

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 10, 2008

Item Number 3a

Resolution No. 3871

Subject: New Freedom Program, Second Cycle – Recommended Projects in Large Urbanized Areas and Prioritization of Projects in Small Urbanized Areas

Background: The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Freedom Program addresses the transportation needs of disabled persons through the provision of new services and facility improvements that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Program provides grants for operating, capital, and mobility management projects. Funds are apportioned based on urbanized area (UA) size, and proportionate share of population of persons with disabilities. MTC, as the designated recipient of the Bay Area's large UA apportionment, is responsible for conducting a competitive selection to determine which projects should receive funding. On behalf of Caltrans, the designated recipient of the state's small UA apportionment, MTC also agreed to prioritize Bay Area applications for small UA funds.

In May 2008, MTC adopted Resolution No. 3877, which set forth the guidelines for the selection of projects to be funded under the second cycle of the program. The available funding includes the FY 2007 apportionment for the Bay Area's five large UAs, and the FY 2007 through FY 2009 target amounts provided by Caltrans for the Bay Area's seven small UAs.

MTC issued a call for projects in June 2008 to program the \$1.6 million large UA apportionment and the \$1 million small UA funding target. For the large UA funds, MTC received 14 applications totaling \$2.4 million in requests. For the small UA funds, MTC received five applications totaling \$0.6 million. A panel consisting of Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee and Advisory Council members and MTC staff evaluated the applications.

For Large Urbanized Area Funds: Attachment 1 lists the applications from highest to lowest score, and shows the recommended grant amount from each UA in which each project was eligible to receive funding. The grant recommendations were determined based on interrelated factors:

- a project's score relative to other projects within the same UA;
- the extent to which a project would affect each UA, if eligible in many;
- the scalability of a project, if competing in oversubscribed UAs; and,
- the objective of using as much of the available funds as possible.

The above constraints result in some instances where lower-scoring projects are recommended for funding while higher-scoring projects are not, and recommend grants that are less than the amount requested. Project sponsors have been consulted on any recommended modifications, and concur with them. If the recommendations are approved, MTC would enter into

agreements with the project sponsors that are slated to receive New Freedom funds.

For Small Urbanized Area Funds: Attachment 2 lists the applications from highest to lowest score. If approved, this prioritization would be submitted to Caltrans for funding consideration in a statewide competition. If funded by Caltrans, the project sponsors would enter into agreements with Caltrans.

Issue: MTC did not receive any applications for the Livermore, Napa, and Petaluma small UA funds, which in total amount to about \$300,000. If small UAs in the state are undersubscribed, Caltrans may issue another call for projects for the remaining funds, at which time MTC staff could conduct focused outreach in the urbanized areas that did not submit applications for this cycle.

Recommendation: Refer Resolution No. 3871 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: Attachment 1 – Recommended Projects in Large Urbanized Areas
Attachment 2 – Recommended Prioritization of Projects in Small Urbanized Areas
MTC Resolution No. 3871

**Attachment 1
 New Freedom Program – Second Cycle
 Recommended Projects in Large Urbanized Areas**

Rank	Sponsor	Project Name	Total Cost	Federal Amount Requested	Average Score	Recommended Grant Amount						
						Total	By Urbanized Area*					
							Antioch	Concord	San Francisco - Oakland	San Jose	Santa Rosa	
1	LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Accessible BART Station Maps	\$ 218,000	\$ 174,400	93.5	\$ 174,400	\$ 34,019	\$ 43,880	\$ 96,501	\$ -	\$ -	
2	Outreach & Escort	Mobility Management Center - Santa Clara County	\$ 499,250	\$ 399,400	89.7	\$ 399,440	x	x	x	\$ 399,440	x	
3	SamTrans	Peninsula Rides Implementation	\$ 654,579	\$ 521,581	88.2	\$ 177,857	x	x	\$ 177,857	x	x	
4	AC Transit	Mobile Data Terminals/ Automatic Vehicle Locators for East Bay Paratransit Fleet	\$ 660,000	\$ 300,000	88.0	\$ 300,000	x	x	\$ 300,000	x	x	
5	San Francisco MTA	Paratransit Shopping Shuttle	\$ 520,000	\$ 260,000	87.5	\$ 260,000	x	x	\$ 260,000	x	x	
6	CCCTA/County Connection	Contra Costa Mobility Management Phase II	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	85.7	\$ 80,000	\$ 26,582	\$ 53,418	\$ -	x	x	
7	Marin Transit	Marin Transit Mobility Management Office	\$ 144,813	\$ 115,850	82.0	\$ 115,850	x	x	\$ 115,850	x	x	
8	AC Transit	East Bay Paratransit Interactive Voice Response/Web-Based Schedule System	\$ 400,000	\$ 200,000	81.0	\$ -	x	x	\$ -	x	x	
9	AC Transit	Audible NextBus Information at Bus Stops	\$ 55,000	\$ 44,000	80.7	\$ -	x	x	\$ -	x	x	
10	Lafayette, City of	Lamorinda Spirit Van Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities	\$ 92,503	\$ 24,581	79.7	\$ 24,481	\$ -	\$ 24,481	\$ -	x	x	
11	St. Mini Cab Corp.	Wheelchair-Accessible Taxi Cabs, East Bay	\$ 175,000	\$ 140,000	79.2	\$ -	x	x	\$ -	x	x	
12	SamTrans	Millbrae Community Transportation Coordination Plan	\$ 64,913	\$ 51,354	77.5	\$ -	x	x	\$ -	x	x	
13	Santa Rosa CityBus	Low Floor Bus Purchase for Enhanced Oakmont Service	\$ 600,000	\$ 80,089	77.2	\$ 80,089	x	x	x	x	\$ 80,089	
14	Rio Vista, City of	Delta Breeze Service Expansion, Travel Training, and Expansion of Taxi Scrip Program	\$ 71,010	\$ 35,505	66.3	\$ -	-	x	x	x	x	
			Total Requested	\$ 2,426,760		Total Recommended	\$ 1,612,117	\$ 60,601	\$ 121,779	\$ 950,208	\$ 399,440	\$ 80,089
						Total Available	\$ 1,612,117	\$ 60,601	\$ 121,779	\$ 950,208	\$ 399,440	\$ 80,089

* The names given to the urbanized areas correspond to the largest city or cities in those areas, but the areas themselves are much larger.

Attachment 2
New Freedom Program – Second Cycle
Recommended Prioritization of Projects in Small Urbanized Areas

Rank	Sponsor	Project Name	Total Cost	Federal Amount Requested	Small Urbanized Area Eligibility	Total Score	Caltrans-Adopted Evaluation Criteria				
							A. Program Goals & Objectives (max. 20 pts.)	B. Operational/ Implementation Plan (0 or 20 pts.)	C. Program Effectiveness & Performance Indicators (max. 20 pts.)	D. Communication & Outreach (max. 20 pts.)	E. Applicant's Organization & Specific Project Budget (0 or 20 pts.)
1	Vacaville City Coach	Various Enhancements	\$ 160,489	\$ 128,391	Vacaville	90	20	20	20	10	20
2	Faith in Action	Expanded Transportation Services	\$ 193,175	\$ 47,650	Fairfield, Vacaville, Vallejo	80	20	20	20	20	0
3	Vallejo, City of	Vallejo Mobility Management	\$ 312,500	\$ 250,000	Vallejo	55	15	0	5	15	20
4	Outreach & Escort, Inc.	Mobility Management - South County	\$ 106,032	\$ 84,826	Gilroy-Morgan Hill	50	20	0	10	20	0
5	Rio Vista, City of	Expanded Rio Vista Delta Breeze Route 50	\$ 210,000	\$ 105,000	Fairfield	30	10	0	10	10	0
				Total Requested	\$ 615,867						
				Total Available*	\$ 991,014						

* The total available is based on the following target programming amounts provided by Caltrans:

- Fairfield - \$166,539
- Gilroy-Morgan Hill - \$84,825
- Livermore - \$98,750
- Napa - \$123,621
- Petaluma - \$73,957
- Vacaville - \$128,969
- Vallejo - \$314,353

Date: September 24, 2008
W.I.: 1512
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT
Resolution No. 3871

This resolution adopts the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Freedom (Section 5317) Second Cycle Program of Projects for the large urbanized areas and the Second Cycle Program Priorities for the small urbanized areas of the San Francisco Bay Area. Further, this resolution directs that the Program Priorities for the small urbanized areas be submitted to Caltrans with the request that the projects be considered for funding in the statewide competition, and incorporated in the statewide Program of Projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

The following attachments are provided with resolution:

- Attachment A New Freedom Second Cycle Program of Projects for
 Large Urbanized Areas
- Attachment B New Freedom Second Cycle Program Priorities for
 Small Urbanized Areas

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary dated September 10, 2008.

Date: September 24, 2008
W.I.: 1512
Referred by: PAC

Re: New Freedom Program, Second Cycle – Program of Projects for Large Urbanized Areas and Program Priorities for Small Urbanized Areas

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION No. 3871

WHEREAS, the United States Code Title 49 Section 5317 (49 U.S.C. 5317) authorizes and sets forth the provisions for the New Freedom Program, which makes grants to recipients for addressing the transportation needs of disabled persons through the provision of new services and facility improvements that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(c) apportions New Freedom funds by formula to large urbanized areas, small urbanized areas, and non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(d) requires designated recipients of New Freedom funds to conduct a competitive process to award grants to subrecipients; and

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

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2), MTC is the designated recipient of New Freedom Program funding apportionments for large urbanized areas in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, as the designated recipient, MTC has conducted a competitive selection process and developed for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) a program of projects (POP) for the San Francisco Bay Area’s large urbanized area New Freedom Program

FY 2007 apportionment, attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is the designated recipient of New Freedom Program funding apportionments for small urbanized areas in the state; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has provided MTC with target programming amounts for the San Francisco Bay Area's small urbanized areas from the state's total small urbanized area New Freedom Program FYs 2007, 2008, and 2009 apportionments;

WHEREAS, MTC has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Caltrans for MTC to conduct the competitive selection process on Caltrans' behalf for those target programming amounts for the San Francisco Bay Area's small urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, MTC has conducted a competitive selection process and developed for submittal to Caltrans program priorities for the San Francisco Bay Area's small urbanized areas, attached hereto as Attachment B, and incorporated as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 3877, which sets forth MTC's Program Guidelines for the Second Funding Cycle of the New Freedom Program; and

WHEREAS, MTC conducted the competitive selection processes for the New Freedom large urbanized area apportionments and the small urbanized area programming targets in accordance with those guidelines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the New Freedom Second Cycle Program of Projects for large urbanized areas as listed in Attachment A and the Program Priorities for small urbanized areas as listed in Attachment B; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to FTA a grant application to secure the New Freedom funding for the subrecipients listed in Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will enter into agreements with the subrecipients listed in Attachment A to ensure their compliance with all applicable Federal requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Attachment A may be revised from time to time by approval of MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to Caltrans the Program Priorities as listed in Attachment B with the request that the recommendations be considered for funding in the statewide competition, and incorporated in the statewide Program of Projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bill Dodd, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on September 24, 2008.

Date: September 10, 2008
W.I.: 1513
Referred by: PAC

Attachment A
MTC Resolution No. 3871
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**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM – SECOND CYCLE
PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS**

No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
1	AC Transit	Mobile Data Terminals/ Automatic Vehicle Locators	Purchase and install mobile data terminals and automatic vehicle locators on up to 70 East Bay Paratransit vehicles to improve scheduling and enable real-time data collection.	\$660,000	\$300,000
2	CCCTA/ County Connection	Contra Costa Mobility Management Phase II	Develop a Mobility Management Plan using the transportation inventory developed in Phase I. Engage stakeholders to further define and focus on key service components unique to and common to all areas of the County. Will include recommendations, goals, objectives, actions, timeline, and funding plan for establishment of a Mobility Management Center.	\$100,000	\$80,000
3	Lafayette, City of	Lamorinda Spirit Van Program	Provide semi-escorted door-through-door transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities for essential errands and social functions.	\$92,503	\$24,481
4	LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	Accessible BART Station Maps	Develop and distribute a booklet of accessible maps of BART stations, above and beyond what is currently available, to facilitate safe and more effective travel for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The map would be designed in tactile format with large print overlay, and will include tactile micro-dots that when tapped with a smartpen would provide audible info.	\$218,000	\$174,400
5	Marin Transit	Mobility Management Office	Establish a pilot Mobility Management Office to promote, enhance, and facilitate access to transportation service for individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low-income individuals. Coordinate and integrate transportation support services between Marin Transit and Marin County's Dept. of Health and Human Services.	\$144,813	\$115,850
6	Outreach & Escort	Mobility Management Center – Santa Clara County	Establish a Mobility Management Center to coordinate transportation resources for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Focus would be on emergency preparedness planning and coordination of transp. resources in response to an emergency event.	\$499,250	\$399,440

**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM – SECOND CYCLE
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7	SamTrans	Peninsula Rides Implementation	Implement and continue Peninsula Rides Program (formerly Peninsula Rides Connection), including: 1) implement Mobility Ambassador Program; 2) update Countywide transportation inventory; and 3) update, translate to accessible formats, reprint and distribute Senior Mobility Guide.	\$654,579	\$177,857
8	San Francisco MTA	Paratransit Shopping Shuttle	Provide City-wide group van transportation services twice a month to registered seniors and persons with disabilities who have difficulty using public transit for their grocery shopping needs. Service would include help on and off the vehicle with groceries.	\$520,000	\$260,000
9	Santa Rosa CityBus	Low-Floor Bus Purchase	Purchase full-sized, low floor bus for enhanced demand-responsive/deviated fixed route service to Oakmont, a senior community in Santa Rosa.	\$600,000	\$80,089
				Total	\$1,612,117

**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM – SECOND CYCLE
RECOMMENDED PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS IN SMALL URBANIZED AREAS**

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