

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

May 13, 2020

Agenda Item 2e - 20-0436

MTC Resolution No. 4377, Revised

Subject: An amendment to the Regional State Transit Assistance (STA) Program to add \$75,000 for temporary transit support staff.

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 Resolution No. 4321 establishes the policy framework for the STA population-based funds (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).

This item recommends directing \$75,000 from the Regional Program for temporary staff to help with the increased workload as a result of projects such as the Fare Integration Study and COVID-19 related transit planning efforts.

The addition of funding in the FY 2019-20 agency budget for temporary staffing to support transit projects was approved at the March Commission meeting. Staff will return in June to propose the program of projects for FY 2020-21, including continued funding for transit project support staff.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Staff requests the Commission approve MTC Resolution No. 4377, Revised

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4377, Revised



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Date: June 26, 2019
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2700
Referred by: PAC
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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.

This resolution was revised on May 27, 2020 to add funds for temporary staffing support.

Further discussion is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 12, 2019, March 11, 2020 and May 13, 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

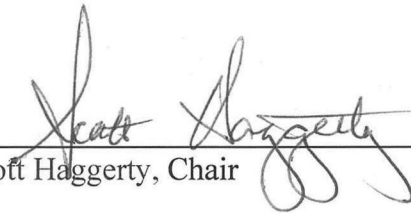
WHEREAS, MTC has provided information about the programming of STA funds for projects in FY 2019-20 as shown in Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

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 Project Support	MTC	\$ 75,000
Transit Projects Contingency	MTC	\$ 200,000
	Total	\$ 17,186,000

Balance after Programming	\$ 27,719,126

Estimated Funds Remaining	\$ 27,719,126
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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: \$7,700,000

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.

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.

Transit Project Support

Programmed to MTC: \$75,000

MTC staff are experiencing an increased workload as a result of projects such as the Fare Integration Study and COVID-19 related transit planning efforts. Temporary staff will assist with the increased workload and ensure on-going programs are also staffed.

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.