

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 8, 2011

Item Number 2d

Resolution No. 3998

Subject: Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2011-12

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 3998 establishes a RM2 operating program set-aside for each operator in FY2011-12. 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 FY2011-12 RM2 operating assistance program is consistent with the May draft BATA budget.

The proposed budget for FY2011-12 includes roughly \$39.4 million for ten operating and planning projects in RM2 and \$3.9 million in marketing for Clipper public outreach and other operating programs. Note that staff recommends concurrent allocations under Resolution 3999 and expects to return in the next several months to allocate additional funds to operators and routes. Allocation recommendations will confirm funding amounts needed and adherence to performance measures and other RM2 policies and procedures.

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).

Issue: On January 12, 2011, the Programming and Allocations Committee approved the following recommendations for the following 3 projects that have been verified to not have met RM2 Operating Performance standards in FY2009-10:

Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA) Route 98X
Discontinue funds at the close of FY2010-11. Route 98X, was required to meet the performance standards by the close of FY2008-09; however, the Commission provided an extension of funds through FY2010-11. These funds will be held in reserve pending the route achieving RM2 Performance standards or recommendations from the Transit Sustainability Project.

Golden Gate Transit (GGBHTD) Route 40/42
Continue RM2 Operating funding for GGBHTD Route 40/42 in FY2011-12, conditioned upon evaluation for possible restructuring of the service.

Fairfield and Suisun Area Transit (FAST) Route 40
Allow FAST to submit a corrective action plan for Route 40 commuter service for Commission approval, as outlined below:

FAST Route 40 Corrective Action Plan

FAST Route 40 completed FY2009-10 with 26.2% farebox recovery. As of February 2011, the route has a farebox recovery ratio of 23% in FY2010-11. While ridership appears to be increasing, farebox recovery appears to be decreasing due to passengers taking shorter trips on the route. To better determine the needs of their passengers, FAST conducted a survey of current riders in December of 2010. Using input from the survey, the following changes are planned for implementation in July 2011 to make the route more attractive to current and new riders:

- Develop the reverse commute into Vacaville for large employers like Kaiser Permanente and the newly relocated State Compensation Insurance Fund.
- Move the eastern terminus in Vacaville from Davis Street Park and Ride to the new Vacaville Transportation Center to allow stronger connections to other regional service and to local shuttles serving major employers in Vacaville.
- Adjust the schedule to meet Vacaville transit service and employee shuttles.
- Service Fairfield's new Red Top Park and Ride lot just south of Fairfield in Cordelia; the lot is scheduled to open before July of 2011.
- Drop the timed departure for the Pleasant Hill BART Station to get passengers to jobs in Walnut Creek faster and to connecting transit service at the Walnut Creek BART Station.
- Continue to work with partner agencies in Solano, Napa and Contra Costa counties to increase coordination with Route 40 service for employers.

Based on the changes above, FAST staff estimates ridership increases within one year.

Staff recommends maintaining RM2 Operating funding in place for Route 40 through the end of FY2011-12, based on the corrective action plan outlined above. If Route 40 does not meet RM2 Operating performance standards as of the performance audit for FY2010-11 presented to the Programming and Allocations Committee in the Fall of 2011, staff may recommend a mid-year performance check and possible termination of RM2 funding for FAST Route 40 at the close of FY2011-12.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3998 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution Nos. 3998

Date: June 22, 2011
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3998

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2011-12.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 8, 2011.

Date: June 22, 2011
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of FY 2011-12 RM2 Operating Assistance Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 3998

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 (“RM2”); and

WHEREAS, RM2 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, RM2 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 2011-12, as outlined in Attachment A and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Adrienne J. Tissier, 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 22, 2011.

FY 2011-12 RM-2 Operating Assistance Program -- Streets and Highways Code 30914(d)

Project #	Project Name	Operator	Route	Programmed (1)	Notes
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	
			Total	3,012,608	
4	Express Bus South	AC Transit	Route F	890,865	
		AC Transit	Route LA	146,761	
		AC Transit	Route NL/BA	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	
		CCCTA	Route 96X	145,339	
		LAVTA	Route 10	580,836	
		WestCat	Hercules LYNX/JX	317,950	
			Total	6,472,029	
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	
			Total	1,827,000	
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	Clipper	MTC	Operations	1,726,031	
11	WETA planning	WETA	Planning and operations	3,000,000	
			Grand Total	39,423,593	
RM2 / Clipper® Marketing Assistance Program (2)					
N/A	RM2 Marketing Clipper® Launch (public outreach, fare incentives)	MTC	Operating / Capital Projects	877,000	
N/A		MTC	AC Transit & Other Operators	3,000,000	
			Total	3,877,000	

- Notes:
- The amounts listed reflect the RM-2 base subsidy, with certain projects subject to a 1.5% annual escalation rate through FY2007-08. Escalation was suspended starting in FY2008-09 until RM2 BATA RM2 receipts surpass the amounts budgeted to fund the legislative operating projects.
 - Marketing assistance programs are funded with RM2 toll revenue receipts pursuant to Streets and Highways Code 30914(f) and are outside of the 38% limit on operating funding as described in Streets and Highways Code 30914(d).