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Memorandum

TO: Commission

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FR: Programming & Allocations Committee

W. I.: 1131

RE: Committee Recommendation: Regional Measure 2 Operating Program

Background: At the March 4, 2009 PAC meeting, staff provided an update on six operating projects that did not meet RM2 performance standards in the Regional Measure 2 program for FY 2007-08:

- ECCTA Rt. 300, Pittsburg/Bay Point BART, Antioch, Brentwood
- AC Transit Rt. M/MA, UC BART, Dumbarton & San Mateo bridges, Hayward
- Golden Gate Rt. 75, San Rafael, Santa Rosa
- AC Transit Rt. J, Berkeley, Emeryville, SF Transbay Terminal
- CCCTA Rt. 820, Oakland, Orinda & Concord BART
- LAVTA Rt. 810, Livermore, Dublin, Pleasanton, Bay Fair

To better assess the performance of the routes in question, staff compared the performance of the RM2 routes for subsidy per passenger and passengers per hour to operator averages. Based on this assessment and the current economic climate where operators are discontinuing more productive services, staff recommended that RM2 operating project funding for routes that did not meet the performance standards be discontinued by June 30, 2009. The one exception is the ECCTA Route 300 service, which staff recommended be given an additional grace year as the service is more productive and less heavily subsidized than ECCTA's average route.

The Programming & Allocations Committee voted to support staff's recommendation and asked that staff work with all eligible operators to propose alternative new and existing services that are more productive and consistent with each legislative project. At the Committee's request, preference will be given to operators whose RM2 operating project funding is discontinued on June 30, 2009. If the Commission accepts the Committee's recommendation, the following will be available for reallocation within the following legislative projects under California Streets and Highways Code 30914(d):

Legislative Project Number/Name	Amount Available
#3, Express Bus North	\$145,339
#4, Express Bus South	2,536,865
#7, Owl Bus Service	399,050
Total:	\$3,081,245

Committee Recommendation: Discontinue RM2 funding on June 30, 2009 for 1) AC Transit Route M/MA; 2) Golden Gate's Route 75; 3) AC Transit's Route J; 4) CCCTA's Route 820 (already discontinued by the operator), and 5) LAVTA's Route 810 (proposed to be discontinued by operator).