



Agenda Item No. (5)(a)

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of July 27, 2023

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE ACTIONS RELATED TO GRANT PROGRAMS**
(a) AUTHORIZE FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FY
23/24 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 23/24 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, and Regional Measure 2 funds to support bus, ferry, and paratransit services in the amount of \$30,942,692. Approval of this action also authorizes the General Manager to file revisions to this application if projected funding amounts change during FY 23/24.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its July 28, 2023, 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 \$12,555,108 in TDA funds for FY 23/24 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 FY23/24 is as follows:

- \$4,770,059 from Marin County (39% of Marin's TDA revenue estimate)
- \$7,785,049 from Sonoma County (25% of Sonoma's TDA revenue estimate)

State Transit Assistance Act (STA) funds (from gasoline and diesel fuel sales tax revenues) are also available annually to support transit operations. Based on existing funding agreements, the

District is eligible to claim Marin County population-based and Statewide revenue-based STA funds in the amount of \$16,386,022 to support the District's bus, ferry, and paratransit operations in FY 23/24. The District does not receive any Sonoma County population-based STA funds. The total allotment of STA funds includes \$14,651,179 in Revenue-Based Funds, \$1,724,843 in Block Grant Funds, and \$10,000 to subsidize the District's Capital & Grants Department administration of federal pass-through grant funds used to support the regional implementation of the Clipper automated fare collection system. STA estimates are pending a recalculation of the State Controller's Office (SCO), which will most likely take place in August.

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 \$2,001,562 to support ongoing operations in FY 23/24 for Bus Route 580, San Rafael/Richmond Bridge service. Due to the unpredictability of ridership and route planning for FY 23/24, 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 \$30,942,692 to support on-going District operations for intercounty transit services. TDA/STA/RM2 revenues to support the District's transit operations are included in the Adopted FY 23/24 Operating Budget. For comparison with pre-pandemic revenues, this year's claim represents 107% of the District's FY19/20 claim, which totaled approximately \$29 million. This year's claim is \$3 million higher than last year's claim.

Source	Purpose	Amount
TDA – Marin	Intercounty Transit Service	\$4,770,059
TDA – Sonoma	Intercounty Transit Service	\$7,785,049
STA – Marin (Revenue Based)	Intercounty Transit Service	\$14,651,179
STA – Marin (Block Grant)	Intercounty Transit Service	\$1,724,843
STA – MTC Regional Coordination	Clipper Grant Administration	\$10,000
RM2 – Operating	Route 580	\$2,001,562
	Total District FY 23/24 Claim	\$30,942,692