

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

March 11, 2020

Agenda Item 2f

MTC Resolution Nos. 4377, Revised and 4381, Revised

Subject: An amendment to the Regional State Transit Assistance (STA) Program to add and allocate \$600,000 to support Clipper® operations and a \$1.5 million allocation for the Means-based Fare Pilot.

Background: As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for the nine county Bay Area, MTC is responsible for the allocation of STA funds. STA funds are derived from a sales tax on diesel and split evenly at the state level into a population-based account and a revenue-based account. MTC has full discretion over the programming of population-based funds and [MTC Resolution No. 4321](#) establishes the allocation framework (70% by County Block Grant formula, 30% to a Regional Program, and a small off the top set aside for a Transit Emergency Service Contingency Fund).

Clipper® Operating

An additional \$600,000 is proposed to be added to the FY2019-20 Regional STA Program and simultaneously allocated in support of Clipper® operations. With MTC's support, in order to incentivize use of the regional fare payment system, BART began a Clipper®-only sales policy at four of its most heavily trafficked stations in August 2019, which has resulted in an increase in MTC's share of Clipper® operating costs. BART's surcharge on paper tickets across its system also has driven demand for Clipper® cards. Consequently, MTC's costs associated with Clipper® card distribution and active cardholder fees are significantly higher than previously estimated for this fiscal year.

Means-Based Fare Pilot

The Means-based Fare Pilot will launch toward the end of the current fiscal year. As part of the Commission action in May 2018 to approve this Means-Based Pilot, MTC committed to offset the fare discount with up to \$8 million annually. \$1.5 million is proposed to be allocated to fund our potential share of discounted rides through the end of FY2019-20.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4377, Revised and 4381, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4377, Revised
- Attachment A, STA Regional Coordination Program Summary
- Attachment B, STA Regional Coordination Program Description
MTC Resolution No. 4381, Revised
- Attachment A, List of Allocations



Therese W. McMillan

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4377, Revised

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

This resolution was revised on March 25, 2020 to add funds for Clipper.

Further discussion is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated June 12, 2019 and March 11, 2020.

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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 Summary
FY 2019-20**

STA Regional Discretionary Funds ^(note 1)	\$ 44,905,126
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Project Name	Claimant	Amount
Clipper [®]	MTC	\$ 7,700,000
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		\$ 17,111,000

Balance after Programming	\$ 27,794,126

Estimated Funds Remaining	\$ 27,794,126
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Notes:

1. This amount is from the FY2020-21 Fund Estimate, MTC Resolution No. 4402, and is comprised of the estimated carryover at the end of FY2018-19 of \$24,638,138 and new revenue of \$20,266,988 for FY2019-20.

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STA Regional Coordination Program Description 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~~ \$7,700,000

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, \$7.7 million of STA will support the \$36.5 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.

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4381, Revised

This resolution approves the allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for fiscal year 2019-20.

This resolution allocates funds to County Connection (CCCTA), MTC, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

On July 24, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to AC Transit, Eastern Contra County Transit District (ECCTA, aka Tri Delta Transit), Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), Sonoma County Transit, and WestCAT (WCCTA).

On September 25, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District (Golden Gate), Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA), Solano County Transit (SolTrans), and Solano Transportation Authority.

On November 20, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to AC Transit, Golden Gate, LAVTA, Marin Transit, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County, and Tri Delta Transit. Funds are being rescinded from County Connection and VTA.

On December 18, 2019, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to SamTrans.

On January 22, 2020, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and rescind funds from VTA. The resolution was further revised by Delegated Authority on January 22, 2020 to rescind Revenue-based funds from SamTrans and SFMTA due to a reduction of estimated funds.

On March 25, 2020, Attachment A was revised to allocate funds to MTC.

Discussion of the allocations made under this resolution is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 12, 2019, July 10, 2019, September 4, 2019, November 13, 2019, December 11, 2019, January 8, 2020 and March 11, 2020.

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Re: Allocation of Fiscal Year 2019-20 State Transit Assistance to Claimants in the MTC Region

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4381

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

WHEREAS, the Mills-Alquist-Deddeh Act (“Transportation Development Act” or “TDA”), Public Utilities Code Section 99200 et seq., provides that the State Controller shall, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99310, allocate funds in the Public Transportation Account (“PTA”) to the MTC region to be subsequently allocated by MTC to eligible claimants in the region; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313.6, MTC has created a State Transit Assistance (“STA”) fund which resides with the Alameda County Auditor for the deposit of PTA funds allocated to the MTC region; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313.6(d), MTC may allocate funds to itself for projects to achieve regional transit coordination objectives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 99314.5(a) and 99314.5(b), claimants eligible for Transportation Development Act Article 4 and Article 8 funds are eligible claimants for State Transit Assistance funds; and

WHEREAS, eligible claimants have submitted applications to MTC for the allocation of fiscal year 2019-20 STA funds; and

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the amounts of and purposes for the fiscal year 2019-20 allocations requested by claimants, and is from time-to-time revised; and

WHEREAS, this resolution, including the revisions to Attachment A and the sum of all allocations made under this resolution, are recorded and maintained electronically by MTC; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 21 California Code of Regulations Section 6754, MTC Resolution Nos. 4321 and 4355, and Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the required findings MTC must make, as the case may be, pertaining to the various claimants to which funds are allocated; and

WHEREAS, the claimants to which funds are allocated under this resolution have certified that the projects and purposes listed and recorded in Attachment A are in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the findings set forth in Attachment B to this resolution; and, be it further

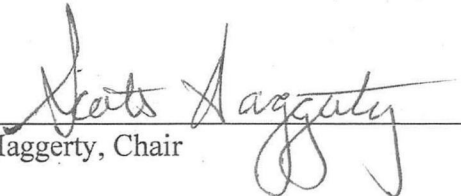
RESOLVED, that MTC approves the allocation of fiscal year 2019-20 STA funds to the claimants, in the amounts, for the purposes, and subject to the conditions, as listed and recorded on Attachment A to this resolution;

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to 21 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 6621 and 6753, a certified copy of this resolution, along with written allocation instructions for the disbursement of STA funds as allocated herein, shall be forwarded to the Alameda County Auditor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all STA allocations are subject to continued compliance with MTC Resolution 3866, the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, this resolution incorporates any revisions to the TDA, either by statute or regulation, made hereafter.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was approved 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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ALLOCATION OF STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS
 DURING FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

All STA allocations are subject to continued compliance with MTC Resolution 3866, Revised,
 the Transit Coordination Implementation Plan.

Claimant	Project Description	Allocation Amount	Alloc. Code	Approval Date	Apportionment Area
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Population-based Small Operator/Northern Counties					
Soltrans	Transit Operations	1,057,109	16	09/25/19	Solano County
	Subtotal	1,057,109			
5820 - 6730A Operations - Population-based Lifeline					
AC Transit	Cycle 5: Preserve service in CoC	1,109,174	05	07/24/19	Alameda County
	Subtotal	1,109,174			
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Revenue-based					
VTA	Transit Operations	32,900,898	01	06/26/19	VTA
AC Transit	Transit Operations	20,253,875	06	07/24/19	AC Transit
WCCTA	Transit Operations	2,601,185	07	07/24/19	BART
SFMTA	Transit Operations	64,970,651	08	07/24/19	SFMTA
ECCTA	Transit Operations	2,802,042	09	07/24/19	BART
GGBHTD	Transit Operations	8,291,789	17	09/25/19	GGBHTD
SamTrans	Transit Operations	9,149,033	23	12/18/19	SamTrans
SamTrans	Transit Operations	5,327,497	24	12/18/19	Caltrain
BART	Transit Operations	33,543,538	25	01/22/20	BART
VTA	Transit Operations	(9,666,856)	01	01/22/20	VTA
SFMTA	Transit Operations	(1,343,127)	08	01/22/20-DA	SFMTA
SamTrans	Transit Operations	(667,724)	24	01/22/20-DA	Caltrain
	Subtotal	168,162,801			
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Population-based MTC Regional Coordination					
MTC	Clipper Operations	7,100,000	02	06/26/19	MTC
MTC	Clipper Operations	600,000	02	03/25/20	MTC
MTC	Means-based Fare Pilot	1,500,000	29	03/25/20	Means-based
	Subtotal	9,200,000			
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - County Block Grant					
CCCTA	Transit Operations	5,513,876	03	06/26/19	Contra Costa County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	5,331,184	10	07/24/19	Alameda County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	1,517,019	11	07/24/19	Contra Costa County
LAVTA	Transit Operations	1,834,900	12	07/24/19	Alameda County
Sonoma County	Transit Operations	2,133,337	13	07/24/19	Sonoma County
ECCTA	Transit Operations	3,167,597	14	07/24/19	Contra Costa County
SFMTA	Transit Operations	1,603,814	15	07/24/19	San Francisco County

5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - County Block Grant (continued)

NVTA	Transit Operations	1,928,357	18	09/25/19	Napa County
CCCTA	Transit Operations	(533,329)	03	11/20/19	Contra Costa County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	13,209	10	11/20/19	Alameda County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	3,387	11	11/20/19	Contra Costa County
LAVTA	Transit Operations	4,391	12	11/20/19	Alameda County
Sonoma County	Transit Operations	387,964	13	11/20/19	Sonoma County

5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - County Block Grant (continued)

ECCTA	Transit Operations	7,071	14	11/20/19	Contra Costa County
Marin Transit	Transit Operations	1,045,059	20	11/20/19	Marin County
GGBHTD	Transit Operations	1,559,474	21	11/20/19	Marin County
Santa Rosa	Transit Operations	2,102,652	22	11/20/19	Sonoma County
BART	Elevator Attendant Program	1,300,000	27	01/22/20	San Francisco County
Subtotal		27,619,962			

5822 - 6731C Paratransit - Operating - County Block Grant

VTA	Transit Operations	7,414,416	04	06/26/19	Santa Clara County
VTA	Transit Operations	(600,000)	04	11/20/19	Santa Clara County
SamTrans	Transit Operations	1,407,983	28	12/18/19	San Mateo County
Subtotal		6,814,416			

5828 - 6731B Planning and Admin - Population-based Small Operator/Northern Counties

Solano TA	Planning and Admin	1,461,293	19	09/25/19	Solano County
Subtotal		1,461,293			

5821 - 6730B Capital Costs - Revenue-based

SamTrans	Transit Capital	4,477,945	26	12/18/19	Caltrain
Subtotal		4,477,945			

TOTAL 219,902,700