Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee

April 8, 2026 **Agenda Item 3b(ii)-26-0419**

MTC Resolution No. 4759. Allocation of $33.9 million in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Capital Funds to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority for the I-680 Northbound Express Lane Completion Project in Contra Costa County.

Subject:

Recommended allocation of $33.9 million in RM3 capital funds to RM3 Project 2, Bay Area Corridor Express Lanes Program – $33.9 million to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) for the I-680 Northbound Express Lane Completion Project (RM3 Project #2.5).

Background:

Bay Area voters approved Regional Measure 3 (RM3) on June 5, 2018, and on December 19, 2018, the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) adopted a toll schedule phasing in the resulting toll increase. As of January 1, 2025, BATA has implemented the full three-dollar RM3 toll.

MTC Resolution No. 4404, Revised, establishes policies and procedures to guide the delivery of capital projects funded by RM3. The overall RM3 capital expenditure program in statute is listed in Attachment A, including Commission-programmed subprojects, Letters of No Prejudice (LONPs), and allocations. Through March 2026, a total of nearly $1.96 billion in RM3 Capital Program allocations have been approved by the Commission and via Delegated Authority.

MTC Resolution No. 4411, Revised, programs specific projects within programmatic categories such as for the Bay Area Corridor Express Lanes category (RM3 Project 2). The prior item on this month's Committee agenda proposed to program the remaining $60 million in reserve to specific projects. This staff report recommends actions assuming approval of the proposed programming of this reserve. Note that other RM3 allocation items not dependent on MTC Resolution No. 4411 amendments were included in the consent calendar of this month's Committee agenda.

Corridor Express Lanes Allocation Recommendation

Staff recommend approval of two allocations to the same project. CCTA requests allocation of $10 million for the right-of-way phase and $23.9 million for the Project and Construction Management (PCM) of the I-680 Northbound Express Lane Completion project. The PCM contract will help with the procurement of the Progressive Design-Build (PDB) team that will

complete the final design and construct the project. Once the PDB team is on board, the PCM team will help manage the design phase of the project, including tracking budget, scope, and schedule. The PCM team will also provide construction management services during construction. Since the PCM contract works on both final design and construction support, MTC classifies this under a joint PS&E and Construction phase allocation. The environmental phase was completed in late 2025. CCTA expects to select the PCM contractor later this Spring, with the PDB work starting in Spring 2027 and civil construction ending in late 2030. CCTA will return for an additional RM3 allocation for the PDB work next year. CCTA and BAIFA will later enter into the necessary cooperative agreements to fund BAIFA's share of the project.

The I-680 Northbound Express Lane Completion Project will construct an express lane on I-680 Northbound between Livorna Rd and Arthur Rd in Contra Costa County. Phase 1 of the project includes new express lane from just south of N. Main St to SR242, conversion of existing HOV lane to express lane from SR242 to Arthur Rd., and braided ramps at Lawrence Way/Treat Blvd. The project funding plan also includes over $116 million in discretionary federal grants through the National Infrastructure Project Assistance (MEGA) grant program awarded in 2024. As of writing, CCTA and USDOT are finalizing the legal agreements for this grant award.

The table below shows the recommended projects for this month's actions; further details are provided in the allocation resolution as well as in the prior programming action.

Project Sponsor	RM3 Project No.	MTC Resolution No.	Project Title	Requested Project Phase	Amount ($millions)
			Allocations		
CCTA	2.5	4759	I-680 Northbound Express Lane Completion	ROW	$10
CCTA	2.5	4759	I-680 Northbound Express Lane Completion (Proje and Construction Management)	PSE/CON	$23.9
				Allocation Total	**$33.9**

Regional Compliance

The sponsor submitted the Complete Streets checklist and the project is expected to be compliant with MTC's Complete Streets Policy, MTC Resolution No. 4493, and the Transit Priority Policy for Roadways, MTC Resolution No. 4739 by the anticipated April 22, 2026 allocation date.

Issues:

Additional RM3 allocations are included on this month's agenda under item 2b on the consent calendar, which also includes this project in the RM3 Capital Expenditure Plan Tracker (item 2b, Attachment A). Only items referred by this Committee will be presented to the Commission for approval.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4759 to the Commission for approval.

Attachment:

- MTC Resolution No. 4759, Revised
    - Attachments A-D

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