

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

December 10, 2014

MTC Resolution No. 4125, Revised

**Subject:** Revisions to the FY2014-15 FTA Rural Area Formula (Section 5311) Program.

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

MTC annually develops a regional Program of Projects for submittal to Caltrans. Caltrans then submits a statewide program to FTA for approval. Per Commission policy, 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 notified MTC that the FY2014-15 Section 5311 amount for the MTC region is expected to be approximately \$1.6 million, and that the regional program will be due to Caltrans headquarters in March 2015.

### **Programming Process**

In December 2013, MTC developed a two-year (FY2013-14 and FY2014-15) program of projects in accordance with MTC Resolution No. 4036, which states that the region's Section 5311 funds will be distributed to transit operators using a formula based on rural area population and rural area route miles.

Staff is now proposing to adjust the FY2014-15 program based on the available revenues. The actual amount of FY2014-15 funds available (\$1.6 million) is lower than the estimate used to develop the program in December 2013 (\$1.9 million). The reason for the decrease is that MTC's actual FY2013-14 amount—which was provided by Caltrans and used to forecast the FY2014-15 amount—included carryover funds from previous years and MTC staff was not aware of that fact.

### **Recommended Program of Projects**

MTC staff conferred with the project sponsors and with the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), the agency responsible for programming the Solano County amount, to determine how to adjust the program given the decrease in the FY2014-15 funds. Most operators elected to keep their original project and reduce the amount of programming. In Solano County, STA decided to only reduce the amount of funds for the Dixon Intercity Bus Replacement project (funded via an exchange with the Dixon Redit-Ride operations project), and to keep the 5311 amounts for the remaining project sponsors in Solano County unchanged. STA staff will continue to look for funding opportunities to assist Dixon with their share of the Intercity Bus

Replacement project. Per Rio Vista’s request, \$25,000 was moved from the Park and Ride project to the Delta Breeze operating project.

The table below summarizes the proposed programming changes.

Sponsoring Agency	Project	FY15 5311 amount	
		Original	Revised
LAVTA	Routes 2, 11, 12, 20	\$ 51,002	\$ 43,683
Marin Transit	West Marin Stagecoach	\$ 246,109	\$ 210,793
NCTPA	Northern Napa County (Transit Operating)	\$ 247,251	\$ 211,771
SamTrans	Coastside Demand Response and Rt. 17	\$ 183,066	\$ 156,796
Solano County			
Dixon	Readi-Ride	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Dixon	Readi-Ride (fund exchange for intercity bus replacement)	\$ 97,631	\$ 29,091
Dixon	Readi-Ride (fund exchange for local bus replacement)	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Dixon	Replacement Paratransit Vehicles	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Fairfield	Route 30	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Rio Vista	Operating Assistance	\$ 40,000	\$ 65,000
Rio Vista	Transit Park and Ride	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
SolTrans	Route 85	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Sonoma County Transit	Replacement Vehicles	\$ 566,402	\$ 485,123
VTA	Route 68	\$ 93,929	\$ 80,450
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,865,390</b>	<b>\$ 1,597,707</b>

**Issues:** None

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

**Attachments:** MTC Resolution No. 4125, Revised

Date: December 18, 2013  
W.I.: 1512  
Referred By: PAC  
Revised: 03/26/14-C  
06/25/14-C  
12/17/14-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4125, Revised

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

This resolution was revised on March 26, 2014 to adjust the FY2013-14 funding for all projects, due to an increase in the amount of funding available in FY2013-14, based on actual apportionments released by Caltrans.

This resolution was revised on June 25, 2014 to adjust the FY2013-14 local match amounts to be consistent with the local match amounts in the project sponsors' FY2013-14 applications submitted to Caltrans.

This resolution was revised on December 17, 2014 to adjust the FY2014-15 funding for all projects, due to an approximate \$0.3 million decrease in the amount of funding available in FY2014-15.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated December 11, 2013, March 5, 2014, June 11, 2014 and December 10, 2014.

Date: December 18, 2013  
W.I.: 1512  
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,

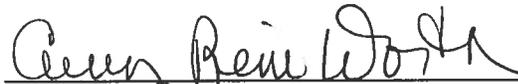
attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; now, therefore, be it

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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 + Prior Year Carryover:</b>	<b>\$ 1,907,560</b>
<b>Total Funding Available:</b>	<b>\$ 1,907,560</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>
Dixon	Operating Assistance (Readi-Ride)	\$ 243,428	\$ 271,369	\$ 514,797
Dixon	Readi Ride Capital (Repl Paratransit vehicles)	\$ 65,000	\$ 8,421	\$ 73,421
Fairfield	Operating Assistance (Rt. 30)	\$ 100,000	\$ 123,698	\$ 223,698
LAVTA	Operating Assistance (Rts. 2, 11, 12, 20)	\$ 52,155	\$ 312,430	\$ 364,585
Marin County Transit	Operating Assistance (West Marin Stagecoach)	\$ 251,673	\$ 203,185	\$ 454,858
Napa County Transit	Operating Assistance (Northern Napa Co.)	\$ 252,841	\$ 204,128	\$ 456,969
Rio Vista	Operating Assistance (Delta Breeze)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294
SamTrans	Operating Assistance (Coastside, Rt. 17)	\$ 187,204	\$ 895,732	\$ 1,082,936
SolTrans	Operating Assistance (Rt. 85)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294
Sonoma County Transit	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 579,207	\$ 75,418	\$ 654,625
<u>VTA</u>	<u>Operating Assistance (Rt. 68)</u>	<u>\$ 96,052</u>	<u>\$ 77,546</u>	<u>\$ 173,598</u>
Total Programming		\$ 1,907,560	\$ 2,236,515	\$ 4,144,075
Total Available		\$ 1,907,560		
Available for Carryover		\$ -		

**FY2014-15 Funding Available:**

<b>Apportionments:</b>	<b>\$ 1,597,707</b>
<b>Prior Year Carryover:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Funding Available:</b>	<b>\$ 1,597,707</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>
Dixon	Operating Assistance (Readi-Ride)	\$ 139,091	\$ 112,293	\$ 251,384
Dixon	Readi Ride Capital (Repl Paratransit vehicles)	\$ 65,000	\$ 8,421	\$ 73,421
Fairfield	Operating Assistance (Rt. 30)	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,734	\$ 180,734
LAVTA	Operating Assistance (Rts. 2, 11, 12, 20)	\$ 43,683	\$ 35,267	\$ 78,950
Marin County Transit	Operating Assistance (West Marin Stagecoach)	\$ 210,793	\$ 170,181	\$ 380,974
Napa County Transit	Operating Assistance (Northern Napa Co.)	\$ 211,771	\$ 170,971	\$ 382,742
Rio Vista	Operating Assistance (Delta Breeze)	\$ 65,000	\$ 52,477	\$ 117,477
SamTrans	Operating Assistance (Coastside, Rt. 17)	\$ 156,796	\$ 126,587	\$ 283,383
SolTrans	Operating Assistance (Rt. 85)	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,294	\$ 72,294
Sonoma County Transit	Vehicle Replacements	\$ 485,123	\$ 62,853	\$ 547,976
<u>VTA</u>	<u>Operating Assistance (Rt. 68)</u>	<u>\$ 80,450</u>	<u>\$ 64,950</u>	<u>\$ 145,400</u>
Total Programming		\$ 1,597,707	\$ 917,029	\$ 2,514,736
Total Available		\$ 1,597,707		
Available for Carryover		\$ -		