

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

May 12, 2010

Item Number 4b

Resolution No. 3955

Subject: Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY 2010-11

Background: MTC's RM2 Policies and Procedures state that MTC will adopt a project specific budget for RM2 operating funds prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. Resolution 3955 establishes a RM2 operating program set-aside for each operator in FY 2010-11. The set-aside is project specific, and is based on preliminary information on project need and readiness, RM2 limitations and MTC programming actions for projects with multiple claimants.

The proposed budget for FY 2010-11 includes roughly \$39 million for ten operating and planning projects in RM2. Staff expects to return in the next several months to allocate funds to operators and routes. Allocation recommendations will confirm funding amounts needed and adherence to performance measures and other RM2 policies and procedures.

Performance Measures:

All RM2 operating projects must meet farebox recovery standards and maintain or increase passengers per revenue hour by the third year of service. Farebox recovery is stratified by mode (ferry, bus or rail) and type of service (peak, all day and owl service).

CCCTA receives an annual RM2 allocation of \$414,090 for their Route 98X which currently serves the Amtrak station in Martinez, the Walnut Creek BART station, and Contra Costa Boulevard near Diablo Valley College. The route completed its third year of service closing FY 2008-09 with 12.2% in farebox recovery and 10.4 passengers per revenue hour. While both performance indicators have improved each year and the route is within the midrange of performance for service provided by CCCTA, this route is unable to achieve the 20% regional fare box recovery standard applied to all day RM2-funded Express Bus service. A satisfactory corrective action plan for improving performance on this route was not proposed by CCCTA.

In following RM2 performance policy, staff is proposing to discontinue funding for the Route 98X. Staff is proposing to defer a recommendation on a redirection of the funds, pending better information from the Transit Sustainability Project (TSP). As you will recall, the TSP contemplates an examination of Express Bus corridors and needs in the Bay Area, including the East Bay, which should better inform how to direct the RM2 operating funds.

Issues: See recommendation above regarding funding for CCCTA Route 98X.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3955 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution Nos. 3955

Date: May 26, 2010
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3955

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY 2010-11.

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

Date: May 26, 2010
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of FY 2010-11 RM2 Operating Assistance Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3955

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to California 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 projects 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 has developed guidelines for the programming and use of the RM2 funds for operating support of transit projects, and

WHEREAS, these guidelines state that MTC will adopt a project specific budget for RM2 operating funds prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts a program that establishes RM2 operating subsidy amounts for FY 2010-11, as outlined in Attachment A and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on May 26, 2010.

FY 2010-11 RM-2 Operating Assistance Program

Project #	Project Name	Operator	Route	Programmed Set Aside (1)
1	Richmond Bridge Express Bus	Golden Gate Transit	Route 40	2,195,925
2	Napa VINE Service	NCTPA	Vallejo Intermodal Express Bus	390,000
3	Express Bus North	Vallejo	Route 78	510,226
		Vallejo	Route 80	511,873
		Vallejo	Route 85	201,741
		ECCTA	Route 300	531,835
		Fairfield/Suisun Transit	Route 40	184,072
		Fairfield/Suisun Transit	Route 90	526,963
		Golden Gate Transit	Route 72	151,264
		Golden Gate Transit	Route 101	145,339
		WestCat	Route 30Z/JPX	249,294
4	Express Bus South	AC Transit	Route F	890,865
		AC Transit	Route LA	146,761
		AC Transit	Route NL	2,678,379
		AC Transit	Route NX1	91,779
		AC Transit	Route NX2	88,191
		AC Transit	Route O	779,077
		AC Transit	Route P	385,034
		AC Transit	Route U - Dumbarton Corridor	311,238
		AC Transit	Route W	56,580
		LAVTA	Route 10	580,836
		WestCat	Hercules LYNX/JX	317,950
6	Ferry Service	WETA	Operations	15,300,000
7	Owl Service	AC Transit	Route 800	665,771
		AC Transit	Route 801	667,852
		MUNI	Route 14	187,501
		SamTrans	Route 397	305,876
8	MUNI Metro 3rd Street	SF MUNI	Metro 3rd Street extension	2,500,000
9	AC Transit Rapid Bus Corridor	AC Transit	Enhanced Bus Service in the Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor	3,000,000
10	TransLink®	MTC	Operations	1,400,000
11	WETA planning	WETA	Planning and operations	3,000,000
			Grand Total	38,952,223

Notes: 1. The amounts listed reflect the RM-2 base subsidy, with certain projects subject to a 1.5% annual escalation rate through FY 2007-08. Escalation was suspended starting in FY 2008-09 until RM2 BATA RM2 receipts surpass the amounts budgeted to fund the legislative operating projects.