

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 11, 2008

Item Number 4b

## Resolution No. 3861

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**Subject:** Programming and allocation of approximately \$3.1 million in Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and \$819,000 in Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues. The Five Percent Revenues are proposed to continue to fund the San Francisco Bay Trail project and operations of the Alameda/Oakland Ferry, Alameda Harbor Bay Ferry, and Vallejo ferry services through FY 2008-09. The Two Percent Revenues are proposed to fund specific ferry capital improvements and maintenance.

**Background:** The Two Percent Bridge Toll revenues are derived from the transit element of Regional Measure 1. The Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues are state funds derived from a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) following state action to “federalize” certain toll bridge projects under BATA’s jurisdiction. The state funds replace the Five Percent Bridge Toll Program funds originally generated from RM 1 bridge toll revenues for ferry operations. New programming and allocations policies were established in Resolution No. 3288 in July 2000 and revised in April 2002 and July 2002.

In July 2002, the Commission implemented a 40% farebox recovery performance measure for eligibility to claim Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues. All of the ferry operators report exceeding the 40% target. Final farebox figures for FY 2006-07 will be available when National Transit Database reports are issued later this year.

**Issues:** **(1) Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA):** Under SB 976, the statute that created WETA, the Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues that MTC allocates to rapid water transit systems are to be allocated to WETA. MTC, WETA and ferry operator staff met to review this provision and agreed that the FY 2008-09 funds should be allocated directly to the operators. On May 15, 2008, the WETA board adopted a resolution that authorizes and requests MTC to allocate the FY 2008-09 funds directly to the Vallejo, Alameda/Oakland and Harbor Bay ferries. Future allocations will, in all likelihood, be made to WETA.

**(2) Bay Trail:** ABAG requested an increase in funding for the Bay Trail project to \$175,000 to account for inflation. With some exceptions, the Bay Trail project was level-funded at \$140,000 each year from FY 1997-98 to FY2006-07, with a one-time increase to \$170,000 in FY2007-08. Staff is recommending maintaining funding for ABAG at the \$170,000 level due to pressure on the ferry operating budgets from rising fuel costs.

**(3) Project Not Recommended for Funding:** The Marin County Public Works Department requested \$100,000 in Five Percent funds for planning improved bicycle access in the area of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and I-580 in Marin County. Staff is not recommending funding this project in order to preserve funding for ferry operations, which have been affected by rising fuel costs, and because funding for ferry operations and capital has already been reduced from FY 2007-08 levels (\$3.9 million compared to \$4.1 million) due to reductions in the amount of available toll funds.

**Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 3861 to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 3861

Date: June 25, 2008  
W.I.: 1514  
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3861

This resolution approves the Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and the Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues program of projects and allocation of funds for the FY 2008-09. Attachment A to this resolution lists the projects to be funded.

Further discussion of the programming and allocation is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Summary sheet dated June 11, 2008.

Date: June 25, 2008  
W.I.: 1514  
Referred by: PAC

RE: Programming and Allocation of Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 to Various Claimants

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 3861

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

WHEREAS, with the toll increase authorized by the Regional Measure I, approved by the voters on November 8, 1988, 3% of the revenue from the toll increase collected on all the state-owned bridges in the region may be allocated by MTC pursuant to Streets and Highways Code §§ 30913 and 30914, for certain projects which are designed to reduce vehicular traffic congestion on these bridges; and

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code §§ 30913 and 30914 have been amended to require that an additional 2% of those toll revenues be allocated by MTC for the planning, construction, and acquisition of rapid water transit systems; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code § 30894, MTC has adopted MTC Resolution No. 2004, revised which sets forth MTC's Bridge Toll Revenue Allocation Policy; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 3288, Revised which established the Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues Interim Programming and Allocation Policy; and

WHEREAS, the claimants listed on Attachment A have submitted applications to MTC for allocation of Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues in FY 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, those applications are for projects and purposes that are in conformance with MTC's Regional Transportation Plan, with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code § 2100 et seq.) and the State EIR Guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code § 15000 et seq.); now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the programming and allocation of Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and Two Percent Bridge Toll Funds in FY 2008-09 to the claimants, in the amounts, for the purposes, and subject to the conditions listed on Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Bill Dodd, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on June 25, 2008.

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Attachment A  
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ALLOCATION OF FIVE PERCENT UNRESTRICTED STATE FUND REVENUES AND  
AND TWO PERCENT BRIDGE TOLL REVENUES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-09

Claimant	Project Description	Allocation Amount	Alloc. Code	Approval Date
<i>Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues</i>				
Vallejo	Baylink Ferry Operations	\$1,394,807	01	06/25/08
City of Alameda	Alameda-Oakland Ferry Operations	1,056,046	02	06/25/08
City of Alameda	Harbor Bay Ferry Operations	450,000	03	06/25/08
ABAG	Bay Trail Operations	170,000	04	06/25/08
<b>Total - Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues</b>		<b>\$3,070,853</b>		
<i>Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues</i>				
<i>Northern Bridge Group</i>				
Vallejo	Baylink Ferry Capitalized Maintenance	\$455,607	05	06/25/08
		Subtotal		
		\$455,607		
<i>Southern Bridge Group</i>				
City of Alameda	Encinal Main Engine Re-Build	\$144,868	06	06/25/08
City of Alameda	Harbor Bay Terminal Barge Dry-Dock	219,000	07	06/25/08
		Subtotal		
		\$363,868		
<b>Total - Two Percent Restricted Bridge Toll Revenues</b>		<b>\$819,475</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,890,328</b>		