

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

May 8, 2013

Item Number 3a

## Resolution No. 4098

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**Subject:** Propose Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2013-14 and 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 policies. 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 requirements are established by mode (ferry, bus or rail) and type of service (peak, all day and owl service).

Resolution 4098 approves the Operating Assistance Program budget for FY2013-14 including roughly \$41 million in RM2 funds. The amounts and projects are generally consistent with the program for the current year. The RM2 budget also identifies \$2.1 million in marketing funding for Clipper® public outreach and 511 Real-Time Transit Outreach. These marketing programs will be included in the proposed FY2013-14 BATA budget.

### **Performance Update**

In November 2012, staff reported that two RM2-funded routes did not meet required performance standards by FY2011-12. Staff recommends maintaining RM2 Operating funding for these routes in FY2013-14, as discussed below:

#### **1. WestCAT Route JPX/30Z Martinez Link**

Farebox ratio required: 20% for all-day service

FY2011-12 (audited) farebox ratio: 17.9%

WestCAT has proposed a corrective action plan that decouples interlined Routes JPX and 30Z. RM2 Operating Program funds would be used exclusively to operate the more heavily utilized Route JPX between Hercules Transit Center and El Cerrito Del Norte BART station. This would allow WestCAT to use general funds to maintain Route 30Z, the critical regional link provided to residents in the City of Richmond, to the Contra Costa County seat in Martinez.

Staff believes this change will result in Route JPX meeting RM2 performance standards during the FY2013-14 performance review. If the standards are not met, staff may recommend that RM2 Operating Program funds be discontinued.

2. FAST Route 40

Farebox ratio required: 30% for commuter service  
FY2011-12 (audited) farebox recovery ratio: 28.4%

Route 40 Express Bus service between Vacaville and Walnut Creek BART via Pleasant Hill BART station, Benicia, and Fairfield has achieved a 30.2% farebox recovery ratio during the first two quarters of FY2012-13 and is now in compliance with RM2 performance standards. The route will continue to be monitored closely by staff. Staff recommends continued funding for this route in FY2013-14.

3. At Risk Routes

Staff is working with two operators to develop corrective action plans for routes that are not currently meeting RM2 performance standards and will be subject to discontinued funding:

- Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority's (LAVTA) Rapid from West Pleasanton to East Livermore must meet the 20% required farebox recovery standard by the close of FY2013-14.
- Water Emergency Transportation Authority's South San Francisco ferry service to Alameda and Oakland must meet a 40% farebox recovery ratio for commuter ferry service by the close of FY2014-15. During the first two quarters of FY2013, the service achieved an 8.5% farebox recovery ratio.

**Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 4098 to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 4098

Date: May 22, 2013  
W.I.: 1255  
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4098, Revised

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2013-14.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated May 8, 2013.

Date: May 22, 2013  
W.I.: 1255  
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of FY2013-14 RM2 Operating Assistance Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4098

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 FY2013-14, as outlined in Attachment A and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Amy Rein Worth, 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 22, 2013.

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

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Programmed (1,3)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	Richmond Bridge Express Bus	Golden Gate Transit	Route 40	<b>2,195,925</b>	
2	Napa VINE Service	NCTPA	Vallejo Intermodal Express Bus	<b>390,000</b>	
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 72x	101,264	
		Golden Gate Transit	Route 101	195,339	
		WestCat	Route JPX	249,294	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>3,012,608</b>	
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	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>6,472,029</b>	
5	Dumbarton Bus	AC Transit	Routes DB	1,382,828	
			Route DB1	1,284,148	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>2,666,976</b>	
6	Ferry Service	WETA	Alameda Harbor Bay	1,582,000	
		WETA	Alameda/Oakland	2,569,000	
		WETA	Vallejo	7,844,000	
		WETA	South San Francisco	3,305,000	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>15,300,000</b>	
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	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>1,827,000</b>	
8	MUNI Metro 3rd Street	SF MUNI	Metro 3rd Street extension	<b>2,500,000</b>	
9	AC Transit Rapid Bus Corridor	AC Transit	Enhanced Bus Service in the Berkeley/Oakland/San Leandro Corridor	<b>3,000,000</b>	
10	Clipper	MTC	Operations	<b>890,000</b>	
11	WETA planning	WETA	Planning and operations	<b>3,000,000</b>	
			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>41,254,538</b>	

**RM2 Marketing Assistance Program (2)**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Operator</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Programmed (3)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Clipper®	MTC	Public Information and Marketing	1,900,000	
511 Real Time Transit	MTC	Public Information and Marketing	200,000	
		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,100,000</b>	

- 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 2013-14 BATA Budget