

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

July 14, 2021

Agenda Item 2e - 21-0831

MTC Resolution No. 4446, Revised

Subject: Revision to the Lifeline Transportation Cycle 6 to program \$1.6 million for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) Program of Projects.

Background: MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) funds projects that improve mobility for the region's low-income communities. Cycle 6 is administered by MTC in coordination with transit agencies or county transportation agencies (CTAs). Today's item proposes programming of approximately \$1.6 million in Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 6 funds.

Cycle 6 Funding Overview

In June 2020, MTC adopted Resolution No. 4416, which established guidelines for Cycle 6 of the Lifeline Transportation Program. Under Cycle 6, \$7 million (covering FY2018-19 to FY2019-20) in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funding was made available to transit agencies by formula. In October 2020, MTC adopted Resolution No. 4446, which programmed approximately \$5 million of the \$7 million available to eligible Lifeline transit operators. A balance of \$1.6 million remained unprogrammed for Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), pending County of Santa Clara and VTA Board approvals.

Update on Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and County of Santa Clara Cooperative Agreement (Agreement)

In February 2021, VTA initiated the mutual dissolution of the Cooperative Agreement executed in February 2006 between the County of Santa Clara and VTA to jointly administer the Lifeline Transportation Program. The original Agreement established a Joint Lifeline Transportation Committee (JLTC) made up of two VTA staff, two County staff, and three Community Partners selected by the County. The JLTC reviewed and prioritized projects. During the Covid-19 pandemic, county staff had been unavailable to co-administer the Lifeline program and struggled to maintain a full committee. In addition, the composition of LTP funding has evolved and now consists of State and Federal transit funds which can only be used by VTA. The dissolution letter provided sixty days for the County to respond to stop the dissolution; the County did not respond. Therefore, VTA considers the agreement dissolved. In May, the VTA Board approved its LTP Cycle 6 program of projects and adopted the Resolution of Local support that acknowledges the dissolution of the Agreement. VTA now solely administers the Lifeline Transportation Program.

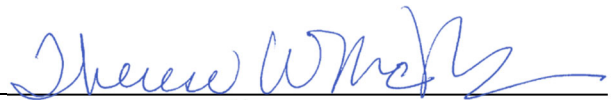
Recommended Program

Staff recommends programming 2 projects totaling approximately \$1.6 million to VTA's Cycle 6 projects. The projects include \$1.2 million for the Downtown San Jose Wayfinding Project and \$370,000 for the Clipper/EZfare Engagement and Marketing for Low-Income and Minority Communities Project.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 4446, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4446, Revised



Therese W. McMillan

Date: October 28, 2020
W.I.: 1311
Referred by: PAC
Revised: 7/28/21-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4446, Revised

This resolution adopts the FY2018-19 through FY2019-20 Program of Projects for MTC's Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program, funded with FTA Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds.

The evaluation criteria established in Resolution No. 4416 were used to develop the program of projects.

The following attachments are provided with this resolution:

Attachment A — Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program of Projects -
FY2018 - 19 and FY2019 - 20

This resolution was amended on July 28, 2021 to program \$1,647,290 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds to Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Lifeline Cycle 6 Projects: Downtown San Jose Wayfinding Project; and the Clipper/EZfare Engagement and Marketing for Low-Income and Minority Communities Project.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee summary sheets dated October 14, 2020 and July 14, 2021.

Date: October 28, 2020
W.I.: 1311
Referred by: PAC

RE: Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program of Projects – FY2018-19 and FY2019-20

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4446

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

WHEREAS, MTC adopted Resolution No. 4416, which establishes program guidelines to be used for the funding and oversight of the Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program, Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20; and

WHEREAS, MTC used the process and criteria set forth in Attachment A of Resolution No. 4416 to fund a Program of Projects for the Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program with Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds; and

WHEREAS, the Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program of Projects is set forth in Attachment A of this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the Program of Projects for the Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program, as set forth in Attachment A of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required, to the Governor, Caltrans, and to such other agencies as may be appropriate.

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 and at other remote locations, on October 28, 2020.

Revised Cycle 6 Lifeline Transportation Program of Projects (FY2018-19 and FY2019-20)

#	Transit Operator	Project	Other Project Sponsor	Project Description	5307			Notes
					TOTAL Available Funding	Programmed	Unprogrammed Balance	
1	AC Transit	Preservation of Existing Services in Communities of Concern	n/a	The funds will be used to continue and improve transit service to several key MTC Communities of Concern in Alameda County and Contra Costa counties. The three routes in the project (Routes 36,76,86) provide services to approximately 1.5 million passengers annually to and from areas in low-income communities. The communities that the project serves have a high concentration of minority populations that speak limited English, an average of 16 percent of total households do not own a car, and therefore rely on alternative means of transportation to get to and from their daily destinations. This project is estimated to serve 2,933 low income persons daily, 267,667 low income persons quarterly and 1,070,669 low income persons yearly.	1,026,784	1,026,784	0	
2		Line 97	Union City Transit	Lifeline funds will be utilized to continue bus service for Line 97 serving Union City BART.		12,674	0	(1)
3	BART	Embarcadero Station Platform Elevator Capacity and Redundancy Project	n/a	This project will purchase and install a new redundant elevator at the North end (exit towards Ferry Building) of the Embarcadero BART/Muni Station to improve mobility and access for customers. The Embarcadero BART/Muni Station is in the City and County of San Francisco, a regional hub for employment. Hence, the station serves a diverse population, including Communities of Concern, who travel to and from jobs and activities related to employment. The new elevator at this station will primarily serve BART's platform; however, the elevator will also be able to stop at the Muni platform. The design vision includes a glass enclosed cab and hoistway to increase visual transparency. The scope of work also includes refurbishing Muni's elevator, which will exclusively provide access to Muni's platform once the project is complete. In addition, both the North and South end of station stairs will be rebuilt wider.	1,172,942	1,172,942	0	
4	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	Lifeline Service Preservation	n/a	The Lifeline funds will be utilized to continue service to Communities of Concern in the Central portions of Contra Costa County. These include routes 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 311, 314, and 316.	83,785	83,785	0	
5	Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (Tri Delta Transit)	Operations Funding for Routes Support for Route 200 and 201	n/a	Provision of lifeline, public transit bus service between Bay Point, a community of concern, and Central County (Route 200) and Concord (Route 201) lifeline destinations. Service includes fixed route and adjunct ADA services.	199,621	199,621	0	
6	Fairfield and Suisun Transit	Partial Restoration of Local and Commuter Saturday Service	City of Vacaville	This project will help offset expenses to reinstate Saturday service on Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) local routes and the Solano Express Blue Line eliminated due to a significant drop off in ridership and fare revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.	246,299	246,299	0	
7	Vacaville - City Coach	Partial Restoration of Local and Commuter Saturday Service	FAST/City of Vacaville	This project will help offset expenses to reinstate Saturday service on Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) local routes and the Solano Express Blue Line eliminated due to a significant drop off in ridership and fare revenue during the COVID-19 pandemic.	106,929	106,929	0	
8	Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District - Bus Service	Golden Gate Transit Ambassador Program	n/a	Golden Gate Transit will implement a Transit Ambassador Program, which includes the strengthened regional provision of District-specific transit information to riders from low-income neighborhoods and three Communities of Concern in Marin County.	153,491	138,491	0	
9		Joint Shelter Replacement Project	Marin Transit	Fund transfer from GGBHTD to Marin Transit for a joint shelter replacement project at stops in a community of concern in Novato.		15,000		(3)
10	Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority	Route 14 Operating Assistance	n/a	Wheels' Route 14 provides service between the North Livermore Low Income Community and a variety of essential destinations including shopping, employment, healthcare, and direct regional rail connections via the Livermore Transit Center/ACE station and Dublin/Pleasanton BART station. Funding would support the project's continued operation from 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2022.	94,183	94,183	0	

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11	Marin County Transit District	Novato Bus Stop Shelters	n/a	Purchase bus stop shelters at high ridership stops in Novato that no longer have City advertising shelters. The project improves rider conditions for routes serving communities of concern in the City of Novato.	33,892	33,892	0	
12	Napa VINE	Riverside Pathway Connection to Downtown/Transit	City of Calistoga	The Napa Riverside Pedestrian Pathway will provide a direct, ADA compliant multiuse path along the Napa River connecting the bus stop location on Lincoln Avenue (Hwy 29) to the restrooms (in Fire Station), public parking lot, and Post Office to the east. The project will benefit residents as well as visitors and transit riders.	156,657	62,657	0	
13		Pope St. Pedestrian Crossing Improvement	City of Helena	The project includes the design and installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon system (or equivalent) on Pope Street at College Avenue; four ADA compliant curb ramps, and continental crosswalk markings on Pope St. at College Ave. Enhancing the crossing at Pope St. and College will improve access and safety for the transit stops serving both schools and for nearby seniors accessing those stops.		94,000		
14	Petaluma Transit	Petaluma Transit Weekend Service	City of Petaluma	Petaluma Transit seeks funding to continue providing fixed route bus and paratransit service on Saturday and Sunday for one year, in order to meet the needs of riders who have employment and other weekend travel needs.	54,789	54,789	0	
15	San Mateo County Transit District	Route 17 and Demand Response Service on the Coastside	n/a	This project will continue funding the operation of existing Lifeline funded fixed route bus service for SamTrans Route 17 and general public demand response service on the Coastside of San Mateo County. Route 17 operates between the hours of 6 am and 9pm seven days a week with general public demand response service operating during the same hours. The route extends from the Linda Mar Park and Ride lot in the North, through Montara, El Granada, and Half Moon Bay before ending in Pescadero to the south.	262,751	262,751	0	
16	Santa Rosa CityBus	Continuing Lifeline Route Operations	n/a	Funding for this project will provide continued operations of the City of Santa Rosa's CityBus Lifeline Routes (Routes 2, 2B, 3, and 12) that service the Roseland Community of Concern area in the City of Santa Rosa.	203,782	203,782	0	
17	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency	Essential Trip Card Program	n/a	The Essential Trip Card (ETC) is a discount program to help seniors and people with disabilities make essential trips in taxis. The program uses taxis to take people to the grocery store, pharmacy or medical trips. Customers pay \$12 to receive \$60 value for taxi trips on a debit card.	1,127,352	1,127,352	0	
18	Solano County Transit	SolTrans Route 7-Maintain Lifeline Fixed Route Service	n/a	This Operating Assistance request is for maintaining SolTrans Route 7 (formerly Route 2) which operates seven days a week and provides service from Vallejo Transit Center to Northeast Vallejo and Solano Community College for low-income and transit-dependent populations.	313,451	313,451	0	
19	Sonoma County Transit	Sonoma County Transit CNG Bus Purchase	n/a	Sonoma County Transit is requesting \$166,459 in JARC Lifeline funding to assist with the purchase of one compressed natural gas (CNG) transit coach. The new CNG bus will be deployed on intercity routes serving the Healdsburg, Lower Russian River and Sonoma Springs CBTP areas. The timely replacement of Sonoma County Transit's CNG buses ensures comfortable and reliable public transit service throughout the fixed-route system.	166,459	166,459	0	
20	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Downtown San Jose Wayfinding Project	VTA	This project implements San Jose's wayfinding pilot identified through MTC's Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Program to harmonize transit information between the 27 Bay Area transit agencies. This project will develop wayfinding maps, procure, and install totems along VTA's downtown transit mall on the light rail platforms and sidewalks adjacent.	1,276,833	1,276,833	0	(4)
21		Clipper/Ezfare Engagement and Marketing for Low-Income and Minority Communities	VTA	This project would engage low-income and minority communities of Santa Clara County to identify their barriers to Clipper/EZfare usage, develop strategies to eliminate those barriers, and initiate a targeted campaign to market Clipper/EZfare to low-income and minority communities.	370,457	370,457	0	(4)

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22	Union City Transit	Line 97	AC Transit	Union City Transit requests transfer of funds to AC Transit for continued operations of Line 97.	12,674		0	(1)
23	Western Contra Costa Transit Authority	Purchase and install new AVL/CAD/APC System	n/a	This funding will support the purchase and installation of a complete AVL/APC system on all fixed-route vehicles within WCCTA's fleet. Once installed and activated, this system will allow WCCTA to improve its real-time information system to give riders better customer information about bus arrivals and departures.	25,311	25,311	0	
Regional Grand Totals								
					Lifeline Program Revenue Source	Total Proposed Programming	Unprogrammed Balance	
					7,088,442	7,088,442	-	

Notes

- (1) Union City Transit requests transferring \$12K to AC Transit for Line 97 project. Pending AC Transit Board action.
- (2) Projects are pending Board approval.
- (3) Projects are pending staff/Board approval for receipt of funds for Lifeline project purpose.
- (4) Proposed action for Commission approval to program VTA's Cycle 6 projects on 7/28/21.