

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission Programming and Allocations Committee

March 11, 2015

Item Number 2e

## MTC Resolution No. 4170, Revised

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- Subject:** Cap and Trade – Low Carbon Transit Operations Program: FY2014-15 Population-Based Allocation Requests
- Background:** Senate Bill 852 (Statutes of 2014) appropriates \$25 million for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund pursuant to the distribution formula in sections 99313 and 99314 of the Public Utilities Code. Roughly \$6.8 million is available directly to transit operators in the region based on the revenue-based formula. An additional \$2.4 million is available to the region based on the population-based formula.
- In January 2015, the Commission assigned the funds to transit operators based on the formula distribution in Attachment A, consistent with the Commission’s December 2013 adoption of the Cap and Trade/Core Capacity framework (MTC Resolution Nos. 4123 and 4130).
- Approved projects in this transit operations program will support new or expanded bus or rail services, expand intermodal transit facilities, and may include equipment acquisition, fueling, maintenance and other costs to operate those services or facilities, with each project reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For agencies whose service area includes disadvantaged communities (as defined by CalEPA), at least 50 percent of total funds received shall be expended on projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities.
- Based on submittals from eligible transit operators, staff recommends roughly \$350,000 in new allocation requests, as highlighted in Attachment A. Approximately \$1.5 million in requests was approved by the Commission in January.
- Issues:** Since FY2014-15 funds must be requested in this fiscal year or they will be forfeited, MTC will continue to work with the transit operators to request allocations.
- Recommendation:** Refer MTC Resolution No. 4170, Revised to the Commission for approval.
- Attachment:** MTC Resolution No. 4170, Revised.

Date: January 28, 2015  
W.I.: 1515  
Referred by: PAC  
Revised: 03/25/15-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4170, Revised

This resolution adopts the allocation requests for the Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program for the San Francisco Bay Area.

This resolution includes the following attachments:

Attachment A – Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program – Population- based Funds Project List

Attachment A of this resolution was revised on March 25, 2015 to include additional allocation requests.

Further discussion of these actions is contained in the Programming and Allocations Summary Sheets dated January 14, 2015 and March 11, 2015.

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RE: Cap and Trade Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 4170

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, Plan Bay Area (“Plan”), the region’s integrated long-range transportation and land use plan adopted by MTC, provides the planning foundation for transportation improvements and regional growth throughout the San Francisco Bay Area through 2040; and

WHEREAS, the Plan includes a \$3.1 billion reserve from future Cap and Trade funding; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the expected uses of Cap and Trade funding as including but not limited to transit operating and capital rehabilitation/replacement, local streets and roads rehabilitation, goods movement, and transit-oriented affordable housing, consistent with the Plan's focused land use strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Plan states that Cap and Trade revenues will be allocated to specific programs through a transparent and inclusive regional public process; and

WHEREAS, the Plan calls for the process to ensure that at least 25 percent of the Cap and Trade revenues will be spent to benefit disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 852 (Statutes 2014) establishes the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the recipient of the population-based funding in LCTOP funds pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 99313 and 99314; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolutions 4123 and 4130, a Programming Framework for the Cap and Trade funds and Transit Core Capacity Challenge Grant program; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared a LCTOP population-based funding allocation request list, Attachment A, for submittal to Caltrans and based on the programming framework established in Resolutions 4123 and 4130, said attachment attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC is an eligible project sponsor and may receive state funding from the LCTOP now or sometime in the future for transit projects; and

WHEREAS, the statutes related to state-funded transit projects require a local or regional implementing agency to abide by various regulations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 862 (2014) named the Department of Transportation (Department) as the administrative agency for the LCTOP; and

WHEREAS, the Department has developed guidelines for the purpose of administering and distributing LCTOP funds to eligible project sponsors (local agencies); and

WHEREAS, MTC wishes to delegate authorization to execute these documents and any amendments thereto to the Executive Director; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts LCTOP program of projects, attached hereto as Attachment A, and finds it consistent with the RTP; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to make changes to Attachment A, including revisions to existing allocation requests up to \$1,000,000, and authorize new allocations up to \$1,000,000 to conform to sponsor requests; and Caltrans and State Controller's actions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all LCTOP funded transit projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director be authorized to execute all required documents of the LCTOP program and any Amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required to Caltrans and to such other 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 January 28, 2015.

**FY 2014-15 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program Requests**  
 Based on State Controller's Office Allocation Summary of 11/26/2014

Agency	Project	FY 2014-15 LCTOP Population-Based Funding
CCCTA	Martinez Shuttle	\$ 145,385
ECCTA	Expanded Service - Route 201	\$ 160,083
City of Fairfield	Bus Stop Solar Improvements**	\$ 55,154
LAVTA	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 89,946
NCPTA	VINE Limited Bus Service to San Francisco Ferry in Vallejo	\$ 58,640
SamTrans	TBD	\$ 313,475
City of Santa Rosa	Vehicle Purchase	\$ 236,713
Solano County Transit	Curtola Park and Ride Transit Hub Photovoltaic Panels	\$ 67,421
Sonoma County Transit	Sonoma Valley Connector - Transit Service	\$ 82,490
City of Union City	Heavy-Duty Transit Vehicle Replacement	\$ 31,314
City of Vacaville	City of Fairfield - Bus Stop Solar Improvements**	\$ 35,954
VTA	VTA Light Rail - North First Street Improvements and 1st/Tasman Modifications (Design Phase)	\$ 1,107,878
WCCTA	TBD	\$ 33,444
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 2,417,898</b>

\* MTC approval conditioned on local support documentation submitted to Caltrans

\*\* City of Vacaville FY2014-15 \$35,954 share reassigned to City of Fairfield. Repayment will occur in FY2015-16 or beyond, subject to availability of \$35,954 in LCTOP population-based funds assigned to City of Fairfield.