

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

March 27, 2024

Agenda Item 12b - 24-0258

Programming and Allocations Committee – Update to Commission

MTC Resolution Nos. 4625, Revised and 4626, Revised

Subject:

This memorandum summarizes updates to the materials associated with MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Agenda Item 3c: MTC Resolution Nos. 4625, Revised and 4626, Revised – Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-24 Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Operating Program and Fiscal Year 2023-24 RM3 Operating Allocations for Express Bus; and makes note of a condition to be placed on allocation of FY2023-24 RM3 funding for SolTrans

Background:

On March 13, 2024, staff presented an update requesting approval of programming and allocation of Fiscal Year 2023-24 RM3 Operating Program funds for Express Bus service to the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee. At this meeting, staff received direction to clarify that in future years, MTC staff would assess operators' eligibility to receive RM3 Express Bus funding. This memorandum documents that for future rounds of RM3 Express Bus funding, MTC staff will holistically assess express bus service needs regionwide to identify routes that support RM3's statutory objective of reducing bridge corridor congestion. Staff will ensure sufficient opportunity for all bus operators to engage in the discussion of eligibility for RM3 Express Bus funding, and the best use of the funding for support of transit operations.

As a condition of allocation of the RM3 Express Bus funding for SolTrans that is proposed as part of this item, the SolTrans Board must take action to reverse its authorization to execute funding agreements with the California State Transportation Agency and contracts with private companies Kuba, Inc. and Littlepay, related to the establishment of a fare payment system that is not Clipper; and reverse authorization to fund the proposed project through State Rail Assistance funds. SolTrans' effort to implement a secondary fare payment system to Clipper, is in violation of MTC Resolution 3866, the region's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan. MTC staff have been in contact with SolTrans staff and Board members in regard to this issue and they are aware of the recommended condition to be placed on the allocation of RM3 Express Bus funds.

Recommendations:

Information.

Attachments:

- March 13, 2024 Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet with MTC Resolution Nos. 4265, Revised and 4626, Revised, and Presentation

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Andrew B. Fremier