

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

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Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Subject:

A presentation of the findings from TDA Triennial Performance Audits of SamTrans, Golden Gate Transit, Tri Delta Transit, SolTrans, WestCAT, NVRTA, Vacaville, Dixon, and Rio Vista.

Background:

The Transportation Development Act (TDA) requires that MTC administer triennial performance audits of the region's transit operators. Operators are divided into three groups, with one group audited each year on a three-year cycle. The audits are conducted under contract by an independent auditing firm, currently Pierlott and Associates, LLC.

The attached presentation summarizes findings and recommendations for the recently completed audits, focusing on each operator's three-year trends between FY 2017-18 and FY 2019-20.

Audited performance indicators include cost per hour, cost per passenger, and passengers per hour. Only three of the nine operators were successful in reducing or keeping their cost per hour growth to within inflationary adjustments. Service effectiveness (ridership) and cost efficiency trends (productivity) were generally declining, during the audit period, which includes the first few months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Issues:

The audit recommendations should be considered by operators in the context of recovery planning from the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on transit operating performance. Audit recommendations may be addressed as Productivity Improvement Program (PIP) projects. MTC staff will work with operators to ensure that PIP projects are relevant to current circumstances.

Recommendation:

Information. No action required.

Attachment:

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Triennial Audit Presentation



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