

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

May 14, 2014

MTC Resolution No. 4142

Subject: Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Program for FY2014-15 Program 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).

Subject to approval of the FY2014-15 Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) budget, Resolution 4142 approves the Operating Assistance Program budget for FY2014-15 including roughly \$41 million in RM2 funds. The amounts and projects for FY2014-15 are generally consistent with the program for the current year. The RM2 budget also identifies \$1.6 million in marketing funding for Clipper®, 511 Real-Time Transit, and Napa County Transportation and Planning Agency's (NCTPA) Route 29. These marketing programs will be included in the proposed FY2014-15 BATA budget.

Performance Update

In October 2013, staff reported that two RM2-funded routes did not meet required performance standards in FY2012-13. Both routes are currently meeting the required performance standard. Therefore, staff recommends maintaining RM2 Operating funding for these routes in FY2014-15. More information about these two routes is provided below:

	Type of Service	Required Farebox Ratio	FY2012-13 Farebox Ratio	FY2013-14 (partial) Farebox Ratio
WestCAT JPX	All day	20%	17.2%*	21.2%
FAST Route 40	Peak	30%	29.7%	32.5%

*Includes Route 30Z

WestCAT Route JPX

The operator implemented a corrective action plan that decoupled the interlined Routes JPX and 30Z. In FY2013-14, RM2 Operating Program funds are used exclusively to operate the more heavily utilized Route JPX between Hercules Transit Center and El Cerrito Del Norte BART station.

The adjusted route is so far meeting the RM2 farebox policy, and staff recommends continued funding for this route in FY2014-15.

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FAST Route 40

Fairfield is now in compliance with RM2 performance standards for the Route 40 Express Bus service between Vacaville and Walnut Creek BART via Pleasant Hill BART station. To improve performance, FAST partnered with the Solano Transportation Authority to market the Route 40 service with employers in Contra Costa County, conducted rider surveys and identified and implemented route modifications that reduced revenue vehicle hours and costs without affecting the level of service. Staff recommends continued funding for this route in FY2014-15.

At Risk Route

Staff is working with Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority (LAVTA) to develop a corrective action plan for their Rapid service. This route is required to meet a 20% required farebox recovery standard by the close of FY2013-14. If this route does not meet the required farebox ratio, funding may be discontinued in FY2015-16. Staff will provide an update regarding this service in October 2014 when the annual performance update is presented.

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 4142 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 4142

Date: May 28, 2014
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4142

This resolution adopts the Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating Assistance Program for FY2014-15.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated May 14, 2014.

Date: May 28, 2014
W.I.: 1255
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of FY2014-15 RM2 Operating Assistance Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4142

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 FY2014-15, as outlined in Attachment A and incorporated herewith as though set forth at length.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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 28, 2014.

FY 2014-15 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 72x	101,264	
		Golden Gate Transit	Route 101	195,339	
		WestCat	Route 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	1,382,828	
			Route DB1	1,284,148	
			Total	2,666,976	
6	Ferry Service	WETA	Alameda Harbor Bay	1,850,000	
		WETA	Alameda/Oakland	3,400,000	
		WETA	Vallejo	6,750,000	
		WETA	South San Francisco	3,300,000	
			Total	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	718,613	
11	WETA planning	WETA	Planning and operations	3,000,000	
			Grand Total	41,083,151	

RM2 Marketing Assistance Program (2)

Project Name	Operator	Description	Programmed (3)	Notes
Clipper®	MTC	Public Information and Marketing	1,350,000	
511 Real Time Transit	MTC	Public Information and Marketing	175,000	
Route 29 Marketing	NCTPA	Marketing	90,000	
		Grand Total	1,615,000	

- 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 2014-15 BATA Budget