

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

April 8, 2015

Item Number 2c

Resolution No. 3930, Revised

Subject: Revision to the New Freedom Third Cycle Program.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Freedom Program provides grants for new capital and operating projects aimed at reducing transportation barriers faced by individuals with disabilities beyond the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In 2009, MTC adopted Resolution 3930, which approved the New Freedom Third Cycle Program.

This item makes program modifications to the adopted program of projects for the Third Cycle. When the funds were programmed, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority was the project sponsor of the Web Enabled Senior/Disabled Transportation Database project. However, after a locally developed mobility management study was completed, Senior Helpline Services, a non-profit agency that operates transportation programs, was identified to implement several strategies from the mobility management study, including this project. Therefore, staff proposes to change the project sponsor from CCTA to Senior Helpline Services. CCTA staff concurs with this modification.

Issues: None

Recommendation: Refer MTC Resolution No. 3930, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments: MTC Resolution No. 3930, Revised

Date: October 28, 2009
W.I.: 1512
Referred by: PAC
Revised: 05/26/10-C
05/23/12-C
04/22/15-C

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 3930, Revised

This resolution adopts the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) New Freedom (Section 5317) Third Cycle Program of Projects for the large urbanized areas of the San Francisco Bay Area.

The following attachment is provided with this resolution:

Attachment A New Freedom Third Cycle Program of Projects for
Large Urbanized Areas

This resolution was revised on May 26, 2010 to amend Attachment A to reduce the local match amounts for the City of Lafayette, Senior Helpline Services, and Santa Rosa CityBus projects.

This resolution was revised on May 23, 2012 to amend Attachment A to change the total cost and New Freedom recommended share amount for the Santa Rosa CityBus Enhanced Oakmont Service project.

This resolution was revised on April 22, 2015 to amend Attachment A to change the project sponsor for the Web Enabled Senior/Disabled Transportation Database project.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Programming and Allocations Committee Summary sheets dated October 14, 2009, May 12, 2010, May 9, 2012 and April 8, 2015.

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Re: New Freedom Program, Third Cycle Program of Projects for Large Urbanized Areas

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION No. 3930

WHEREAS, the United States Code Title 49 Section 5317 (49 U.S.C. 5317) authorizes and sets forth the provisions for the New Freedom Program, which makes grants to recipients for addressing the transportation needs of disabled persons through the provision of new services and facility improvements that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(c) apportions New Freedom funds by formula to large urbanized areas, small urbanized areas, and non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. 5317(d) requires designated recipients of New Freedom funds to conduct a competitive process to award grants to subrecipients; and

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

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

WHEREAS, consistent with 49 U.S.C. 5307(a)(2), MTC is the designated recipient of New Freedom Program funding apportionments for large urbanized areas in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, as the designated recipient, MTC has conducted a competitive selection process and developed for submittal to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) a program of projects (POP) for the San Francisco Bay Area's large urbanized area New Freedom Program FY 2008 and FY 2009 apportionments, attached hereto as Attachment A, and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted Resolution No. 3905, which sets forth MTC's Program Guidelines for the Third Funding Cycle of the New Freedom Program; and

WHEREAS, MTC conducted the competitive selection processes for the New Freedom large urbanized area apportionment in accordance with those guidelines; now, therefore, be it

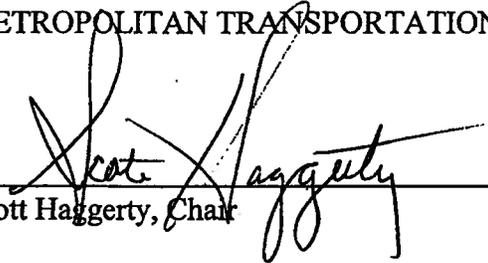
RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the New Freedom Third Cycle Program of Projects for large urbanized areas as listed in Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will submit to FTA a grant application to secure the New Freedom funding for the subrecipients listed in Attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC will enter into agreements with the subrecipients listed in Attachment A to ensure their compliance with all applicable Federal requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Attachment A may be revised from time to time by approval of MTC's Programming and Allocations Committee.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



Scott Haggerty, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at the regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California, on October 28, 2009.

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Attachment A
MTC Resolution No. 3930
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**NEW FREEDOM PROGRAM – THIRD CYCLE
PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR LARGE URBANIZED AREAS**

No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
		Name	Description		
1	SamTrans	Peninsula Rides Implementation & Development Activities	Continue and expand the Mobility Ambassador Program; implement a Vehicle Sharing Demonstration Program; update, reprint, and distribute the Senior Mobility Guide; coordinate an information and referral network of call centers; market and promote the development of volunteer ride programs.	\$316,939	***
2	Marin Transit	Mobility Management: Brokerage & Volunteer Driver Program	Create a transportation brokerage to serve as the main coordinating entity and one-stop provider of transportation services for Marin's disabled, senior, and low-income populations. Create a new volunteer driver program that will provide door-to-door escorted "safety net" transportation for frail and disabled seniors who for health reasons cannot tolerate shared ride services.	\$400,547	\$263,605
3	City of Lafayette (a)	Lamorinda Spirit Van Program	Provide semi-escorted door through door transportation service for fragile seniors who have disabilities in the tri-city area of Lafayette, Moraga, and Orinda. The service transports passengers to essential errands, a nutrition program, appointments, and occasional social outings.	\$50,000	\$25,000
4	ACTIA	Southern Alameda County Travel Training Program	Provide classroom and field training to elderly and disabled persons to increase their awareness, knowledge, and skills in using public transportation within their communities, including AC Transit, Union City Transit, and BART.	\$110,000	\$60,000
5	Senior Helpline Services (f)	Web Enabled Senior/Disabled Transportation Database	Convert an existing comprehensive inventory of transportation services available to seniors and people with disabilities into a web based search tool for agencies and the general public.	\$120,000	\$96,000

*** Recommended to receive \$200,000 in New Freedom Cycle 1 funds (see MTC Res. 3847, Revised)

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No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
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6	LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired	LightHouse Accessible Maps and Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training Project	(1) Create a series of tactile and large print maps, called strip maps, designed to provide route and route segment information for BART, MUNI, SamTrans, and CalTrain; and (2) Implement an Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Training program to meet the specific transit needs of individuals who are blind or visually impaired.	\$206,570	\$165,256
7	San Francisco MTA	Vehicle Mobile Data Computer (MDC) Project	Purchase and install 120 Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) with GPS capability on all SF Paratransit vans to allow remote interactive connectivity to the paratransit routing and scheduling system; purchase and install management software at the Paratransit Broker's office to allow for live trip dispatching and trip management.	\$875,780	\$700,624
8	Outreach & Escort	Santa Clara County Mobility Management Center	(1) Create a web-based mobility management tool to coordinate human service transportation. The web-based tool will include agency profiles, agency member registration, trip reservation and billing functions, volunteer driver programs, gas cards, agency fleet inventories, and GIS mapping of key locations. (2) Purchase ten accessible taxis, provide them to licensed local taxi companies, and include them in the fleet that is available to the trip reservation function in the web portal.	\$1,162,368	\$928,868
9	AC Transit	Intra-Vehicle Text-Based Message Signs (IVTMS)	Purchase and install rolling text-based, LED signs to be mounted inside the interior of AC Transit's revenue vehicle fleet. The signs will display bus stop location information, helping hearing-impaired passengers, as well as the general public, with general navigation and alighting decisions.	\$1,200,000	\$960,000
10	LAVTA	Para-Taxi Program	Provide a reimbursement-based taxi program (Para-Taxi) for LAVTA's ADA-certified paratransit patrons making trips to and from Dublin and Pleasanton.	\$20,000	\$10,000
11	Peninsula Jewish Community Center	Get Up & Go: Escorted Transportation for Disabled Seniors	Continue and expand Get Up & Go, an escorted transportation and socialization program serving San Mateo County older adults who can no longer drive due to disability or frailty.	\$410,713	\$135,273

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(continued)**

No.	Subrecipient	Project		Total Project Cost	Federal New Freedom Recommended Share
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12	Rehabilitation Services of Northern California	Mt. Diablo Center Mobilizer	(1) Provide door through door transportation to and from the Mt. Diablo Center (MDC) Adult Day Health Care program for MDC participants, and (2) provide a nutrition/shopping shuttle for senior/disabled Concord residents during MDC's program hours.	\$120,408	\$60,204
13	Center for Independent Living	Riding to Independence	Implement Riding to Independence, an expansion of CIL's existing travel and mobility device training program for youth with disabilities and their families, and seniors and adults with disabilities.	\$112,672	\$90,137
14	Senior Helpline Services (b)	Giving Seniors a Lift!	Ensure that aging-in-place needs are met for homebound seniors, 60 years and older by providing escorted rides for ambulatory seniors to appointments and essential errands and providing transportation information/referral services.	\$135,300	\$67,650
15	Santa Rosa CityBus (c)(d)	Enhanced Oakmont Service – Low-Floor Bus	Purchase a low-floor bus to be used on the deviated fixed route service in Oakmont.	\$167,777	\$54,133
16	Santa Rosa CityBus (e)	Enhanced Oakmont Service – Deviated Fixed Route Ops	Provide enhanced demand responsive/deviated fixed route service to the Oakmont Community in Santa Rosa. The service will deviate approximately 3/4 mile off of the fixed route to pick up or drop off paratransit eligible patrons	\$264,216	\$132,108
Total					\$3,748,858

Notes:

- (a) The City of Lafayette's total project cost was reduced from \$87,702 to \$50,000 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount.
- (b) Senior Helpline Services' total project cost was reduced from \$241,500 to \$135,300 on 5/26/10 to reflect a reduced local match amount.
- (c) Santa Rosa CityBus' total project cost was reduced from \$445,000 to \$184,400 on 5/26/10 because a smaller, less expensive low-floor bus will be purchased with the New Freedom funds.
- (d) Santa Rosa CityBus' Low-Floor Bus total project cost was reduced from \$184,400 to \$167,777 and Federal New Freedom share was reduced from \$67,431 to \$54,133 on 5/23/12 because the actual price of the low-floor bus was lower than originally estimated. The remaining \$13,298 in New Freedom funds were moved to Santa Rosa CityBus' Deviated Fixed Route Operations Project.
- (e) Santa Rosa CityBus' Deviated Fixed Route Operations total project cost was increased from \$237,619 to \$264,216 and Federal New Freedom share was increased from \$118,810 to \$132,108 on 5/23/12 because the remaining \$13,298 in New Freedom funds from the Low-Floor Bus project were moved to this project.
- (f) The project sponsor for the Web Enabled Senior/Disabled Transportation Database project was changed from CCTA to Senior Helpline Services on 4/22/2015.