

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

April 13, 2011

Item Number 3a

Caltrain Financial Plan Update

Subject: Update on Caltrain FY 2011-12 Operating and Funding Plan

Background: As discussed at several recent Committee meetings, Caltrain is facing a roughly \$30 million operating shortfall in the coming fiscal year. As a result, a public hearing was held last month on a proposal that would reduce service to from the current 86-train schedule to a 48-train, peak-hour only model.

At the same time, there has been concerted efforts from business leaders and elected officials on the Peninsula find strategies to preserve as much of the current service as possible in the short term while a longer term financial solution for Caltrain, most likely in the form of a permanent, dedicated funding source, is sought. As you are well aware, the financial challenges faced by Caltrain are not unique in the region and the Commission has undertaken the Transit Sustainability Project to find longer term solutions for all Bay Area transit systems.

At your meeting, staff will provide an update on a financial plan that will be discussed at the April 7th Caltrain Joint Powers Board meeting. Staff will also discuss any next steps and proposed future actions that the Commission may need to consider as a result of the proposed financial plan.

Recommendation: Information Only

Attachments: None