

Date: September 24, 2008
W.I.: 1512
Referred by: PAC

Re: New Freedom Program, Second Cycle – Program of Projects for Large Urbanized Areas and Program Priorities for Small Urbanized Areas

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION No. 3871

WHEREAS, the United States Code Title 49 Section 5317 (49 U.S.C. 5317) authorizes and sets forth the provisions for the New Freedom Program, which makes grants to recipients for addressing 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; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(c) apportions New Freedom funds by formula to large urbanized areas, small urbanized areas, and non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(d) requires designated recipients of New Freedom funds to conduct a competitive process to award grants to subrecipients; and

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

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2), MTC is the designated recipient of New Freedom Program funding apportionments for large urbanized areas in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, as the designated recipient, MTC has conducted a competitive selection process and developed for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) a program of projects (POP) for the San Francisco Bay Area’s large urbanized area New Freedom Program

FY 2007 apportionment, attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans is the designated recipient of New Freedom Program funding apportionments for small urbanized areas in the state; and

WHEREAS, Caltrans has provided MTC with target programming amounts for the San Francisco Bay Area's small urbanized areas from the state's total small urbanized area New Freedom Program FYs 2007, 2008, and 2009 apportionments;

WHEREAS, MTC has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Caltrans for MTC to conduct the competitive selection process on Caltrans' behalf for those target programming amounts for the San Francisco Bay Area's small urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, MTC has conducted a competitive selection process and developed for submittal to Caltrans program priorities for the San Francisco Bay Area's small urbanized areas, attached hereto as Attachment B, and incorporated as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 3877, which sets forth MTC's Program Guidelines for the Second Funding Cycle of the New Freedom Program; and

WHEREAS, MTC conducted the competitive selection processes for the New Freedom large urbanized area apportionments and the small urbanized area programming targets in accordance with those guidelines; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the New Freedom Second Cycle Program of Projects for large urbanized areas as listed in Attachment A and the Program Priorities for small urbanized areas as listed in Attachment B; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to FTA a grant application to secure the New Freedom funding for the subrecipients listed in Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will enter into agreements with the subrecipients listed in Attachment A to ensure their compliance with all applicable Federal requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Attachment A may be revised from time to time by approval of MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to Caltrans the Program Priorities as listed in Attachment B with the request that the recommendations be considered for funding in the statewide competition, and incorporated in the statewide Program of Projects submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Bill Dodd, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on September 24, 2008.

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Attachment A
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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

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No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
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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.