



Agenda Item No. 2.b.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of May 10, 2007

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Subject: **AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PASS-THROUGH AGREEMENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS FOR THE TRANSLINK® 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 (MTC) for the TransLink® project.

Summary

Since 1992, District staff has worked with MTC, the lead agency for TransLink, and several other San Francisco Bay Area transit operators in developing and implementing the TransLink regional fare collection project.

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 were made available to the District to support TransLink-related grant activities. This amount was 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 06/07 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 07/08 budget.