Agenda Item No. (5)(a)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of July 23, 2020

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Subject: AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO GRANT PROGRAMS
(a) AUTHORIZE FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FY
20/21 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT, STATE
TRANSIT ASSISTANCE AND REGIONAL MEASURE 2
OPERATING FUNDS TO SUPPORT BUS, FERRY, AND
PARATRANSIT SERVICES

Recommendation

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to file an application with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for FY 20/21 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, and Regional Measure 2 funds to support bus, ferry, and paratransit services in the amount of $17,988,391. Approval of this action also authorizes the General Manager to file revisions to this application if projected funding amounts change during FY 20/21.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its July 24, 2020, meeting for appropriate action.

Summary

Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds (statewide sales tax revenues) are made available annually to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) for operating purposes through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The District is eligible to claim $9,839,392 in TDA funds for FY 20/21 from Marin and Sonoma apportionment areas to subsidize the District’s transit services provided in these counties. This represents a 25% reduction from the anticipated TDA allocation as projected in February. The District receives 57.53% of the Marin County TDA apportionment, or $5,405,195. The District is eligible to receive $4,434,197 as part of the Sonoma County TDA apportionment.

State Transit Assistance Act (STA) funds (from gasoline and diesel fuel sales tax revenues) are also available annually to support transit operations. The District is eligible to claim STA funds in
the amount of $6,209,769 to support the District’s bus, ferry, and paratransit operations in FY 20/21. This represents a 40% reduction from the anticipated STA allocation as projected in February, and includes $5,270,841 in Revenue-Based Funds; $928,928 in Marin County Block Grant-Based Funds; and, $10,000 to subsidize Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District Grants Office administration of federal pass-through grant funds used to support regional implementation of the Clipper automated fare collection system.

In March 2004, voters passed Regional Measure 2 (RM2) raising the toll for all vehicles on the seven state-owned toll bridges in the San Francisco Bay Area by $1.00. This extra dollar funds various transportation projects within the region that have been determined to reduce congestion or to make improvements to travel in the toll bridge corridors. The District is eligible to claim up to $1,939,230 to support ongoing GGT operations in FY 20/21 for (1) Bus Route 40/40x, San Rafael/Richmond Bridge service ($1,731,608); (2) Route 72x express bus service ($70,885); and (3) Route 101 basic bus service ($136,737). These amounts represent a 30% reduction from the anticipated RM2 allocation as projected in February. Due to the unpredictability of ridership and route planning for FY 20/21, MTC will not enforce performance metrics and funds will be transferrable to new routes as needed.

### Fiscal Impact

This item authorizes an application for funds that will provide $17,988,391 to support ongoing District operations for intercounty transit services. TDA/STA/RM2 revenues to support the District’s transit operations are included in the Adopted FY 20/21 Operating Budget. For comparison, this year’s claim represents 62% of the District’s FY19/20 claim, which totaled approximately $29 million.

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