

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

December 13, 2023

Agenda Item 2e - 23-1449

MTC Resolution Nos. 4571, Revised, 4624, and 4626

Subject:

Allocation of \$13.3 million in FY2023-24 State Transit Assistance (STA), Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenue, and Regional Measure 3 funds to the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) and MTC to support transit operations and capital projects in the region.

Background:

This month's proposed action continues the allocation process of these funds for FY2023-24. Two entities are requesting an allocation that exceeds the \$1 million Delegated Authority limit. Allocation requests that are less than \$1 million are approved separately through the Executive Director's Delegated Authority process.

State Transit Assistance

Allocation of STA funding continued this month with a \$1.8 million allocation to MTC to support the implementation of the Mapping and Wayfinding recommendations included in the Transit Transformation Action Plan.

Five Percent Bridge Tolls

The Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues are state funds derived from a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, and the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) following state action to "federalize" certain toll bridge projects under BATA's jurisdiction. The state funds replace the Five Percent Bridge Toll Program funds originally generated from RM1 bridge toll revenues for transit projects. Programming and allocation policies for both funding sources are outlined in MTC Resolution No. 4015, and further stipulated in the annual Fund Estimate.

WETA has requested an allocation of \$2.9 million from the Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues for FY 2023-24. This funding will support a range of ferry enhancement projects, including the construction of a new high-speed vessel, overhauls, and refurbishments for existing vessels (MV Gemini, MV Pisces, and MV Hydrus), providing a spare engine for Gemini class vessels, procuring a workboat, and conducting terminal dredging at Vallejo Ferry Terminal. These initiatives aim to improve the ferry fleet's infrastructure, engine performance, passenger spaces, and terminal operations, ensuring increased efficiency and reliability.

Regional Measure 3 Operating Program

The Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Operating Program for FY2023-24 is derived from an adopted toll increase schedule that will provide operational assistance for the Transbay Terminal, expanded ferry service, and regional express bus service in bridge corridors. WETA has requested an allocation of \$8.7 million in FY2023-24, with the remaining funding that WETA would be eligible to receive in this fiscal year being transferred to a reserve which can be used by WETA for future operating or capital purposes, in line with the RM3 statute. Allocations for regional express bus service will be made later this fiscal year and will be determined by further coordination with operators in addressing transit operations shortfalls.

Allocation Summary

The proposed allocation amount is based on the programming levels identified in the FY2023-24 Fund Estimate (MTC Resolution 4569), Blue-Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Program of Projects (MTC Resolution 4519), and the FY2023-24 RM3 Operating Program (MTC Resolution 4625). The proposed allocations are summarized in the following table:

Allocation Amounts by Entity¹ (amounts in millions)

| Entity | STA (Res. 4571) | 5% Unrestricted State (Res. 4624) | RM3 (Res. 4626) | Grand Total |
|---------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| WETA | | \$2.9 | \$8.7 | \$11.5 |
| MTC | \$1.8 | | | \$1.8 |
| Total | \$1.8 | \$2.9 | \$8.7 | \$13.3 |

Note that amounts may not sum due to rounding

Issues:

Approval of this item is contingent on approval of the FY2023-24 Regional Measure 3 Operating Program (MTC Resolution 4625) as part of this month's Commission actions

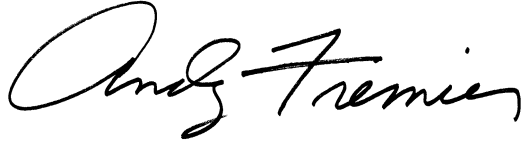
Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4571, Revised, 4624, and 4626, to the Commission for approval.

¹Includes all allocations to be approved in the resolutions listed above, the details of which are provided in Attachment A, including allocations for transit capital or planning and administration. Not inclusive of allocations approved by Executive Director's Delegated Authority as allowed by MTC Resolution No. 3620, Revised.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution Nos. 4571, Revised, 4624, and 4626



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