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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3674, Revised

This resolution adopts the policy and program for the Regional Express Bus Program and supersedes the express bus policies and operating subsidies established in MTC Resolution No. 3438.

This resolution was revised on May 25, 2005 to add the Hercules TransBay route to the Regional Express Bus program.

This resolution was revised on May 28, 2008 to adjust the base amounts for AC Transit routes and for Vallejo and Fairfield/Suisun routes in the Express Bus Program.

This resolution was revised on May 27, 2009 to change the project scope for WestCAT routes in the Express Bus Program.

Further discussion of these actions is contained in the Executive Director's memoranda or Programming and Allocation Summary sheets dated January 12, 2005, May 11, 2005, June 11, 2008 and May 13, 2009.

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RE: Adoption of Policy and Program for the Regional Express Bus Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3674

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

WHEREAS, Streets and Highways Code Sections 30950 *et seq.* created the Bay Area Toll Authority (“BATA”), which is a public instrumentality governed by the same board as that governing MTC; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2004, voters approved Regional Measure 2, which increased the toll for all vehicles on the nine State-owned toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area by \$1.00, with this extra dollar funding various transportation projects within the region that have been determined to reduce congestion or to make improvements to travel in the toll bridge corridors, as identified in SB 916 (Chapter 715, Statutes of 2004), commonly referred as Regional Measure 2 (“RM 2”); and

WHEREAS, RM 2 establishes the Regional Traffic Relief Plan and identifies specific categories of Regional Express Bus routes eligible to receive RM2 funding for operating assistance as identified in Sections 30914(d)(3) & (4) of the California Streets and Highways Code; and

WHEREAS, BATA shall fund the projects of the Regional Traffic Relief Plan by bonding or transfers to MTC; and

WHEREAS, RM 2 assigns administrative duties and responsibilities for the implementation of the Regional Traffic Relief Plan to MTC; and

WHEREAS, MTC had previously approved an operating assistance policy for Regional Express Bus that governed the distribution of State Transit Assistance Population-Based funds and set certain performance expectations for the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) Express Bus services; and

WHEREAS, MTC, in consultation with the Bay Area transit operators, has developed guidelines for the programming and use of the RM-2 funds for operating support of both new and existing TCRP express bus routes and the continuation of interim funding for TCRP routes that do not meet the performance measures or other eligibility requirements for RM-2 operating projects, now, therefore be it

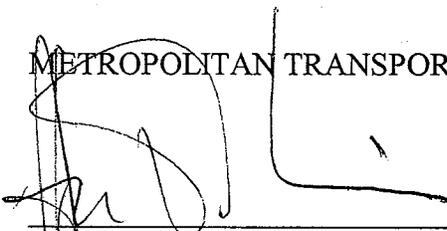
RESOLVED, that MTC adopts an operating assistance policy for the Regional Express Bus (REB) program that establishes the requirements for services receiving RM-2 operating revenues and interim funding for TCRP routes, as outlined in Attachment A and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts a program that establishes sponsors, projects, and first year RM-2 operating subsidy amounts for the REB program, as outlined in Attachment B and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts a program that establishes sponsors, projects, and annual subsidy requirements for the TCRP routes that are not projected to be eligible for RM-2 subsidies, as outlined in Attachment C and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the prior policy governing the use of State Transit Assistance Population Based funds for the Regional Express Bus Program contained in Resolution No. 3438 is superseded by this resolution.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Steve Kinsey, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on January 26, 2005.

Regional Express Bus Operating Assistance Program - RM-2 Funding

RM-2 North Pool – Proposed Routes (Carquinez and Benicia Bridge Corridors)	First Full Year of RM-2 Funding - Note 1	Recommended RM-2 Operating Assistance - Note 2
Vallejo Express Bus Service I-80 & I-780 Corridors	FY 2008-09	1,383,353
Fairfield-Suisun Express Bus Service I-80 & I680 Corridors	FY 2007-08	551,522
TCRP Routes		
CCCTA Martinez – Walnut Creek	FY 2006-07	407,970
ECCTA Route 300	FY 2004-05	516,232
GGT Route 72	FY 2005-06	146,827
GGT Route 75	FY 2005-06	141,075
WestCAT Route 30Z	FY 2005-06	241,980
Total RM-2 Proposed for Program		3,388,959
Total RM-2 Available – North Pool		3,400,000
RM-2 Residual – North Pool		11,041

RM-2 South Pool – Proposed Routes (Bay, San Mateo, and Dumbarton Bridge Corridors)	First Full Year of RM-2 Funding	Recommended RM-2 Operating Assistance
Service Proposals		
AC Transit Bay Bridge service enhancements (5)	FY 2006-07	3,637,656
AC Transit Express Bus services Dumbarton & San Mateo Bridge Corridors (5)	FY 2006-07	2,005,503
WestCAT Hercules TransBay service (3)(6)	FY 2006-07	135,000
WestCAT Route JPX	FY 2005-06	182,950
LAVTA I-580 Express service	FY 2009-10	480,836
Total RM-2 Proposed for Program		6,441,945
Total RM-2 Available – South Pool		6,500,000
RM-2 Residual – South Pool		58,055

Notes:

- 1) Operators may be eligible for partial subsidy in an earlier year, but this is the first year that full funding is anticipated.
- 2) The amounts listed reflect the base subsidy level and are subject to a 1.5% annual escalation rate, within the provisions in Attachment A.
- 3) Hercules TransBay project added 5/25/05
- 4) Base amount was adjusted in FY 07-08 per Solano Transportation Authority Intercity Agreement of December 2006; base amount of \$1,900,000 escalated to 1,928,500 in FY 2007-08 for all Solano County Express Bus services funded by RM2.
- 5) AC Transit new base amounts were adjusted in FY 07-08. Includes Transbay routes originally funded through TCRP
- 6) WestCAT new base amount adjusted in FY 08-09.