

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

May 9, 2012

Item Number 3b

Resolution No. 3998, Revised and Resolution No. 4058

Subject: Propose Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2012-13, Revise RM2 Operating Assistance Program for FY2011-12, and Provide Performance Update

Background: MTC's RM2 Operating Policies and Procedures state that MTC will adopt a project specific budget for RM2 operating funds prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is based on preliminary information on project need and readiness and RM2 funding limitations. 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 established by mode (ferry, bus or rail) and type of service (peak, all day and owl service).

Resolution 4058 approves the Operating Assistance Program budget for FY2012-13 including roughly \$41 million in RM2 funds for 11 operating and planning projects in RM2. The RM2 budget also identifies \$2.5 million in marketing funding for Clipper public outreach and other RM2 operating projects; however, these marketing programs are funded separately through the BATA budget. The FY2012-13 RM2 operating assistance program is consistent with the May draft BATA budget.

Staff is also recommending a revision to Resolution 3998, the FY2011-12 RM2 operating budget, to provide start-up costs for the new RM2 service in the Dumbarton corridor scheduled to begin by the start of FY2012-13.

New RM2 Service

New RM2 operating services proposed for FY2011-12 and FY2012-13 include:

- Dumbarton Express Bus Service – The budget for FY2012-13, the first full year of operation, is approximately \$3.3 million with RM2 providing funding for approximately \$2.2 million of the total cost. The Commission approved the shift in operating funding from rail to bus in January 2012. As part of the shift of RM2 funding to bus operations, the Dumbarton Bridge Regional Operations Consortium will provide expanded bus service to meet existing demand and build transit ridership in the corridor. The proposed bus service is scheduled to be operational at the start of the 2012-13 fiscal year. RM2 operating funds will be used to support an 83% increase in service revenue hours. The attached map shows the route changes for the two lines.

- South San Francisco Ferry Service – The Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) plans to provide peak period ferry service between Oyster Point in South San Francisco and Main Street in Alameda and Jack London Square in Oakland. The service will operate year-round on a regular weekday only schedule consisting of five daily

crossings. Service is planned to commence on June 4, 2012. The SSF ferry service will be operated under contract by Blue & Gold Fleet. The budget for FY2012-13, their first full year of operation, is approximately \$3.3 million with RM2 providing funding for approximately \$2.5 million of the total cost. These operating costs will be funded within their existing RM2 operating funds.

Performance Update

In October 2011, staff reported that two RM2-funded routes did not meet required performance standards by FY2010-11. Staff recommends maintaining RM2 Operating funding for these routes in FY2012-13, as discussed below:

1. Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (CCCTA) Route 96X, Walnut Creek BART to Bishop Ranch

CCCTA receives a subsidy from Bishop Ranch for a significant portion of the operating cost for Route 96X. This subsidy had not been counted previously towards the farebox recovery ratio. Bishop Ranch issues a pass that passengers in its program can use on the 96X in place of cash. Normal cash fare for the 96X is \$2.25. Bishop Ranch pays \$3.43 per passenger for the service. Staff recommends allowing CCCTA to include a portion of the Bishop Ranch subsidy, equivalent to \$2.25 per Bishop Ranch passenger, towards meeting their farebox recovery requirement. With this, the project will be in compliance with RM2 performance standards and staff recommends continuation of RM2 funding.

2. Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) Route 40, Vacaville Transit Center to Walnut Creek BART Station

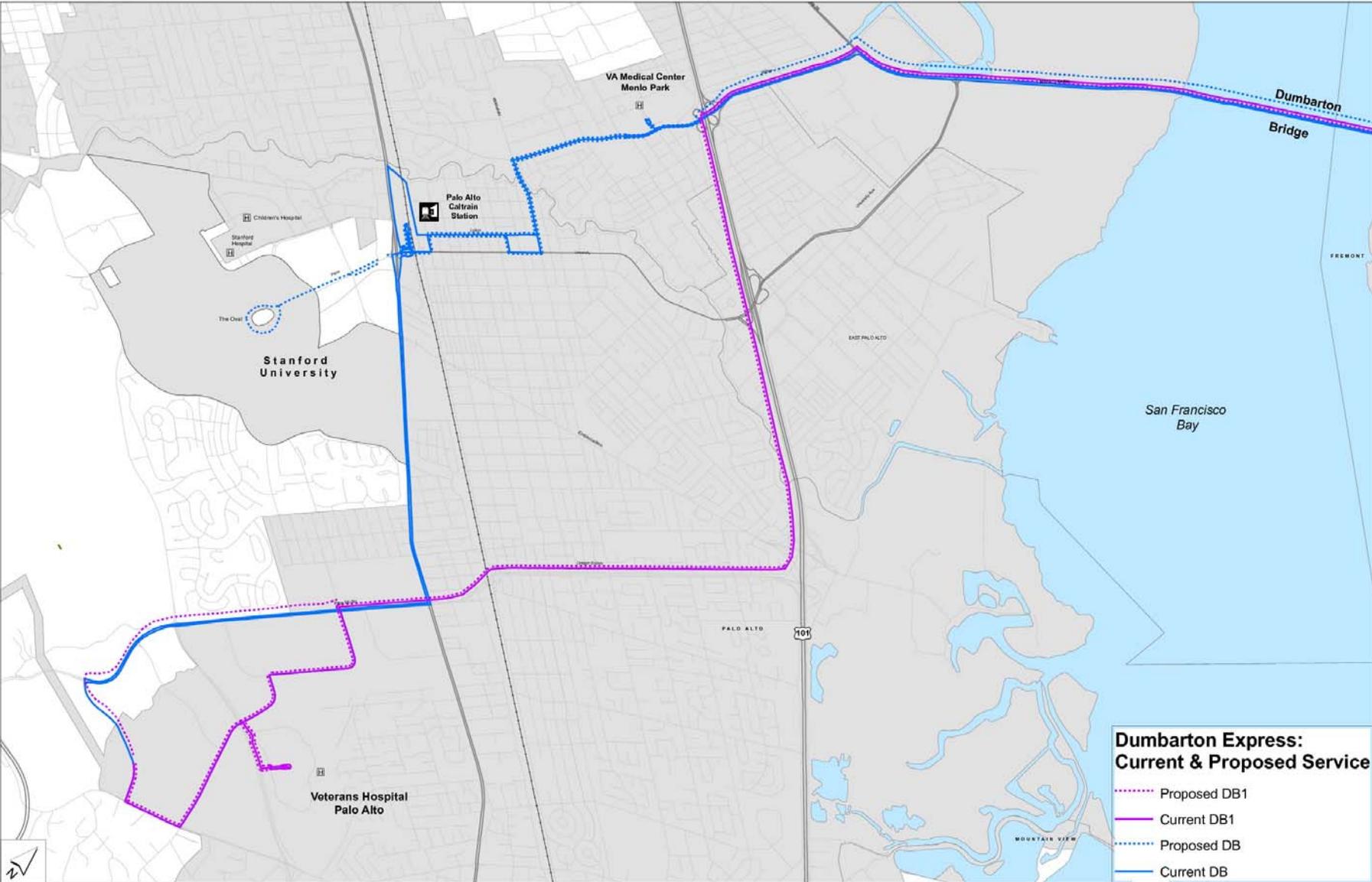
In July 2011, service efficiency on Route 40 was increased by reducing revenue service hours per day from 24 to just over 18 hours without affecting the number of trips or the pickup/drop-off locations. The service has achieved a 30.1% farebox recovery and is now in compliance with RM2 performance standards. Staff recommends continued funding for this route in FY2012-13.

3. Staff is also working on developing corrective action plans for two routes that are not currently meeting RM2 performance standards, and are required to meet the standard by the close of FY2011-12: Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority's (LAVTA) Rapid from West Pleasanton to East Livermore and Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency's (NCTPA) Route 29 service from Calistoga to the Del Norte BART station.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3998, Revised, and MTC Resolution No. 4058 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution Nos. 3998, Revised, and 4058

Attachment A
Current and Proposed Dumbarton Express Service



Date: May 23, 2012
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4058

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2012-13.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Executive Director's Memorandum and the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated May 9, 2012.

Date: May 23, 2012
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of FY2012-13 RM2 Operating Assistance Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4058

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 FY2012-13, 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 May 23, 2012.

FY 2012-13 RM-2 Operating Assistance Program -- Streets and Highways Code 30914(d)

Project #	Project Name	Operator	Route	Programmed (1,3)	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	SolTrans	Route 78	510,226	
		SolTrans	Route 80	511,873	
		SolTrans	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	Tri-Valley Rapid	580,836	
		WestCat	Hercules LYNX/JX	317,950	
			Total	6,472,029	
5	Dumbarton Bus	AC Transit	Routes DB and DB1	2,200,000	
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	890,000	
11	WETA planning	WETA	Planning and operations	3,000,000	
			Grand Total	40,787,562	

RM2 / Clipper® Marketing Assistance Program (2)

Project #	Project Name	Operator	Description	Programmed (3)	Notes
NA	RM2 Marketing	MTC	511 Regional Realtime Program	209,000	
			SolTrans Marketing Assistance	260,000	
			WETA Marketing Assistance	131,000	
			Total	600,000	
N/A	Clipper® Launch	MTC	Fare Media Transition	25,000	
			System Expansion for Phase 3	200,000	
			Increase Adoption	500,000	
			Improve Customer Experience	550,000	
			Support System Operations	175,000	
			Project Management	450,000	
			Total	1,900,000	
				Grand Total	2,500,000

- Notes:
1. 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 BATA RM2 receipts surpass the amounts budgeted to fund the legislative operating projects.
 2. 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).
 3. Amounts shown are subject to approval of the FY 2012-13 BATA Budget

Date: June 22, 2011
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC
Revised: 03/28/12-C
05/23/12-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3998, Revised

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY 2011-12.

This resolution was revised on March 28, 2012 to include funding for Dumbarton Bus start-up costs.

This resolution was revised on May 23, 2012 to include additional funding for Dumbarton Bus start-up costs.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated June 8, 2011 and March 7, 2012, and in the Executive Director's memorandum and Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet attached to Resolution 4058, dated May 9, 2012.

Date: June 22, 2011
W.I.: 1255
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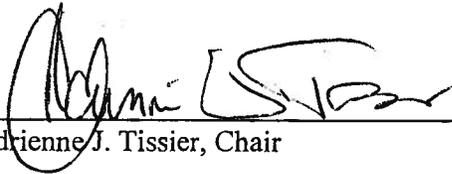
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11	WETA planning	WETA	Planning and operations	3,000,000	
			Grand Total	39,540,665	
RM2 / Clipper® Marketing Assistance Program (2)					
N/A	RM2 Marketing	MTC	Operating / Capital Projects	877,000	
	Clipper® Launch (public outreach, fare incentives)	MTC	AC Transit & Other Operators	3,000,000	
			Total	3,877,000	

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