

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

May 12, 2010

Item Number 2c

Resolution Nos. 3847, Revised, 3871, Revised, and 3930, Revised

Subject: Revisions to the New Freedom Cycle 1, 2, and 3 Programs for Large 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 the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). The Program provides grants for operating and capital costs.

In February 2008, September 2008, and October 2009, the Commission adopted Resolutions 3847, 3871, and 3930, respectively. These three resolutions approved the first, second and third cycle New Freedom programs. Since the approval of these programs, several project sponsors have requested changes to their project cost or scope, generally due to the reduced availability of local matching funds resulting from economic pressures. All projects will still be required to meet minimum FTA match requirements, and the amount of New Freedom funds awarded remains unchanged for all sponsors. The following minor program changes are proposed:

1. In Resolutions 3871 and 3930, Santa Rosa CityBus was awarded \$80,089 and \$67,431, respectively to purchase a full-size low-floor bus. The original cost estimate for the bus was \$445,000 to \$600,000. Rather than purchasing a full-size bus, CityBus has requested to use the New Freedom funds to purchase a smaller, less expensive low-floor bus totaling \$184,400. The service provided—enhanced service to the Oakmont Senior Community in Santa Rosa—will remain unchanged. CityBus would prefer a smaller bus for three reasons (1) the service demand in the Oakmont area does not justify the capital outlay of a larger bus; (2) the route requires the vehicle to maneuver down smaller streets and cul-de-sacs, and shorter buses are more suitable for this type of service; (3) larger fixed-route buses have air brakes, and training drivers to use air brakes would increase the operating costs on the route. The Oakmont community has expressed support for the purchase of a smaller low-floor bus. There is no change to the amount of New Freedom funding being provided, and CityBus will still meet FTA's minimum local match requirements. Staff concurs with this request to change the scope and total cost of the project.
2. In Resolution 3847, SamTrans was awarded \$147,200 for their Cycle 1 New Freedom project and \$200,000 for their Cycle 3 New Freedom project – both elements of the Peninsula Ride Connection focused on mobility management in San Mateo County. SamTrans originally proposed to purchase \$7,200 in transit tickets for their transit ambassadors as part of the

Cycle 3 project. SamTrans and MTC have since learned that the purchase of transit passes is not an eligible expense of the New Freedom program. Because SamTrans is providing more than the FTA-required 20 percent local match for this project, they have requested to reduce their local match amount by \$7,200. Staff concurs with this request.

3. In Resolutions 3871 and 3930, the City of Lafayette was awarded \$24,481 and \$25,000, respectively to operate the Lamorinda Spirit Van. The City of Lafayette had originally intended to provide more than the FTA-required 50 percent local match for this project because they anticipated receiving a significant amount of additional funding from donations, foundation grants, and city funds. Due to city budget pressures and a decrease in donations, the City of Lafayette has requested to reduce the scope of the Cycle 2 and Cycle 3 projects such that the local match amount for each project is equal to 50 percent of the total project cost. Staff concurs with this request.
4. In Resolution 3930, Senior Helpline Services was awarded \$67,650 to provide a volunteer driver program and a transportation information and referral service. Senior Helpline Services had originally requested \$136,000 in New Freedom funds for a project with a total cost of \$241,500. Because the project was only awarded \$67,650 in New Freedom funds, and the FTA only requires a 50 percent local match for an operations project, Senior Helpline Services requested that MTC reduce the total cost of the project from \$241,500 to \$135,300 so that the local share is 50 percent. Staff concurs with this request.

Issues: None.

Recommendation: Refer Resolution Nos. 3847, Revised, 3871, Revised and 3930, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution Nos. 3847, Revised, 3871, Revised and 3930, Revised.

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3847, Revised

This resolution adopts the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Freedom (Section 5317) Program of Projects for the large urbanized areas of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The following attachment is provided with resolution:

Attachment A FY 2005-06 New Freedom Program of Projects for
Large Urbanized Areas

This resolution was revised on June 24, 2009 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amount for the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency project, and to modify the total project cost and project description accordingly.

This resolution was revised on October 28, 2009 to amend Attachment A to remove the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency project, and to increase the amount of New Freedom funding for the SamTrans project by \$200,000.

This resolution was revised on December 16, 2009 to amend Attachment A to make BART the subrecipient of funds for the Ed Roberts Campus project rather than the City of Berkeley.

This resolution was revised on May 26, 2010 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amount for the SamTrans project.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Executive Director's Memorandum to the Programming and Allocations Committee dated February 13, 2008, and the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated February 13, 2008, June 10, 2009, October 14, 2009, December 9, 2009 and May 12, 2010.

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NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM - FY 2005-06 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS

No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
1	AC Transit	Paratransit Inventory	Conduct a detailed inventory of all available transit resources, including funding, equipment, and personnel, in Alameda and Western Contra Costa County to determine how best to structure a coordinated system. Also investigate institutional settings and financial implications of establishing a mobility manager.	\$180,000	\$144,000
2	Benicia, City of	Taxi Scrip Program Extension	Expand the Benicia Breeze Taxi Scrip Program to destinations in Concord, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, and Walnut Creek to provide access to social service, medical centers, shopping, recreation and other quality of life destinations in Central Contra Costa County for seniors, persons with disabilities, and Medicare card holders.	\$30,000	\$15,000
3	BART (c)	Ed Roberts Campus/Ashby BART Station Enhancements	Support construction of a universally designed helical ramp, oversized accessible elevators, and an accessible elevator lobby for people who will visit the Ed Roberts Campus.	\$1,106,568	\$669,405
4	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	Community Connection Program Expansion	Provide a \$5,000 per van annual subsidy for maintenance of up to 25 retired paratransit vans for use by community-based organizations to provide transportation services to seniors and people with disabilities, with at least 50 trips per month to ADA-eligible individuals.	\$125,000	\$62,500
5	Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	Comprehensive Mobility Options Inventory	Conduct a comprehensive inventory of all available mobility options for seniors and persons with disabilities to serve as a building block for later developing a mobility management function for majority of Contra Costa County and the Tri-Valley.	\$43,750	\$35,000
6	Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Dept	Contra Costa Volunteer Driver Program Expansion	Expand existing volunteer driver programs for disabled, homebound seniors to areas in Contra Costa County that are low-income and/or have high populations of ethnic groups who do not speak English as their primary language.	\$153,114	\$45,000

**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM - FY 2005-06 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS
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No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
7	San Mateo County Transit District (a)(d)	Peninsula Ride Connection	Provide mobility management services to seniors and people with disabilities in San Mateo County. Cycle 1 tasks: assess feasibility of countywide phone information and assistance service; coordinate corps of volunteer mobility ambassadors; update the Senior Mobility Guide; coordinate and administer shared van program; promote mobility in city planning processes; and develop business plan. Cycle 3 tasks: continue and expand the Mobility Ambassador Program; implement a Vehicle Sharing Demonstration Program; update, reprint, and distribute the Senior Mobility Guide; assess how to coordinate an information and referral network of call centers; market and promote the development of volunteer ride programs.	\$493,939	\$347,200
8	San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (b)	NextMuni Audible Arrival Time/Push-to-Talk (PTT)	Evaluate results of the pilot PTT installations, which translate bus arrival information and other messages to speech at bus shelters; and purchase and install PTT at an additional 50 locations.	\$250,000	\$0
9	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency	Mobility Options Travel Training Program	Provide travel training and fixed-route transit support information to persons with disabilities and seniors over a three-year period. Includes on-site and mobile presentations; specialized training for individuals with visual, cognitive, and developmental disabilities; group travel instruction; one-on-one travel instruction; and peer mode travel instruction.	\$454,254	\$227,127
Total					\$1,545,232

Notes:

- (a) San Mateo County Transit District's New Freedom share was increased from \$147,200 to \$347,200 and total project cost was increased from \$184,200 to \$501,139 on 10/28/09. See Resolution No. 3930 for additional information.
- (b) San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's NextMuni Audible Arrival Time/Push-to-Talk (PTT) New Freedom amount was changed to zero on 10/28/09 at the request of SFMTA. The project was funded with other local funds.
- (c) The subrecipient of funds for the Ed Roberts Campus project was changed from the City of Berkeley to BART on 12/16/09.
- (d) San Mateo County Transit District's total project cost was reduced from \$501,139 to \$493,939 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount for their Cycle 3 project.

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3871, Revised

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.

This resolution was revised on June 24, 2009 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amount for the San Mateo County Transit District project, and to modify the total project cost and project description accordingly.

This resolution was revised on May 26, 2010 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amounts for the Santa Rosa CityBus and City of Lafayette projects.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated September 10, 2008, February 11, 2009, June 10, 2009 and May 12, 2010.

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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	City of Lafayette (a)	Lamorinda Spirit Van Program	Provide semi-escorted door-through-door transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities for essential errands and social functions.	\$48,962	\$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
PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS**
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No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
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.	\$222,321	\$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 (b)	Low-Floor Bus Purchase	Purchase a low-floor bus for enhanced demand-responsive/deviated fixed route service to Oakmont, a senior community in Santa Rosa.	\$184,400	\$80,089
Total					\$1,612,117

Notes:

- (a) The City of Lafayette's total project cost was reduced from \$92,503 to \$48,962 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount.
- (b) Santa Rosa CityBus' total project cost was reduced from \$600,000 to \$184,400 on 5/26/10 because a smaller, less expensive low-floor bus will be purchased with the New Freedom funds.

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3930, Revised

This resolution adopts the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Freedom (Section 5317) Third Cycle Program of Projects for the large urbanized areas of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The following attachment is provided with this resolution:

Attachment A New Freedom Third Cycle Program of Projects for
Large Urbanized Areas

This resolution was revised on May 26, 2010 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amounts for the City of Lafayette, Senior Helpline Services, and Santa Rosa CityBus projects.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated October 14, 2009 and May 12, 2010.

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**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM – THIRD CYCLE
PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS**

No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
1	SamTrans	Peninsula Rides Implementation & Development Activities	Continue and expand the Mobility Ambassador Program; implement a Vehicle Sharing Demonstration Program; update, reprint, and distribute the Senior Mobility Guide; coordinate an information and referral network of call centers; market and promote the development of volunteer ride programs.	\$316,939	***
2	Marin Transit	Mobility Management: Brokerage & Volunteer Driver Program	Create a transportation brokerage to serve as the main coordinating entity and one-stop provider of transportation services for Marin's disabled, senior, and low-income populations. Create a new volunteer driver program that will provide door-to-door escorted "safety net" transportation for frail and disabled seniors who for health reasons cannot tolerate shared ride services.	\$400,547	\$263,605
3	City of Lafayette (a)	Lamorinda Spirit Van Program	Provide semi-escorted door through door transportation service for fragile seniors who have disabilities in the tri-city area of Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda. The service transports passengers to essential errands, a nutrition program, appointments, and occasional social outings.	\$50,000	\$25,000
4	ACTIA	Southern Alameda County Travel Training Program	Provide classroom and field training to elderly and disabled persons to increase their awareness, knowledge, and skills in using public transportation within their communities, including AC Transit, Union City Transit, and BART.	\$110,000	\$60,000
5	CCTA	Web Enabled Senior/Disabled Transportation Database	Convert an existing comprehensive inventory of transportation services available to seniors and people with disabilities into a web based search tool for agencies and the general public.	\$120,000	\$96,000

*** Recommended to receive \$200,000 in New Freedom Cycle 1 funds (see MTC Res. 3847, Revised)

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No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
6	LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	LightHouse Accessible Maps and Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training Project	(1) Create a series of tactile and large print maps, called strip maps, designed to provide route and route segment information for BART, MUNI, SamTrans, and CalTrain; and (2) Implement an Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training program to meet the specific transit needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.	\$206,570	\$165,256
7	San Francisco MTA	Vehicle Mobile Data Computer (MDC) Project	Purchase and install 120 Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) with GPS capability on all SF Paratransit vans to allow remote interactive connectivity to the paratransit routing and scheduling system; purchase and install management software at the Paratransit Broker's office to allow for live trip dispatching and trip management.	\$875,780	\$700,624
8	Outreach & Escort	Santa Clara County Mobility Management Center	(1) Create a web-based mobility management tool to coordinate human service transportation. The web-based tool will include agency profiles, agency member registration, trip reservation and billing functions, volunteer driver programs, gas cards, agency fleet inventories, and GIS mapping of key locations. (2) Purchase ten accessible taxis, provide them to licensed local taxi companies, and include them in the fleet that is available to the trip reservation function in the web portal.	\$1,162,368	\$928,868
9	AC Transit	Intra-Vehicle Text-Based Message Signs (IVTMS)	Purchase and install rolling text-based, LED signs to be mounted inside the interior of AC Transit's revenue vehicle fleet. The signs will display bus stop location information, helping hearing-impaired passengers, as well as the general public, with general navigation and alighting decisions.	\$1,200,000	\$960,000
10	LAVTA	Para-Taxi Program	Provide a reimbursement-based taxi program (Para-Taxi) for LAVTA's ADA-certified paratransit patrons making trips to and from Dublin and Pleasanton.	\$20,000	\$10,000
11	Peninsula Jewish Community Center	Get Up & Go: Escorted Transportation for Disabled Seniors	Continue and expand Get Up & Go, an escorted transportation and socialization program serving San Mateo County older adults who can no longer drive due to disability or frailty.	\$410,713	\$135,273

**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM – THIRD CYCLE
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No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
12	Rehabilitation Services of Northern California	Mt. Diablo Center Mobilizer	(1) Provide door through door transportation to and from the Mt. Diablo Center (MDC) Adult Day Health Care program for MDC participants, and (2) provide a nutrition/shopping shuttle for senior/disabled Concord residents during MDC's program hours.	\$120,408	\$60,204
13	Center for Independent Living	Riding to Independence	Implement Riding to Independence, an expansion of CIL's existing travel and mobility device training program for youth with disabilities and their families, and seniors and adults with disabilities.	\$112,672	\$90,137
14	Senior Helpline Services (b)	Giving Seniors a Lift!	Ensure that aging-in-place needs are met for homebound seniors, 60 years and older by providing escorted rides for ambulatory seniors to appointments and essential errands and providing transportation information/referral services.	\$135,300	\$67,650
15	Santa Rosa CityBus (c)	Enhanced Oakmont Service – Deviated Fixed Route Ops/ Low-Floor Bus	(1) Provide enhanced demand responsive/deviated fixed route service to the Oakmont Community in Santa Rosa. The service will deviate approximately 3/4 mile off of the fixed route to pick up or drop off paratransit eligible patrons; (2) Purchase a low-floor bus to be used on the deviated fixed route service in Oakmont.	\$422,019	\$186,241
Total					\$3,748,858

Notes:

- (a) The City of Lafayette's total project cost was reduced from \$87,702 to \$50,000 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount.
- (b) Senior Helpline Services' total project cost was reduced from \$241,500 to \$135,300 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount.
- (c) Santa Rosa CityBus' total project cost was reduced from \$682,619 to \$422,019 on 5/26/10 because a smaller, less expensive low-floor bus will be purchased with the New Freedom funds.