

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

February 11, 2009

Item Number 2f

Resolution No. 3871, Revised

Subject: Revision to Resolution 3871, New Freedom Program, Second Cycle –
Prioritization of Projects in Small Urbanized Areas

Background: In September 2008, the Commission adopted Resolution 3871, which approved the New Freedom (FTA 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.

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. MTC, as the designated recipient of the Bay Area's large urbanized area (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. The small UA prioritization list was then submitted to Caltrans for funding consideration in a statewide competition.

In January 2009, Caltrans notified MTC that, during the statewide competition for small UAs, the State decided to award New Freedom funds to five Bay Area projects. Two of the applications that received awards, the City of Rio Vista's Expanded Rio Vista Delta Breeze Route 52 and the Sonoma County Human Services Department's Mobility Management project, were applications that had been submitted directly to Caltrans during the statewide competition and had not been reviewed by MTC during the earlier regional prioritization process. Caltrans also notified MTC that one project submitted via the MTC process, the City of Rio Vista's Expanded Rio Vista Delta Breeze Route 50, did not receive funding. That project had been the lowest-scoring project during MTC's prioritization process. Overall, these changes increase the funding to the Region's program by \$113,179.

MTC staff recommends revising the New Freedom Second Cycle prioritization of projects in small UAs to be consistent with the statewide Program of Projects for small UAs.

Issues: None.

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

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 3871, Revised

Date: September 24, 2008
W.I.: 1512
Referred by: PAC
Revised: 02/25/09-C

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 this 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

This resolution was revised on February 25, 2009 to amend Attachment B to be consistent with the statewide Program of Projects for small urbanized areas.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated September 10, 2008, and February 11, 2009.

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

| No. | Subrecipient | Project | | Total Project Cost | Federal New Freedom Recommended Share |
|--------------|---|--|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | Name | Description | | |
| 1 | Vacaville City Coach | Various Enhancements | Provide travel training to individuals with disabilities, install additional securement locations on buses, build accessible paths to bus stops, and purchase/install pedestrian signal push buttons at intersections near fixed route bus service. | \$160,489 | \$128,391 |
| 2 | Faith in Action | Expanded Transportation Services | Expand Faith in Action transportation services to new areas including parts of Green Valley, unincorporated Cordelia, Vacaville, Vallejo and Benicia. | \$193,175 | \$47,650 |
| 3 | Vallejo, City of | Vallejo Mobility Management | Implement a Mobility Management program. Tasks include: establishing a volunteer Transportation Ambassador program, developing a DMV-distributed resource guide for seniors and persons with disabilities, deploying a shopping shuttle, and restructuring paratransit services and the taxi scrip program. | \$312,500 | \$250,000 |
| 4 | Outreach & Escort, Inc. | Mobility Management – South County | Establish a Mobility Management Center to coordinate transportation resources for seniors and individuals with disabilities in South County. Focus will be on emergency preparedness planning and coordination of transportation resources in response to an emergency event. | \$106,032 | \$84,826 |
| 5 | Rio Vista, City of | Expanded Rio Vista Delta Breeze Route 52 | Expand Rio Vista delta Breeze Route 52 service to one (1) additional day of service. This project will provide deviated fixed route services to allow for travel to medical appointments, social services, recreation and other essential destinations to seniors and disabled passengers. Service available on Thursdays and Tuesdays 52 weeks each year. | \$62,000 | \$31,000 |
| 6 | Sonoma County Human Services Dept. (Adult and Aging Division) | Mobility Management | Mobility Management project to expand local community volunteer driver programs, and to expand transportation mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities. | \$246,679 | \$187,179 |
| Total | | | | | \$729,046 |