

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

December 11, 2013

MTC Resolution No. 4125

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**Subject:** FTA Section 5311 Program of Projects for FY2013-14 and FY2014-15

**Background:** The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural Areas Formula Program (Section 5311) makes funding available to each state for public transportation projects in nonurbanized areas.

MTC annually develops a regional Program of Projects for submittal to Caltrans. Caltrans then submits a statewide program to FTA for approval. MTC's objective is to program capital and operating funds to maintain needed transit services in the rural areas of the MTC region.

### **Funding availability**

Caltrans has instructed MTC to prepare the FY2013-14 regional program of projects under the assumption that the amount of funds available in FY2013-14 will be equal to the amount of funds available in FY2012-13. Furthermore, in order to prepare a two-year program, MTC assumes that funding will remain level in FY2014-15. The estimated amount of Nonurbanized Area funds available for the MTC region is approximately \$1.8 million in each fiscal year, or \$3.7 million over the two-year period.

These estimates are for programming purposes only. Should the actual regional apportionments be lower or higher than the amount estimated to be available, project sponsors will be notified and adjustments may be made in order to financially constrain the program.

### **Programming Process**

MTC Resolution No. 4036, the FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Funding Objectives and Criteria, states that the region's Section 5311 funds will be distributed to transit operators using a formula system based on nonurbanized area population and nonurbanized area route miles.

Consistent with the Funding Objectives and Criteria, MTC requires recipients to give the highest priority to the replacement of capital equipment. If recipients request funds for operations, they are required to submit documentation explaining why the funds are not needed for capital replacement. Furthermore, if an operator does not want to participate in the Section 5311 program (e.g., if the operator's 5311 share is so small that the administrative effort required to apply for and report on the funds outweighs the benefits to the operator), then they are able to opt out of the program.

Per the request of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), MTC provides a target programming amount for all of Solano County, and STA works with the Solano County transit operators to determine individual shares.

**Recommended Program of Projects**

MTC conducted a call for projects in November. Some eligible operators did elect to opt out. Most operators who applied for funds are requesting operating rather than capital support.

The following table lists the amounts recommended for Commission adoption for the two-year program of projects:

Sponsoring Agency	Project Title	Purpose	5311 Amount		Two-Year Total
			FY14	FY15	
LAVTA	Routes 2, 11, 12, 20	Operating	\$ 51,002	\$ 51,002	\$102,004
Marin Transit	West Marin Stagecoach	Operating	\$ 246,109	\$ 246,109	\$492,218
NCTPA	Northern Napa County (Rural Routes program)	Operating	\$ 247,251	\$ 247,251	\$494,502
SamTrans	Demand Response and Rt. 17	Operating	\$ 183,066	\$ 183,066	\$366,132
Solano County	Readi-Ride (Replacement Paratransit vehicles)	Capital	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000	\$130,000
City of Dixon		Operating	\$ 232,631	\$ 207,631	\$440,262
City of Dixon	Readi-Ride (Dial-a-ride service)	Operating	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$200,000
Fairfield	Route 30	Operating	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$80,000
Rio Vista	Delta Breeze	Operating		\$ 25,000	\$25,000
Rio Vista	Delta Breeze Park n Ride	Capital		\$ 40,000	\$80,000
SolTrans	Route 85	Operating	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$80,000
Sonoma County Transit	Replacement Vehicles	Capital	\$ 566,402	\$ 566,402	\$1,132,804
VTA	Route 68	Operating	\$ 93,929	\$ 93,929	\$187,858
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,865,390</b>	<b>\$ 1,865,390</b>	<b>\$ 3,730,780</b>

**Issues:** None.

**Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 4125 to the Commission for approval.

**Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 4125

Date: December 18, 2013  
W.I.: 1512  
Referred By: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4125

This resolution adopts the FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural Areas Formula (Section 5311) Program of Projects for the San Francisco Bay Area.

The resolution includes the following attachment:

Attachment A - FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program FY2013-14  
and FY2014-15

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheet dated December 11, 2013.

Date: December 18, 2013  
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Referred By: PAC

Re: Program of Projects in the San Francisco Bay Area for the FY2013-14 and FY2014-15  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Rural Areas Formula (Section 5311) Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4125

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code sections 66500 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has adopted rules and regulations (23 CFR 450 and CFR 613) which require that the MPO, in cooperation with the state and publicly-owned operators of mass transportation services, carry on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance; and

WHEREAS, Section 5311 Title 49 of the United States Code (formerly Section 18 of the Federal Transit Act (FTA) provides a formula grant program for public transportation projects in areas other than urbanized areas (49 U.S.C. Section 5311); and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 4036, which sets forth MTC's FTA Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program Funding Objectives and Criteria for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, MTC has developed, in consultation with interested transportation providers and in accordance with the MTC's Section 5311 Funding Objectives and Criteria, a FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 FTA Rural Areas Formula Program of Projects for the San Francisco Bay Area,

attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 FTA Rural Areas Formula Program of Projects as listed on Attachment A; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC is authorized and directed to modify the FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 Program of Projects as listed on Attachment A to match the actual FTA Rural Areas Formula fund appropriation if needed; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director of MTC is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Caltrans, and such agencies as may be appropriate.

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 December 18, 2013.

**Federal Transit Administration**  
**Section 5311 Nonurbanized Area Formula Program**  
**FY2013-14 and FY2014-15**

**FY2013-14 Funding Available:**

<b>Apportionments:</b>	\$	<b>1,865,390</b>
<b>Prior Year Carryover:</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Funding Available:</b>	\$	<b>1,865,390</b>

**FY 2013-14 Programming:**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Sect. 5311 Program</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Toll Credit</u>
Dixon	Operating Assistance (Readi-Ride)	\$ 232,631	\$ 271,369	\$ 504,000	\$ -
Dixon	Readi Ride Capital (Repl Paratransit vehicles)	\$ 65,000	\$ 8,421	\$ 73,421	
Fairfield	Operating Assistance (Rt. 30)	\$ 100,000	\$ 226,647	\$ 326,647	\$ -
LAVTA	Operating Assistance (Rts. 2, 11, 12, 20)	\$ 51,002	\$ 319,109	\$ 370,111	\$ -
Marin County Transit	Operating Assistance (West Marin Stagecoach)	\$ 246,109	\$ 198,693	\$ 444,802	\$ -
Napa County Transit	Operating Assistance (Northern Napa Co.)	\$ 247,251	\$ 199,615	\$ 446,866	\$ -
Rio Vista	Operating Assistance (Delta Breeze)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294	\$ -
SamTrans	Operating Assistance (Coastside, Rt. 17)	\$ 183,066	\$ 895,732	\$ 1,078,798	\$ -
SolTrans	Operating Assistance (Rt. 85)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294	\$ -
Sonoma County Transit	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 566,402	\$ 73,383	\$ 639,785	\$ -
VTA	Operating Assistance (Rt. 68)	\$ 93,929	\$ 3,836,757	\$ 3,930,686	\$ -
Total Programming		\$ 1,865,390	\$ 6,094,314	\$ 7,959,704	\$ -
Total Available		\$ 1,865,390			
Available for Carryover		\$ -			

**FY2014-15 Funding Available:**

<b>Apportionments:</b>	\$	<b>1,865,390</b>
<b>Prior Year Carryover:</b>	\$	-
<b>Total Funding Available:</b>	\$	<b>1,865,390</b>

**FY 2014-15 Programming:**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Sect. 5311 Program</u>	<u>Local Match</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Toll Credit</u>
Dixon	Operating Assistance (Readi-Ride)	\$ 207,631	\$ 296,369	\$ 504,000	\$ -
Dixon	Readi Ride Capital (Repl Paratransit vehicles)	\$ 65,000	\$ 8,421	\$ 73,421	
Fairfield	Operating Assistance (Rt. 30)	\$ 100,000	\$ 226,647	\$ 326,647	\$ -
LAVTA	Operating Assistance (Rts. 2, 11, 12, 20)	\$ 51,002	\$ 319,109	\$ 370,111	\$ -
Marin County Transit	Operating Assistance (West Marin Stagecoach)	\$ 246,109	\$ 198,693	\$ 444,802	\$ -
Napa County Transit	Operating Assistance (Northern Napa Co.)	\$ 247,251	\$ 199,615	\$ 446,866	\$ -
Rio Vista	Operating Assistance (Delta Breeze)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294	\$ -
Rio Vista	Delta Breeze Park n Ride	\$ 25,000	\$ 3,239	\$ 28,239	
SamTrans	Operating Assistance (Coastside, Rt. 17)	\$ 183,066	\$ 1,479,163	\$ 1,662,229	\$ -
SolTrans	Operating Assistance (Rt. 85)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294	\$ -
Sonoma County Transit	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 566,402	\$ 73,383	\$ 639,785	\$ -
VTA	Operating Assistance (Rt. 68)	\$ 93,929	\$ 3,954,460	\$ 4,048,389	\$ -
Total Programming		\$ 1,865,390	\$ 6,823,687	\$ 8,689,077	\$ -
Total Available		\$ 1,865,390			
Available for Carryover		\$ -			