



Agenda Item No. (5)(a)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole  
Meeting of July 22, 2021

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO GRANT PROGRAMS**  
(a) **AUTHORIZE FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FY 21/22 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 (MTC) for FY 21/22 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, and Regional Measure 2 funds to support bus, ferry, and paratransit services in the amount of \$22,708,972. Approval of this action also authorizes the General Manager to file revisions to this application if projected funding amounts change during FY 21/22.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its July 23, 2021 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 MTC. The District is eligible to claim \$12,647,169 in TDA funds for FY 21/22 from Marin and Sonoma apportionment areas to subsidize the District's transit services provided in these counties. The breakdown of TDA funds the District may claim in FY21/21 is as follows:

- \$6,430,889 from Marin County (56.88% of Marin's TDA apportionment)
- \$6,216,280 from Sonoma County (25% of Sonoma's 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 \$8,122,573 to support the District's bus, ferry, and paratransit operations in FY 21/22. This includes \$6,693,843 in Revenue-Based Funds; \$1,418,730 in Marin County Block Grant 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 operations in FY 21/22 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). Due to the unpredictability of ridership and route planning for FY 21/22, 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 \$22,708,972 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 21/22 Operating Budget. For comparison, this year's claim represents 78% of the District's FY19/20 claim, which totaled approximately \$29 million. On a positive note, these funds are trending upward: this year's claim is \$4.7 million higher than last year's claim, which was 62% of the FY19/20 claim.

Source	Purpose	Amount
TDA – Marin	Intercounty Transit Service	\$6,430,889
TDA – Sonoma	Intercounty Transit Service	\$6,216,280
STA – Marin (Revenue Based)	Intercounty Transit Service	\$6,693,843
STA – Marin (Block Grant)	Intercounty Transit Service	\$1,418,730
STA – MTC Regional Coordination	Clipper Grant Administration	\$10,000
RM2 – Operating	Routes 40/40x, 72x, 101	\$1,939,230
	<b>Total District FY 21/22 Claim</b>	<b>\$22,708,972</b>