

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

April 9, 2008

Item Number 5a

MTC Resolution 3834, Revised

Subject: Proposition 1B – Transit: FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds Allocation Requests – Round 2

Background: In June 2007, MTC adopted the Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program (Resolution 3814), including the programming of \$347 million in state bond funds available to the region by the State Transit Assistance population-based formula. Based on the state’s FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B – Transit appropriation, roughly \$58 million is available to MTC this fiscal year for the population-based program. Over \$50 million in funding for Bay Area projects was approved by MTC and allocated by the state earlier this year, in the first round of FY 2007-08 allocations.

Summary: Approximately \$6.4 million is available in Round 2. Staff recommends requesting \$5.1 million in allocations for three Lifeline projects in Alameda County:

- 1) \$2,000,000 – Ashby BART Station Elevator in conjunction with the Ed Roberts Campus
- 2) \$100,000 – Livermore Amador Valley Transportation Agency Bus Shelters
- 3) \$3,000,000 – AC Transit bus purchase.

The remaining \$1.3 million will be available in the next round of allocations, expected to occur in late 2008. The recommended allocations by investment category, as seen in the chart below, are generally proportional to the 10-year Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program. The allocation requests are based on the programming framework established by the Commission under Resolution 3814, submittal requests from project sponsors, and the allocation principles described in Attachment A to this resolution.

(in millions)

Prop 1B Capital Category	FY 2007-08 Round 1 Allocations	FY 2007-08 Recommended Round 2 Allocations
Lifeline	\$12.30	\$5.10
Urban Core	\$33.70	
Small Operators	\$5.30	
Total Requests	\$51.30	\$5.10
Total Available		\$57.70
Total Remaining		\$1.30

Issues:

- 1) In order to maximize the availability of flexible funds for the Lifeline program, the Commission adopted \$12 million in allocations for regional coordination projects to allow the Lifeline program access to an equivalent amount of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds. The equivalent STA transfer to Lifeline was memorialized in the FY 2008-09 Fund Estimate, MTC Resolution 3845. The Fund Estimate update in June will reflect the revisions to the STA funds in this resolution. As directed by the

Commission in June 2007, staff will attempt to allocate a total of \$32 million in regional coordination projects over the life of the bond to increase the availability of more flexible STA funds for the Lifeline program.

- 2) The Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) identified the three projects listed above as ready-to-go Lifeline investments that would benefit from an immediate allocation. The remaining Bay Area Congestion Management Agencies (CMAs) preferred to use the Proposition 1B funds in a future Lifeline cycle. The recommendation advances ACCMA \$3.4 million from the regional Lifeline category. ACCMA will repay this advance using first the FY 2008-09 Proposition 1B Lifeline share and second the Alameda FY 2007-08 STA flexible funds transferred to Lifeline described above. If the FY 2008-09 Proposition 1B funds are insufficient to fulfill the repayment agreement, Alameda would use their county's share of STA flexible Lifeline funds.
- 3) Staff recommends holding the remaining \$1.3 million in the Lifeline category in reserve for a future round of allocations. This will allow for the completion of the Lifeline program review, due to be finalized shortly. Further, the \$12 million in "freed up" STA described above will also be available for a future lifeline call for projects, expected to follow the program review.
- 4) Allocation requests are subject to review by Caltrans and approval by the State Controller's Office. Staff is requesting that the Executive Director be given authority to make administrative changes to the allocation requests, as necessary, based on the state's review.

Recommendation: Refer Resolution No. 3834, Revised to the Commission for approval.

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3834, Revised

This resolution adopts the FY 2007-08 priorities for the Proposition 1B – Regional Transit Program for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Attachment A Allocation Principles for Proposition 1B Transit FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds

Attachment B FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B Transit Population-based Funds Project List

This resolution was amended on April 23, 2008 to include requests for allocations in FY 2007-08 - Round 2.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum dated December 12, 2007, and the PAC summary sheet dated April 9, 2008.

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Allocation Principles for Proposition 1B Transit FY 2007-08 Population-based Funds

MTC Resolution 3814, adopted on June 27, 2007, established programming categories and amounts for the distribution of Proposition 1B – Transit funds under the population-based formula. Based on the programming framework of Resolution 3814, the FY 2007-08 Proposition 1B – Transit population-based funds will be distributed based on the following principles:

1. The proportional share of the roughly \$58 million is available to each investment category: Lifeline, Urban Core and Small Operators/Northern Counties.
2. Within each category, MTC will submit projects for allocation based on ready-to-go status. The rationale is that it will be important to put transit-bond dollars to work to demonstrate the need for funding. MTC staff will attempt to allocate regional coordination projects to free up more flexible funds within the Lifeline category, as directed under Resolution 3814. Given the timeline for the next Lifeline call for projects – expected in the summer of 2008 after completion of a program evaluation – Lifeline funds not swapped for “flexibility” may be held in reserve this year.
3. MTC will evaluate this process in Spring 2008, before the State’s second round of FY 2007-08 allocations. The evaluation will consider the remaining available FY 2007-08 funding, the amount of bond funds proposed in the FY 2008-09 State Budget, the Resolution 3434 Strategic Plan and any new legislation regarding the state bond program. At this point, if funding is still available in any one category, shifting funds between categories may be considered.

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**Proposition 1B - Transit Capital Funds - Population-Share
FY 2007-08 Allocation Requests for Submittal to Caltrans based on \$57.7 Million Available to MTC**

Sponsor	Project Description	Category	Amount	MTC Approval Date
MTC	TransLink® *	Lifeline	2,420,000	12/19/07
MTC	Regional Transit Connectivity *	Lifeline	9,858,000	12/19/07
BART	BART Earthquake Safety Program	Urban Core	24,000,000	12/19/07
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority	Line 522/523 Bus Rapid Transit	Urban Core	9,726,977	12/19/07
Marin County Transportation District	Shuttle Vehicles	Small Operators/North Counties	151,610	12/19/07
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District	Maintenance Facility Improvements	Small Operators/North Counties	414,019	12/19/07
Napa County Transportation Planning Agency	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	300,170	12/19/07
Vallejo Transit	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	304,082	12/19/07
Vacaville City Coach	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	240,000	12/19/07
Fairfield/Suisun Transit	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	400,000	12/19/07
Santa Rosa Citybus	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	501,869	12/19/07
Sonoma County Transit	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	569,657	12/19/07
CCCTA	Diablo Valley Transit Center	Small Operators/North Counties	1,089,177	12/19/07
ECCTA	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	607,111	12/19/07
LAVTA	Bus Rapid Transit - Route 10	Small Operators/North Counties	429,294	12/19/07
Union City	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	158,878	12/19/07
WestCat	Bus Purchase	Small Operators/North Counties	150,701	12/19/07
BART	Ashby BART Station Elevator	Lifeline	2,000,000	04/23/08
LAVTA	LAVTA Bus Shelters	Lifeline	100,000	04/23/08
AC Transit	Bus Purchase	Lifeline	2,998,588	04/23/08
Total			56,420,133	

*Allocations to MTC Regional Programs increase Lifeline Program access to STA flexible funds - up to \$32 million will be exchanged per Resolution 3814.