



Agenda Item No. 2.a.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole  
Meeting of June 8, 2006

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT TO THE PASS-THROUGH AGREEMENT  
WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR  
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS FOR TRANSLINK<sup>®</sup>  
PROJECT**

### **Recommendation**

The Finance-Auditing Committee recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute an amendment to the pass-through agreement with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Translink<sup>®</sup> project.

This matter will be presented to the Board of Directors at its June 9, 2006, meeting for appropriate action.

### **Summary**

Since 1992, District staff has worked with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and several other San Francisco Bay Area transit operators in developing and implementing the Translink regional fare collection project. MTC is the lead agency for Translink.

In November 1996, the District Board of Directors authorized the District to act as the pass-through agency for federal funds programmed to support the Translink project, which entailed entering into a pass-through agreement with MTC. As the lead federal grant recipient for Translink, the District is responsible for federal grant activities such as submitting necessary application materials to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), executing a contract for federal funds, drawing down federal funds to pass through to MTC and providing quarterly project progress report information to FTA. These responsibilities are specified in the pass-through agreement between MTC and the District for the Translink project. State Transit Assistance funds in the amount of \$7,000 per year have been made available to the District to support Translink related grant activities to date. This amount will be increased to \$10,000 per year beginning in FY 06/07.

**Fiscal Impact**

This item authorizes an amendment to the pass-through agreement with MTC for the Translink project to include additional federal funds to be secured through the District's FY 2006 Federal Urbanized Area Formula Program grant application and to include additional applicable FTA requirements. Funds to support this amendment have been included in the proposed FY 06/07 budget.