

Attachment A – Transit Operator Budget Summary

**San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency**

FY2024-25 Operating Budget	\$1.17 billion
FY2023-24 Operating Budget	\$1.12 billion
Increase in Budget compared to FY2023-24	4.1%
Projected Ridership (Estimated FY 2024-25 as a percentage of FY 2018-19 actual)	72.2%
Total Proposed FY2024-25 Operating Allocation <sup>1</sup>	\$289.6 million
Proportion of Operating Budget Funded with Allocations	24.7%

**Budget and Operating Highlights**

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) provides transit service to the City and County of San Francisco using five different modes: motorcoach, trolley coach, light rail, cable car, and historic streetcar. Serving a mostly urban market within the city’s 49-square mile service area and the northern reaches of neighboring County of San Mateo, SFMTA caters to over 160 million passengers annually.

SFMTA shows promising signs of ridership recovery. In the month of September 2024, the operator saw its highest ridership month since the beginning of the pandemic with reported averages of 521,000 weekday passenger trips and 349,000 weekend trips. SFMTA will continue to evaluate the feasibility of new fare products and incentives to encourage ridership and respond to changing usage patterns.

While ridership recovery remains relatively strong, SFMTA continues to face budgetary challenges due to factors including slow growth of parking revenue. To close a \$12.7 million

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<sup>1</sup>Includes allocations made through Executive Director’s Delegated Authority as allowed by MTC Resolution No. 3620, Revised. Any allocations made by Delegated Authority will be reported as part of the quarterly Delegated Authority update to the Commission. Excludes allocations made for transit capital or planning and administration purposes

shortfall in the current and incoming fiscal year, the Board of Directors approved a reduction of the Clipper discount for Clipper and Muni Mobile single ride fares, an increase of parking fines by 8% each year, implementation of inflation indexing of residential parking permit fees, and reinstatement of taxi fees (excluding drivers) and applying inflation indexing.

SFMTA's board of directors approved a five-year capital improvement program covering the five-year period from FY2024-25 to FY2028-29 on April 16, 2024, which totaled \$2.6 billion for 180 projects within 10 capital program areas. SFMTA's operating budget for FY2024-25 shows a 4% increase from the previous fiscal year and is reflective of inflation with specific increases of costs in labor, services, materials and supplies.

**Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST)**

FY2024-25 Operating Budget	\$10.8 million
FY2023-24 Operating Budget	\$10.6 million
Increase in Budget compared to FY2023-24	2.0%
Projected Ridership (Estimated FY2023-24 as a Percentage of FY 2018-19 actual) <sup>1</sup>	42.5%
Total Proposed FY2024-25 Operating Allocation <sup>2</sup>	\$7.2 million
Proportion of Operating Budget Funded with Allocations	66.7%

**Budget and Operating Highlights**

FAST is the primary bus service for the City of Fairfield and surrounding communities. It operates across a 41 square-mile service area that houses a population of over 120,000 people. FAST offers five fixed routes, two demand-response routes, an intercity taxi program, and a microtransit service. The intercity taxi program is a flexible option for paratransit certified riders, providing a connection between cities and rural areas of Solano County. The microtransit service (FAST Connect) is an implementation of FAST’s “Comprehensive Operational Strategy” and offers an on-demand service that more efficiently serves two zones of Fairfield that were previously served by fixed routes. All these service offerings total over 200,000 rides provided annually.

FAST’s proposed budget for FY2024-25 shows \$10.8 million in operational expenses representing a 2% overall increase in the previous year. The slight increase is shared across all operational expenses categories and is reflective of inflation.

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<sup>1</sup>Projected ridership is not inclusive of Solano Express service which is now operated by Solano County Transit (SolTrans)

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To continue encouraging ridership recovery, Fairfield's city council approved FAST's proposal of a free youth fares pilot. This pilot will take effect December 1, 2024. Additionally, FAST plans to expand the FAST Connect microtransit service to the Paradise Valley Estates retirement community which will provide valuable first-last mile connections to residents and employees alike.