

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

September 12, 2012

Item Number 2g

## MTC Resolution No. 4066, Revised

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- Subject:** Revision to the FY2012-13 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Coordination Program
- Background:** Consistent with MTC's adopted STA Population-Based Consolidated policy, MTC Resolution No. 3837, population-based STA funds are available to support special projects of regional interest and transit coordination projects, especially those identified in the Commission's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 3866).
- The FY2012-13 STA Regional Coordination Program was approved by the Commission in June 2012 (Resolution No. 4066, Revised). This proposed program revision adds \$100,000 for Transit Emergency Response to create a funding pool to support a mutual aid policy among Bay Area transit agencies during qualifying emergency incidents/events. The actual claimant(s) of the funds will be determined at the time of the emergency. To the extent alternative ways to pay for services rendered exist, MTC and the transit agencies may pursue them after the emergency to minimize impact to MTC's STA Program.
- Issues:** None.
- Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 4066, Revised to the Commission for approval.
- Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 4066, Revised

Date: June 27, 2012  
W.I.: 1223  
Referred by: PAC  
Revised: 09/26/12-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4066, Revised

This resolution establishes a one-year program for FY2012-13 for MTC State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Coordination Program funds.

This resolution was revised on September 26, 2012 to add FY2012-13 programming for Transit Emergency Response in the amount of \$100,000.

Further discussion is contained in the Programming and Allocation Summary sheets dated June 13, 2012 and September 12, 2012.

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RE: FY2012-13 MTC Regional Coordination Program for State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Resolution No. 4066

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 information about the use of STA funds for the projects in FY2011-12 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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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 27, 2012.

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**STA Regional Coordination Program  
FY2012-13**

STA Regional Discretionary Funds <sup>(note 1)</sup>	\$ 31,546,302
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<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Claimant</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Clipper	MTC	\$ 17,463,000
Clipper Grant Administration	GG Transit	\$ 10,000
Transit Connectivity	AC Transit	\$ 239,000
511 Transit	MTC	\$ 665,000
Project Management Tools	MTC	\$ 25,000
Regional Paratransit Program	CCCTA	\$ 75,000
Transit Projects Contingency	MTC	\$ 100,000
Transit Emergency Response <sup>(note 2)</sup>	TBD	\$ 100,000
	<b>Total</b>	\$ 18,677,000

STA Balance Estimate	\$ 12,869,302
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Notes:

1. This amount is from the FY2012-13 STA Population-based fund estimate in MTC Resolution No. 4051 and is comprised of the sum of the estimated carryover of \$20,701,571 and new funding of \$10,844,731.
2. Programmed \$100,000 of STA on 9/26/12 for Transit Emergency Response. Claimant(s) to be determined by MTC after qualifying transit emergency response incident/event.

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## **STA Regional Coordination Program Summary FY2012-13**

STA Regional Coordination Program 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 FY2012-13 STA Regional Coordination Program is approximately \$18.6 million and generally focuses on delivering Clipper®, 511 Transit and Transit Connectivity consistent with the Commission's Transportation 2035 Plan and other regional planning documents. In addition, a small amount of 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®**

***Programmed to MTC: \$17,463,000***

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

Clipper® allows transit riders to pay transit fares with a reloadable Clipper® smart card. The Clipper® card stores transit value – electronic cash (e-cash) and/or transit passes, and transit riders “tag” the card by touching it to a Clipper® card reader when boarding a transit vehicle or entering a station. The reader deducts the correct fare including any transfers or other discounts. Clipper® is currently operating on AC Transit, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit and Ferry (GGT), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MUNI), SamTrans, and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

MTC's Clipper® responsibilities include oversight of a contract with Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. to design, build, operate and maintain the Clipper® system and a number of other contracts related to the implementation and operation of the Clipper® system. In FY2012-13, \$5,274,000 of STA will support operating costs, of which \$4,500,000 is programmed for expenditure as a back-up plan in the event CMAQ funds planned to pay for operations are not allocated by Caltrans and FHWA by July 2012; any unspent STA funds will be returned to the STA Program by June 30, 2013 for reallocation in future years. In addition, \$12,189,000 of STA will support capital costs. The STA amount for capital is higher than usual for several reasons. MTC has performed a fund swap within the Clipper® project itself; CMAQ funds that had been slated to fund capital costs are being spent on operations through July 2013, while STA will be

spent on capital. This internal project swap allows MTC to temporarily conserve more flexible STA funds which could be useful in the event future year's STA funds do not materialize as planned. Also, the amount of STA for Clipper<sup>®</sup> capital covers local match requirements for federal grants received by MTC in FY 2012-13, but which will be spent over multiple years. Consistent with past years, the STA Program includes \$10,000 for GGT's administration of federal funds used to support Clipper<sup>®</sup> implementation.

**Transit Connectivity – Transit Information Displays**  
***Programmed to AC Transit: \$239,000***

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). In May, MTC's Operations Committee approved an amendment to an agreement with AC Transit to maintain these displays on behalf of the region. The agreement documents the scope of work in exchange for the direct allocation of STA funds. The amendment extends the period of performance through FY 2014-15 and identifies the anticipated amounts of STA funds that will be made available to AC Transit through FY 2014/15, subject to Commission programming and allocation actions. In FY2012-13, \$239,000 is programmed for ongoing maintenance activities.

**511 Transit**

***Programmed to MTC: \$665,000***

STA funds will serve as local match to federal STP and CMAQ 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, map, and trip planning information for all transit agencies in the Bay Area; this includes data for over 700 routes and 23,000 transit stops in the nine-county region. 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 – Customers can plan transit trips using the popular 511 Trip Planner (available on the 511 Transit website and on the mobile website, at [m.511.org](http://m.511.org).) Customers can also access door-to-door transit trip planning and scheduled departure times for transit routes near their locations or from locations they specify by using the

511 Transit App (available for iPhone and Android smartphones). Additionally, transit agency call center staff has access to the trip planner for assisting customers with trip planning requests over the phone.

- 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 - MTC operates and maintains a regional real-time transit system, including supporting 511 Departure Times on the phone, through the web, at My511.org, via text message, and hub sign displays.

### **Project Management Tools**

***Programmed to MTC: \$25,000***

STA funds will support a consultant to continue to develop and maintain a fund/contract tracking and reporting tool to better support internal project management needs. In addition, MTC may explore and implement other tools to facilitate project management.

### **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®, 511 Transit and Transit Connectivity. These funds would also allow MTC to respond to unexpected regional or sub-regional transit planning needs or requests as they arise. Unspent contingency funds will be returned to the STA Program.

### **Transit Emergency Response**

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

In order to ensure that the regional transportation network continues to function during a qualifying emergency incident/event and subject to MTC approval at the time of the emergency, STA funds will be used to create a funding pool from which transit agencies providing approved emergency response services can be reimbursed. The intent of the funding pool is to encourage

transit agencies to quickly aid and assist each other. These funds are not intended to supersede mutual aid, but instead serve to supplement it or fill in gaps.