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## ABSTRACT

### Resolution No. 3964, Revised

This resolution establishes a one-year program for Fiscal Year 2010-11 for MTC State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Coordination Program funds.

This resolution was revised on February 23, 2011 to increase FY 2010-11 programming for Clipper<sup>SM</sup> operations by \$8.0 million.

Further discussion is contained in the Programming and Allocation Summary sheet dated June 9, 2010 and February 9, 2011.

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RE: FY 2010-11 MTC Regional Coordination Program for State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 3964

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

WHEREAS, the State Transit Assistance (STA) fund is created pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 99310 et seq., and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code § 99313 provides for the allocation by the Controller of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to MTC based on the ratio of the population of the area under MTC's jurisdiction to the total population of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with PUC Code § 99316(a) MTC has created the State Transit Assistance fund with Alameda County for deposit of STA funds received from the State Controller; and

WHEREAS, Public Utilities Code § 99313.6(d) provides that MTC is an eligible claimant for such population-based STA funds for projects to achieve regional transit coordination objectives; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted a Transit Coordination Implementation Plan pursuant to Government Code Section 66516.5 which identifies a number of projects to be implemented by MTC and the region's transit agencies to improve coordination of services; and

WHEREAS, the projects listed in Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, are consistent with the STA Population-Based Consolidated policy established in MTC Resolution No. 3837; and

WHEREAS, MTC has provided detailed information about the use of STA funds for the projects in FY 2010-11 as shown in Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the projects and purposes listed in Attachment B comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq., and the State EIR Guidelines (14 Cal. Code of Regs. § 15000 et seq.)

WHEREAS, MTC has complied with the applicable rules and regulations for an allocation of STA funds under 21 Cal. Code of Regs. § 6730 et seq.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that STA funds are programmed by MTC in the amounts and for the purposes that are specified in Attachment A and described in Attachment B to this resolution, attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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 June 23, 2010.

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**STA Regional Coordination Program  
FY 2010-11**

STA Regional Discretionary Funds <sup>(note 1)</sup>	\$ 17,926,956
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Claimant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clipper <sup>(note 2)</sup>	MTC	\$ 10,952,000
Clipper Grant Administration	GG Transit	\$ 10,000
511 Transit	MTC	\$ 625,000
Transit Connectivity	AC Transit	\$ 200,000
Regional Transit Marketing	MTC	\$ 182,000
Urban Partnership Program	MTC	\$ 50,000
Regional Paratransit Program	CCCTA	\$ 75,000
Transit Projects Contingency	MTC	\$ 100,000
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 12,194,000

STA Balance Estimate	\$ 5,732,956
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Notes:

1. This amount is from the STA Population-based fund estimate in MTC Resolution 3939 and is comprised of sum of the estimated carryover (\$7,622,705) and new funding of \$10,304,251.
2. Programs an additional \$8,000,000 to Clipper<sup>SM</sup> for FY 2010-11 as of 2/23/11 Commission approval.

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## **STA Regional Coordination Program Summary FY 2010-11**

STA Regional Coordination Funds have historically supported some of MTC's regional operations projects as well as other planning and operational efforts to improve coordination of, and access to, transit services in the Bay Area. Many of these projects have been identified in the Commission's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution 3866). Specific goals include: (1) improve service to the transit customer, (2) increase system efficiency through coordination of specific functions, and (3) develop sub-regional coordination agreements between connecting agencies.

The FY 2010-11 STA Regional Coordination Program totals approximately \$12.2 million and generally focuses on delivering Clipper<sup>SM</sup>, 511 Transit, and Transit Connectivity consistent with the Commission's Transportation 2035 Plan and other regional planning documents. In addition, funds are programmed to implement other MTC regional priorities. More detail about the specific projects and the amount of STA funds programmed to each follows.

### **Clipper<sup>SM</sup>**

***Programmed to MTC:           \$10,952,000***

***Programmed to GGT:         \$ 10,000***

On June 16, 2010, TransLink<sup>®</sup>, the Bay Area's regional transit electronic fare payment system, officially becomes Clipper<sup>SM</sup>. When fully implemented, transit riders will be able to pay transit fares on any transit system in the region with a reloadable Clipper<sup>SM</sup> smart card. The Clipper<sup>SM</sup> card stores transit value – electronic cash (e-cash) and/or transit passes, and transit riders “tag” the card by touching it to a Clipper<sup>SM</sup> card reader when boarding a transit vehicle or entering a station. The reader deducts the correct fare including any transfers or other discounts. Clipper<sup>SM</sup> is currently operating on AC Transit, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit and Ferry (GGT), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (MUNI). Clipper<sup>SM</sup> roll out is planned for Samtrans and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) in FY 2010-11. The system will eventually be available on most transit systems in the region.

MTC's Clipper<sup>SM</sup> responsibilities include oversight of a contract with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. to design, build, operate and maintain the Clipper<sup>SM</sup> system and a number of other contracts related to the implementation and operation of the Clipper<sup>SM</sup> system. STA funds in the amount of \$10,952,000 will support Clipper<sup>SM</sup> capital and operating costs and \$10,000 in STA

funds will cover GGT's administration of federal funds used to support the implementation of the Clipper<sup>SM</sup> system.

### **511 Transit**

***Programmed to MTC: \$625,000***

STA funds will serve as local match to federal STP funds for the 511 Transit program. 511 Transit collects, maintains, updates and distributes region-wide transit service information for the benefit of the traveling public and MTC's transit partners. The four major components are:

- 511 Transit Website – The 511 Transit website contains schedule, route, fare and map information for all transit agencies in the Bay Area as well as the current trip planner. Access to the 511 Transit website is provided through MTC's traveler information portal ([www.511.org](http://www.511.org)) where traffic, ridesharing and bicycle information is also available.
- Transit trip planner – The public can plan transit itineraries any time of the day or night using the internet-based 511 regional transit trip planner. Transit agency call center staff also has access to the trip planner for assisting customers with trip planning.
- Regional Transit Database (RTD) – The RTD is the central repository and data management system for comprehensive regional transit data used in the 511 Transit website, including the trip planner.
- Real-Time Transit Information - Currently, real-time departure information is available for MUNI and BART by phone and MY 511. MTC will add new transit agencies to the real-time transit system as their data becomes available. MTC will operate and maintain the regional real-time transit system, including supporting 511 Departure Times on the phone, through a new web user interface, at [My511.org](http://My511.org), and via text message. MTC will also incorporate real-time transit information into the trip planner so transit stop IDs are part of trip itineraries.

### **Transit Connectivity – Transit Information Displays**

***Programmed to AC Transit: \$200,000***

In April 2006, MTC adopted a Transit Connectivity Plan. In July 2006, MTC adopted the funding component for the Plan (Resolution 3771), which specifies the roles and responsibilities of MTC and the transit operators to pay for specific transit connectivity improvements at regional transit hubs. Consistent with the funding plan, MTC is investing \$10 million in initial capital improvements at 24 regional transit hubs (including 3 airports). The focus is to improve wayfinding signage, real-time transit information and static transit information at these hubs. These improvements were originally funded entirely with STA funds. However, MTC Resolution 3814 redirected the STA funds to Lifeline Transit operations and backfilled the Transit Connectivity Program with Proposition 1B Public Transportation, Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (Prop 1B Transit) funds.

In addition to capital improvements, the Transit Connectivity Plan recommends a greater regional commitment to maintaining transit information in transit information displays (TIDs). MTC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AC Transit to maintain

these displays on behalf of the region. The MOU documents the scope of work in exchange for the direct allocation of STA funds. In FY 2010-11, \$200,000 is programmed for ongoing maintenance activities.

### **Regional Transit Marketing, Web, and Communication Services**

***Programmed to MTC: \$182,000***

STA funds will serve as local match to federal funds. Marketing funds will be used to provide customer education, public outreach, market research, and web-related services for the 511 Traveler Information and Clipper<sup>SM</sup> Programs, as well as to address other ad-hoc transit marketing needs. Consistent with the findings of the 511 Strategic Plan, the program will maintain its focus on increasing and sustaining usage of the 511 phone number and website (511.org) as well as developing a better understanding of how customers use the 511 system. As Clipper<sup>SM</sup> continues deployment on individual transit agencies, promoting the Clipper<sup>SM</sup> card to transit riders will help increase market share.

### **Urban Partnership Projects**

***Programmed to MTC: \$50,000***

In December 2008, the Bay Area was awarded approximately \$87 million in federal funds by the US DOT under the Urban Partnership Program (UPP) to implement an innovative congestion relief program with a focus on downtown San Francisco. As part of the award, MTC received \$6.04 million in funds for various Regional Technology projects which seek to leverage MTC's existing operational projects to provide greater customer service and congestion relief benefits to San Francisco-bound travelers. MTC has identified \$400,000 in STA funds to contribute to the total UPP match requirement of \$1.5 million. \$50,000 in STA funds needs to be reprogrammed because they expired at the end of FY 2009-10. The STA funds serve as local match for the following two Regional Technology projects:

- 511 Real-Time Transit Information – This project will implement real-time transit departure information for transit customers via texting and 511.org.
- 511 Multimodal Trip Planner – This project will enable 511 users to compare traffic and transit travel times and costs for specific trips to help them make informed decisions about the best way to travel. Phase 1 will create a web-based multimodal trip planner to compare historic traffic and transit travel time and cost. Phase 2 will integrate real-time traffic and transit times into the web-based multimodal trip planner. Phase 3 will provide a CO2 emission calculator on the website.

### **Regional Paratransit Program**

***Programmed to CCCTA: \$75,000***

STA funds will support a 'lead agency' for the Regional Paratransit Program. This approach is consistent with the goals of the Transit Coordination and Implementation Plan, which endorses the concept of reimbursement for services provided by a Lead Agency on behalf of other

operators. The lead agency is the Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA). CCCTA will coordinate paratransit operational activities such as:

- Oversight of the Paratransit Eligibility Program and Regional Eligibility Database, and delivery of the Paratransit Technical Assistance Program through a consultant; and
- Liaison between the PTCC Accessibility Committee and MTC, including reporting on the status of activities.

CCCTA will provide progress reports summarizing work performed.

### **Transit Projects Contingency**

***Programmed to MTC:           \$100,000***

These funds would be used in the event of unforeseen project needs or operating shortfalls with respect to MTC's regional operations projects such as Clipper<sup>SM</sup> and 511 Transit. These funds will allow MTC to respond to unexpected regional or subregional transit planning needs or requests as they arise. For example, a study may be completed that recommends additional follow-up, a partnership opportunity may arise that benefits MTC's regional transit coordination objectives. Or a particularly difficult regional issue may emerge that requires consulting assistance to forge consensus. Unspent contingency funds will be returned to the STA Program.