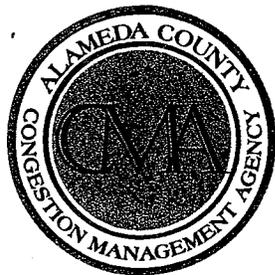


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Bill Dodd
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101 Eighth Street
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Subject: Regional Transportation Plan Update and the Population-based State Transit Assistance Funding Resulting from SB 717 (Perata)

Dear Chair ~~Dodd~~ *Bill*

SB 717 (Perata), which was recently signed into law, is anticipated to increase the amount of State Transit Assistance (STA) funds received in the MTC region by almost \$1 billion over the next 25 years (see attached chart prepared by our staff), increasing the total Proposition 42 STA revenues to around \$3 billion. These funds are distributed by formula to the transit operators and MTC. We estimate that MTC will receive about \$270 million over the next 25 years in new SB 717 generated funding through the population-based component of STA.

The existing RTP has a "fix it first" policy. This policy is all the more critical now that transit will likely need to shoulder an increasing share of new trips to preserve mobility and reduce green house gas emissions. A suitably maintained transit system is crucial to this goal. Dedicating a portion of the Proposition 42 STA funding to transit capital replacement is prudent in light of MTC policy and good capital asset management. The new SB 717 population-based revenues represent only 9% of the total Proposition 42 STA revenues, leaving substantial other STA revenue for other transit needs.

Considering MTC's RTP policy and our Board's own interest in a well maintained transportation system, the CMA has adopted a position that MTC should, as part of the upcoming RTP update, dedicate the incremental population-based STA funds generated by SB 717 to transit capital replacement needs.

If you have any questions about this position, please contact me or Dennis Fay, our Executive Director.

Very Truly Yours,

Scott
Scott Haggerty
Chair

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New STA Funding Resulting from SB 717 (Perata)

Apportionment Jurisdictions	2008-09 Estimate ¹	Bay Area Total Years 1-5 (Escalated 5% per Year) ²	Bay Area Total years 6-25 (Escalated 2.5% per Year)	Total
AC Transit	1,852,117	10,234,116	58,945,352	69,179,468
ACE	87,335	482,581	2,779,518	3,262,099
BART	4,864,375	26,878,743	154,813,274	181,692,017
Benicia	2,653	14,659	84,434	99,094
Caltrain	856,979	4,735,350	27,274,156	32,009,506
Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection)	104,454	577,174	3,324,346	3,901,520
Dixon	854	4,719	27,179	31,898
Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (TriDelta)	38,167	210,897	1,214,700	1,425,597
Fairfield	14,471	79,961	460,553	540,514
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway Transit district	711,577	3,931,912	22,646,602	26,578,514
Healdsburg	231	1,276	7,352	8,628
Livermore-Amador Transit (LAVTA)	33,235	183,644	1,057,735	1,241,379
Napa Transit Services	8,974	49,587	285,606	335,193
SamTrans	1,042,060	5,758,039	33,164,532	38,922,571
San Francisco MTA	6,337,940	35,021,119	201,710,855	236,731,975
Santa Rosa	24,193	133,682	769,965	903,646
Sonoma County Transit	31,893	176,229	1,015,024	1,191,253
Union City	8,556	47,277	272,303	319,580
Vallejo	129,474	715,426	4,120,631	4,836,056
Valley Transportation Authority	3,145,816	17,382,619	100,118,530	117,501,149
Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT)	51,777	286,101	1,647,851	1,933,952
Revenue Based Amount (Subtotal)	19,347,131	106,905,112	615,740,500	722,645,612
Population Based Amount (MTC Discretion)	7,205,443	39,814,621	229,319,948	269,134,569
Bay Area Total (Total)	26,552,574	146,719,733	845,060,448	991,780,181

Notes:

- 1) Source: MTC
- 2) Escalation rate consistent with CTC Fund Estimate assumptions

Prepared by Alameda County CMA staff.