

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

December 10, 2008

Item Number 3a

## MTC Resolution 3880

**Subject:** Proposition 1B – Transit: Population-based Funds

**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. In FY 2007-08, MTC submitted and Caltrans approved over \$56 million in population-based Proposition 1B transit funds. Requests for FY 2008-09 Round 1 applications are due to Caltrans in December 2008. The program is summarized in the chart below.

(\$ in millions) Category	Total	Allocated FY 2007-08	Recommended FY 2008-09
<b>Lifeline</b>	112	17	7
<b>Urban Core</b>	203	34	19
<b>Small Operators</b>	32	5	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>28</b>

**Summary:** Staff recommends requesting allocations for \$28 million of the \$32 million available in the first round of FY 2008-09 allocations (as shown in the table below and Attachment A to Resolution 3880). The types of projects requested include roughly 13% for bus purchases, 18% for passenger amenities/access improvements; and 68% for expansion projects. The recommended allocations by investment category are generally proportional to the 10-year Proposition 1B Regional Transit Program. After further review in early 2009, staff may return with a proposal to request allocations for the remaining \$4 million in the second allocation round in June of 2009. 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 B to this resolution.

(\$ in millions) Category	Bus Purchase	Passenger Amenities	Expansion	Total Recommended Program
<b>Lifeline</b>	2.3	4.8		7.2
<b>Urban Core</b>			19.0	19.0
<b>Small Operators</b>	1.4	0.3	0.2	2.0
<b>Total Requests</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>28.2</b>

**Issues:**

- 1) The Commission is scheduled to adopt a Lifeline program of projects in January 2009, including Proposition 1B funding. Staff recommends a conditional approval of over \$6 million for Lifeline projects forwarded to MTC by the county Lifeline program administrators. The conditional approval allows projects to access Proposition 1B funds in this first round of state bond funding. If the Commission adopts a Lifeline program in January that does not include a project listed in Attachment A, staff will request Caltrans to withdraw the conditional application.
- 2) A potential state economic stimulus package could accelerate the availability of future Proposition 1B Transit funds. Staff has notified Caltrans that the region could potentially allocate over \$80 million in accelerated funds, if made available, primarily for projects in the Urban Core category.
- 3) Allocation requests are subject to review by Caltrans and approval by the State Controller's Office. Staff is requesting that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to make administrative changes to existing allocation requests up to \$1 million and authorize new allocations up to \$0.5 million, as necessary, based on sponsor requests and the state's review. The goal is to expedite review of non-substantive program changes.

**Recommendation:** Refer Resolution No. 3880 to the Commission for approval.

**Attachment:** MTC Resolution No. 3880

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3880

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

Attachment A Proposition 1B Transit Population-based Funds Project List

Attachment B Allocation Principles for Proposition 1B Transit Population-based Funds

Further discussion of this action is contained in the PAC summary sheet dated December 10, 2008.

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RE: Proposition 1B Transit Population-based Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 3880

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, MTC has adopted, pursuant to Government Code Sections 66508 and 65080, a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1266 (Statutes 2006, Chapter 25) establishes the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account as part of the Highway, Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Fund of 2006 (Government Code 8879.20 *et seq.*) ; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the recipient of the population-based funding in the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313 and 99314; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the recipient of the population-based State Transit Assistance (STA) funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99312; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution 3814, a Programming Framework for the Proposition 1B Regional Transit Funding Program, including additional STA base and Proposition 42 funding estimated to be available between FY 2008-09 and FY 2017-18 after meeting existing commitments; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a Proposition 1B – Transit population-based funding allocation request list, Attachment A, for submittal to Caltrans and based on the programming framework established in Resolution 3814, said attachment attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts Proposition 1B Transit Population-based Funds, attached hereto as Attachment A, and finds it consistent with the RTP; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to make changes to Attachments A and B, including revisions to existing allocation requests up to \$1,000,000, and authorize new allocations up to \$500,000 to conform to sponsor requests; and Caltrans and State Controller's actions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required to Caltrans and to such other agencies as may be appropriate.

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 December 17, 2008.

Sponsor	Project	Category			Population-based Total	MTC Approval Date
		Lifeline	Urban Core	Small Operators/ North Counties		
<b>FY 2008-09 Allocations</b>						
BART	BART Pittsburg/Bay Point Station Improvements	320,000			320,000	12/17/08
BART	eBART		3,999,373		3,999,373	12/17/08
BART	Intermodal Access Improvements at West County BART Stations	482,251			482,251	12/17/08
BART	BART Balboa Park Station Westside Entrance and Walkway	1,153,610			1,153,610	12/17/08
CCCTA	Bus Purchase	844,805		613,564	1,458,369	12/17/08
CCCTA	Bus Stop Access and Amenity Improvements - Martinez	100,000			100,000	12/17/08
Dixon	Bus Purchase	75,000			75,000	12/17/08
ECCCTA	Bus Purchase			342,003	342,003	12/17/08
ECCCTA	Bus Shelters and Amenities for Communities of Concern	200,000			200,000	12/17/08
Fairfield	Bus Stop Improvements	300,000			300,000	12/17/08
Fairfield	DART Paratransit Replacement Vehicles	41,600			41,600	12/17/08
Fairfield	Vacaville Bus Shelters	109,800			109,800	12/17/08
GGBHTD	Ferry Terminal Public Restroom Facilities Rehabilitation			318,635	318,635	12/17/08
Healdsburg Transit	Bus Purchase	49,000			49,000	12/17/08
LAVTA	Route 10 Rapid Bus (BRT) Project			241,834	241,834	12/17/08
Marin Transit	Canal Neighborhood Transit Improvements	435,638			435,638	12/17/08
NCTPA	Bus Purchase	274,290		169,094	443,384	12/17/08
San Mateo County Transit District	East Palo Alto Bus Stop Improvements	72,000			72,000	12/17/08
San Mateo County Transit District	Van Purchase for Shelter Network	28,000			28,000	12/17/08
Santa Rosa CityBus	Bus Purchase	483,744		131,237	614,981	12/17/08
SFMTA	Central Subway		15,000,000		15,000,000	12/17/08
SFMTA	Randolph/Farallones/Orizaba Transit Access Improvements	480,000			480,000	12/17/08
SFMTA	SFMTA Persia Triangle Improvements	802,734			802,734	12/17/08
Sonoma County	Bus Purchase	483,744			483,744	12/17/08
Union City	Bus Purchase			89,500	89,500	12/17/08
Vallejo	Install Bus Shelters and Stops	361,010			361,010	12/17/08
WestCat	Bus Purchase	69,785			69,785	12/17/08
WestCat	Bus Purchase			84,894	84,894	12/17/08
<b>FY 2008-09 Subtotal</b>		<b>7,167,011</b>	<b>18,999,373</b>	<b>1,990,761</b>	<b>28,157,145</b>	

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### **Allocation Principles for Proposition 1B Transit 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, Proposition 1B – Transit population-based funds will be distributed based on the following principles:

1. The proportional share of the annual funding 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.
3. MTC will evaluate this process annually before the State's second round of allocations. The evaluation will consider the remaining available funding, the amount of bond funds proposed in the next fiscal year State Budget, 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.