

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

November 4, 2020

Agenda Item 4e - 20-1480

MTC Resolution No. 4431, Revised

Subject: Allocation of \$2.4 million in FY 2020-21 State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to WestCAT to support transit operations

Background: Approximately \$340 million in STA Revenue-based and Population-based funds are estimated to be available in FY 2020-21 to support transit operations and capital projects in the Bay Area. STA funds are derived from the sales tax on diesel fuel and are split equally at the state level between the Revenue-based and Population-based programs.

This month, \$2.4 million in STA funding is proposed to be allocated to WestCAT in support of transit operations. These funds come from the BART STA Revenue-based apportionment that is used to support its Feeder Bus Program. WestCAT will receive another \$2.5 million in STA funding through the Executive Director's Delegated Authority process, as the allocation requests from various apportionments fall below the \$1 million threshold. These delegated authority allocations will be included in the second quarter report to PAC in January 2021.


In June, the WestCAT Board adopted a budget for the first quarter of FY 2020-21 and requested approximately \$2 million in Transportation Development Act (TDA), STA, and Regional Measure (RM2) operating funds to support their partial-year budget. In September, WestCAT approved a budget for the entire fiscal year and updated their request for funds accordingly. TDA, STA, and RM2 comprise 54% of WestCAT's operating revenue. Most of the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds programmed to WestCAT were carried into FY 2020-21 and comprise 27% of their operating revenue.

WestCAT's total operating budget of \$12.8 million is fully funded and is slightly more than the FY 2019-20 budget. Their fixed route service is about 65% of normal while paratransit service is about 40% of normal; ridership on both services is about 30% of normal. Contracted operations staffing will be maintained at current levels to allow for back-up buses and to increase service as needed.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 4431, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4431, Revised


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Date: June 24, 2020
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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4431, Revised

This resolution approves the allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for fiscal year 2020-21.

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

Attachment A to this resolution was revised on July 22, 2020 to allocate funds to SolTrans.

Attachment A to this resolution was revised on September 23, 2020 to allocate funds to Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District (GGBHTD), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and Solano Transportation Authority. Funds will be rescinded from MTC.

Attachment A to this resolution was revised on October 28, 2020 to allocate funds to AC Transit, CCCTA, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA or Tri Delta Transit), Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA), and Sonoma County Transit.

Attachment A to this resolution was revised on November 20, 2020 to allocate funds to Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT).

Discussion of the allocations made under this resolution is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 10, 2020, July 8, 2020, September 9, 2020, October 14, 2020, and November 20, 2020.

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Re: Allocation of Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Transit Assistance to Claimants in the MTC Region

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4431

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 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 2020-21 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 and at other remote locations, on June 24, 2020.

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Attachment A
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ALLOCATION OF STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS
 DURING FISCAL YEAR 2020-21

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
5821 - 6730B Capital - Population-based Lifeline					
VTA	Cycle 4: ADA Transition Plan	3,596,543	01	06/24/20	Santa Clara County
	Subtotal	3,596,543			
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Revenue-based					
VTA	Transit Operations	13,808,720	02	06/24/20	VTA
AC Transit	Transit Operations	14,412,123	03	06/24/20	AC Transit
SFMTA	Transit Operations	37,648,058	09	09/23/20	SFMTA
GGBHTD	Transit Operations	5,072,785	10	09/23/20	GGBHTD
ECCTA	Transit Operations	3,049,550	12	10/28/20	BART
WCCTA	Transit Operations	2,394,577	19	11/20/20	BART
	Subtotal	76,385,813			
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - Population-based MTC Regional Coordination					
MTC	Clipper Operations	5,800,000	04	06/24/20	MTC
MTC	Means-based Fare Pilot Subsidy	3,300,000	05	06/24/20	Means-based
MTC	Means-based Fare Pilot Admin	2,700,000	06	06/24/20	Means-based
MTC	Clipper Operations	(5,584,195)	04	09/23/20	MTC
	Subtotal	6,215,805			
5820 - 6730A Operating Costs - County Block Grant					
SolTrans	Transit Operations	1,388,993	08	07/22/20	Solano County
CCCTA	Transit Operations	2,971,480	13	10/28/20	Contra Costa County
AC Transit	Transit Operations	3,187,777	14	10/28/20	Alameda County
LAVTA	Transit Operations	1,097,177	15	10/28/20	Alameda County
Sonoma County	Transit Operations	1,058,070	16	10/28/20	Sonoma County
ECCTA	Transit Operations	1,894,062	17	10/28/20	Contra Costa County
	Subtotal	11,597,559			
5822 - 6731C Paratransit - Operating - County Block Grant					
VTA	Transit Operations	3,977,636	07	06/24/20	Santa Clara County
SFMTA	Paratransit Operations	2,496,392	18	10/28/20	San Francisco County
	Subtotal	6,474,028			
5828 - 6731B Planning and Admin - County Block Grant					
Solano TA	Planning and Administration	2,272,950	11	09/23/20	Solano County
	Subtotal	2,272,950			
	TOTAL	106,542,698			

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ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FUNDS
TO CLAIMANTS IN THE MTC REGION

FINDINGS

The following findings pertain, as the case may be, to claimants to which State Transit Assistance funds are allocated under this resolution.

1. That each claimant has submitted, or shall have submitted prior to the disbursement of funds, copies, to MTC and to appropriate agencies, of all required State Controller's reports and fiscal audit reports prepared in accordance with PUC §§ 99243 and 99245; and
2. That the projects and purposes for which each claimant has submitted an application for TDA Article 8 funds to MTC are in conformance with MTC's Regional Transportation Plan (21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6651), and with the applicable state regulations (21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6600 et seq.), and with the applicable MTC rules and regulations; and
3. That each claimant has submitted to MTC as part of its application for TDA Article 4 funds a budget indicating compliance with the 50% expenditure limitation of PUC § 99268, or with the applicable fare or fares-plus-local-support recovery ratio requirement (PUC §§ 99268.2, 99268.3, 99268.4, 99268.12, or 99270.5), or with the applicable fare or fares-plus-local-match recovery ratio requirement (as set forth, respectively, in PUC §§ 99268.5, 99268.12, or MTC Resolution No. 1209, Revised), as so attested to by the claimant's chief financial officer; and
4. That each claimant is making full use of federal funds available under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, as amended; and
5. That the sum of each claimant's allocation of Transportation Development Act and State Transit Assistance funds does not exceed the amount the claimant is eligible to receive, in accordance with the calculations prescribed by 21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6633.1 or § 6634; and

6. That MTC has given priority consideration to claims to offset reductions in federal operating assistance and the unanticipated increase in the cost of fuel, to enhance existing public transportation services, and to meet high priority regional, countywide, or area wide public transportation needs; and
7. That each claimant has made a reasonable effort to implement the productivity improvements recommended pursuant to PUC § 99244; and
8. That each claimant has submitted to MTC a copy of a certification from the California Highway Patrol verifying that the claimant is in compliance with Section 1808.1 of the Vehicle Code (“Pull Notice Program”), as required by PUC § 99251; and
9. That each claimant is in compliance with the eligibility requirements of PUC §§ 99314.6 or 99314.7; and
10. That each claimant has certified that it has entered into a joint fare revenue sharing agreement with every connecting transit operator, and that it is in compliance with MTC’s Transit Coordination Implementation Plan, pursuant to Government Code §§ 66516 and 66516.5, PUC §§ 99314.5(c) and §99314.7, and MTC Resolution No. 3866, Revised.