

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

May 8, 2024

Agenda Item 2d-24-0505

MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised. State Transit Assistance Revenue-Based Exchange Fund

Subject:

Allocation of approximately \$6.8 million in State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds to implement quick-build transit priority projects identified by the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program.

Background:

In September 2021, the Commission received and accepted the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force’s 27-point Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan sets a course for accelerating the Bay Area’s transit network transformation.

In June 2022, the Commission endorsed a Blue-Ribbon Funding Framework, Program of Projects of approximately \$117 million to support implementation of the Action Plan. The \$117 million consists of \$85 million in Blue Ribbon funding (via MTC Resolution No. 4519) and \$31.6 million in OBAG 3 funding (via MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised). Of the \$85 million in Blue Ribbon funding, approximately \$30 million are identified as STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds (via MTC Resolution No. 4529).

Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) Program:

The BusAID program is a Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) initiative to reduce transit travel times and improve transit reliability. BusAID emphasizes near-term, quick-build solutions at problem “hotspot” locations identified by transit operators. The BusAID program includes \$30 million total funding, through a combination of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds and OBAG 3 funds.

This month, the Regional Network Management (RNM) Committee will consider the award of approximately \$18 million of funding for eight near-term transit priority projects. Subject to RNM Committee approval, this item contains recommended allocations of \$6.8 million of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds to support BusAID-identified projects; Agenda Item 2h (MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised) contains recommended programming of an additional \$11.6 million of OBAG 3 funds.

State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Allocations:

This month's proposed action includes the following allocations, subject to the May 10, 2024 Regional Network Management (RNM) Committee approval of BusAID project funding recommendations, for the following transit priority projects identified by the BusAID program:

- \$2,800,000 to SFMTA for K-Ingleside Rapid Project Ocean Avenue Quick-Build
- \$1,094,418 to AC Transit for Park Street Transit Signal Priority & Signal Optimization
- \$1,507,688 to Union City for Alvarado-Niles Road Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot
- \$385,885 to City of Concord for Monument Corridor Transit Speed Improvements
- \$972,113 to City of San Jose for Cloud-Based TSP at 174 Intersections along VTA's Frequent Network

Issues:

The allocations recommended in this item are subject to Regional Network Management (RNM) Committee approval on May 10, 2024.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised, to the Commission for approval.

BusAID program recommendations are also included on the May 10, 2024 RNM Committee agenda. Only the applicable recommendations approved by both the Programming and Allocations Committee and the RNM Committee will be referred to the Commission.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4529, Revised
 - Attachment A



Andrew B. Fremier

Date: November 15, 2023
W.I.: 1517
Referred by: Programming and Allocations (PAC)
Revised: 12/20/23-C
5/22/24-C

ABSTRACT
Resolution No. 4529, Revised

This resolution approves the allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds based on the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework to projects identified in the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects.

The resolution contains the following attachments:

Attachment A – Allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

On December 20, 2023, Attachment A was revised to clarify eligible activities for the November 2023 allocations to AC Transit and BART, and to allocate \$25,000 to support Transit Priority activities.

On May 22, 2024, Attachment B was revised to program approximately \$6.8 million to SFMTA, AC Transit, Union City Transit, City of Concord, and City of San Jose to implement quick-build transit priority projects identified by the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program.

Further discussion is contained in the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee Summary Sheets dated December 13, 2023 and May 8, 2024, and the MTC Regional Network Management Committee Summary Sheet dated May 10, 2024.

Date: November 15, 2023
W.I.: 1517
Referred by: PAC

RE: Transit Transformation Action Plan State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based
Exchange Funds

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4529

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region; and

WHEREAS, MTC convened the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (Task Force) to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force developed and endorsed the Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan) in July 2021 and the Action Plan was received and accepted by MTC in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (H.R. 1319) was signed into law in response to the nationwide Coronavirus pandemic and provides supplemental appropriations for Emergency Transit Operations Assistance through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area and Section 5311 Rural Area formula programs; and

WHEREAS, MTC approved an ARP funding distribution policy in MTC Resolution No. 4481, which identified that a minimum of \$85 million in ARP funds “should support the implementation of certain recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force”; and

WHEREAS, to best position Bay Area transit agencies to compete for additional FTA discretionary financial assistance, MTC distributed the reserved \$85 million in ARP funds to operators and in return transit operators agreed to collectively provide an equivalent amount in

alternate near-term revenue sources to implement the Action Plan and recommendations from the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, MTC staff, in discussion with transit operators have identified the contribution amounts by operator or county and likely fund sources in MTC Resolution No. 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects, and MTC staff worked with transit operators to secure these funds; and

WHEREAS, the transit operators desiring to fulfill their Action Plan funding commitments with Revenue-based State Transit Assistance (STA) funds adopted resolutions to directly encumber a total of \$49,101,973 in FY 2022-23 Revenue-based STA funds to MTC to implement the Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the initiatives and related programming of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds for each initiative are identified in MTC Resolution No. 4519; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 4519 will be revised to identify projects and programming amounts under the various initiative as projects are ready to proceed; and

WHEREAS, Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, lists the amounts and purposes of STA Revenue-Based Exchange allocations requested by claimants, and is from time-to-time revised; and

WHEREAS, this resolution, including the revisions to Attachment A and the sum of all allocations made under this resolution, are recorded and maintained electronically by MTC; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that MTC approves the allocation of STA Revenue-Based Exchange funds to the claimants, in the amounts, for the purposes, and subject to the conditions, as listed and recorded on Attachment A of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, pursuant to 21 Cal. Code of Regs. §§ 6621 and 6753, a certified copy of this resolution, along with written allocation instructions for the disbursement of STA funds as allocated herein, shall be forwarded to the Alameda County Auditor; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all STA Revenue-Based Exchange allocations are subject to continued compliance with MTC Resolution 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or designee is authorized to revise Attachment A to add projects and related allocations under each initiative up to \$1,000,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, staff shall return to the Commission to revise this Resolution to add projects and related allocations that exceed \$1,000,000.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a duly called and noticed meeting held in San Francisco, California and at other remote locations on November 15, 2023.

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Attachment A
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Attachment A: Allocation of State Transit Assistance (STA) Revenue-Based Exchange Funds

All STA Revenue-Based Exchange allocations are consistent with MTC Resolution 4519, the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Action Plan Funding Framework and the Blue Ribbon Program of Projects.

Claimant	Project Description	Allocation Amount	Approval Date
AC Transit ¹	Staff Support	\$1,764,738	11/15/2023
BART ¹	Staff Support	\$1,919,960	11/15/2023
MTC	Transit Priority Policy	\$25,000	12/20/2023
SFMTA	K-Ingleside Rapid Project Ocean Avenue Quick-Build	\$2,800,000	5/22/2024
AC Transit	Park Street Transit Signal Priority & Signal Optimization	\$1,094,418	5/22/2024
Union City	Alvarado-Niles Road Part-Time Transit Lane Pilot	\$1,507,688	5/22/2024
Concord	Monument Corridor Transit Speed Improvements	\$385,885	5/22/2024
San Jose	Cloud-Based TSP at 174 Intersections along VTA's Frequent Network	\$972,113	5/22/2024
	Total	\$10,469,802	

Notes:

1. Fiscal year 2022-23 expenses (beginning July 1, 2022) are eligible for reimbursement from these allocations.