

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

June 11, 2014

Item Number 2c

MTC Resolution No. 4150

- Subject:** FY2014-15 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Coordination Program.
- Background:** Consistent with MTC's adopted STA Population-Based Consolidated policy, MTC Resolution No. 3837, a portion of the population-based STA funds are available to support regional coordination projects such as those identified in the Commission's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan (MTC Resolution No. 3866).
- The Commission annually adopts the STA Regional Coordination Program. Attachment A to MTC Resolution No. 4150 lists the STA projects for FY2014-15. Attachment B provides more detailed information about each of these projects.
- The majority of MTC's STA Program fund balance is reserved to meet future Clipper[®] operating costs as STA is one of the four fund sources available for transit operating expenses.
- Issues:** None.
- Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 4150 to the Commission for approval.
- Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 4150

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4150

This resolution establishes the FY2014-15 program for MTC State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Coordination Program funds.

The resolution includes the following attachments:

Attachment A – FY2014-15

Attachment B – Project Description

Further discussion is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheet dated June 11, 2014.

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RE: FY 2014-15 MTC Regional Coordination Program for State Transit Assistance (STA) Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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 Public Utilities 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 FY 2014-15 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.); and

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

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 June 25, 2014.

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Attachment A

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**STA Regional Coordination Program
FY2014-15**

STA Regional Discretionary Funds ^(note 1)	\$ 27,150,927
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Project Name	Claimant	Amount
Clipper [®]	MTC	\$ 14,850,000
Clipper [®] Grant Administration	GGBHTD	\$ 10,300
511 Transit	MTC	\$ 889,000
Transit Connectivity	AC Transit	\$ 254,000
Hub Signage Program	MTC	\$ 125,000
Project Management Tools	MTC	\$ 25,000
Transit Service Contingency	MTC	\$ 600,000
Transit Emergency Response ^(note 2)	TBD	\$ 100,000
Regional Paratransit Program	CCCTA	\$ 75,000
	Total	\$ 16,928,300

STA Balance Estimate	\$ 10,222,627
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Notes:

1. This amount is from the FY2014-15 STA Population-based fund estimate in MTC Resolution No. 4133 and is comprised of the sum of the estimated carryover of \$17,480,878 and new funding of \$9,670,049.
2. Programmed \$100,000 of STA 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 FY2014-15

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 No. 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 FY 2014-15 STA Regional Coordination Program is approximately \$16.9 million and generally focuses on delivering Clipper[®], 511 Transit, Transit Emergency Response, and Transit Connectivity consistent with the Commission's Plan Bay Area 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: \$14,850,000

Programmed to GGBHTD: \$10,300

Clipper[®] allows transit riders to pay transit fares with a reloadable Clipper[®] smart card. Clipper[®] is currently operating on AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit and Ferry, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (MUNI), SamTrans, Santa Clara VTA, and Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA).

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 FY2014-15, \$14,860,300 of STA will support operating costs. Any unspent STA funds will be returned to the STA Program for reallocation in future years. Consistent with past years, the STA Program includes \$10,300 for GGBHTD's administration of federal funds used to support Clipper[®] implementation.

511 Transit

Programmed to MTC: \$889,000

STA funds will be used to supplement and 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 five 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) where traffic, ridesharing, parking, 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.) 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 Dissemination- Transit.511.org disseminates real-time transit information the transit and enhanced trip planners, through a real-time transit departures lookup tool, on the mobile applications, and on m.511.org.
- Enhanced trip planner - Building upon the separate Transit trip planner, the Enhanced trip planner allows customers to plan and compare door-to-door trips taken by Driving, by Transit alone, and by Driving to a starting station and then taking transit, within 511.org. This trip planner enables cost and travel time comparisons across modes. Released in Beta on the transit.511.org website, it also enables elements of real time trip and traffic condition comparisons where available for transit, driving routes, and parking availability (initially for a limited number of lots in San Francisco). Customers can compare their prospective trips' carbon dioxide emissions estimates on the Enhanced trip planner. Map layer checkboxes also enable users to view parking lot locations, major transit facilities, and basic traffic conditions separately from the trip plans.

Transit Connectivity – Transit Information Displays

Programmed to AC Transit: \$254,000

In April 2006, MTC adopted a Transit Connectivity Plan. In July 2006, MTC adopted the funding component for the Plan (MTC Resolution No. 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 three airports). The focus is to improve way finding signs, real-time transit information and static transit information at these hubs.

In addition to capital improvements, the Transit Connectivity Plan recommends a greater regional commitment to maintaining transit information in transit information displays (TIDs). MTC has an agreement with AC Transit for them 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. An 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 FY2014-15, subject to Commission programming and allocation actions. In FY2014-15, \$254,000 is programmed for ongoing maintenance activities.

Hub Signage Program

Programmed to MTC: \$125,000

The Hub Signage Program was created to deliver several transit signage and information recommendations detailed in MTC's Transit Connectivity Plan. The focus is to improve wayfinding signage, real-time transit information and static transit information at a network of 24 hubs across the region. The installation and implementation work on the project is completed. STA funds are needed for ongoing operations and maintenance activities as well as a program evaluation study.

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.

Transit Projects Contingency

Programmed to MTC: \$600,000

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.

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.