvements	\$ 579,338	5/23/18
AC Transit	South Alameda County Major Corridors Travel Time Improvement Project	\$ 210,780	3/28/18
TOTAL		\$ 9,464,626	

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1. City of Union City amount includes \$33,064 in funds from Transit Performance Initiative category as discussed in note 4 of FY2016-17 table.

2. Marin County received \$337,880, and distributed between Marin Transit and GGBHTD as noted.

3. Solano County received \$550,170, and distributed between City of Fairfield and Solano County Transit as noted.

4. Sonoma County received \$646,434 and distributed between City of Petaluma, City of Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County Transit as noted.

FY 2018-19 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Requests

Based on State Controller's Office Letter dated 1/31/2019

Agency	Project(s)	FY 2018-19 LCTOP Population-Based Funding	Date
CCCTA	Martinez to Amtrak BART II	\$ 375,378	4/24/19
CCCTA	Free Fares for Routes 11, 14, and 16 Serving the Monument Corridor	\$ 596,332	4/24/19
ECCTA	New Route 383	\$ 586,893	4/24/19
LAVTA	Purchase Four (4) Zero-Emission Replacement Buses and Related Support Infrastructure	\$ 401,737	4/24/19
NVTA	NVTA Zero Emission Bus Procurement Project	\$ 277,010	4/24/19
Union City	Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Union City Transit Fleet	\$ 140,680	4/24/19
WCCTA	"Spare the Fare" -- Free Rides on Weekday Spare the Air Days	\$ 129,561	4/24/19
GGBHTD ¹	Purchase Sixty-four (64) 40-foot Diesel-Electric Hybrid Buses	\$ 307,876	4/24/19
Marin Transit ¹	Purchase Four 40ft Electric Transit Vehicles	\$ 204,568	4/24/19
City of Fairfield ²	Electric Infrastructure Upgrade Phase I	\$ 287,598	4/24/19
Solano County Transit ²	SolTrans All-Electric Bus Purchase	\$ 140,000	4/24/19
Solano County Transit ²	Electrical Infrastructure for Charging All-Electric Buses	\$ 406,815	4/24/19
City of Petaluma ³	Purchase One Zero-Emission Replacement Bus	\$ 122,145	4/24/19
City of Santa Rosa ³	Maintain Increased Frequency on Routes 1 and 2	\$ 347,666	4/24/19
Sonoma County Transit ³	Electric Bus Purchases	\$ 510,600	4/24/19
North Counties / Small Operators Subtotal		\$ 4,834,859	
MTC	Infrastructure for Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Pilot	\$ 4,759,808	4/24/19
SFMTA	West Portal Optimization and Crossover Activation	\$ 2,184,830	4/24/19
VTA	2021 Zero Emission Bus Procurement ⁴	\$ 1,326,504	6/26/19
AC Transit	Dumbarton Innovative Deployments to Enhance Arterials (IDEA)	\$ 1,248,474	4/24/19
TOTAL		\$ 14,354,475	

* MTC approval conditioned on local support documentation submitted to Caltrans

1. Marin County received \$512,444, and distributed between Marin Transit and GGBHTD as noted.

2. Solano County received \$834,413 and distributed between City of Fairfield and Solano County Transit as noted.

3. Sonoma County received \$980,411 and distributed between City of Petaluma, City of Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County Transit as noted.

4. This project is not considered eligible for the TPI category but will count toward VTA's minimum set-aside. VTA is expected to commit a like amount of a local funds to a TPI project. Staff will follow up on this commitment through semi-annual TPI updates to the Commission.

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Attachment B
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Transit Performance Initiative Project Savings Policy

The following policy is adopted for projects funded through the Transit Performance Initiative Investment Program, including those projects funded with federal STP/CMAQ funds and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program funds:

Savings following project completion may be used to expand the scope of the project, if the expanded scope provides additional quantifiable benefits to the original transit corridor. The expanded scope must be approved by MTC staff prior to expenditure. All other project savings will be returned to MTC proportionally.

Staff will update the Commission on any such actions through the semi-annual Transit Performance Initiative updates.