



Agenda Item No. 2.a.

To: Finance-Auditing Committee/Committee of the Whole
Meeting of June 7, 2007

From: Joseph M. Wire, Auditor-Controller
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Subject: **AUTHORIZE FILING AN APPLICATION WITH THE METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR FY 07/08 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 for FY 07/08 Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance and Regional Measure 2 funds to support bus, ferry and paratransit services.

Summary

Transportation Development Act (TDA) statewide sales tax revenues and State Transit Assistance Act (STA) gasoline and diesel fuel sales tax revenues are made available annually to the District for capital and operating purposes through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The District is eligible to claim \$15,340,798 TDA and \$3,877,211 STA funds in FY 07/08 for various operating purposes as detailed below.

TDA Article 4 funds in the amount \$15,340,798 are available from Marin and Sonoma apportionment areas to subsidize Golden Gate Transit (GGT) services provided in these counties. Consistent with past years, the District is eligible to receive 100 percent of the Marin County TDA apportionment, or \$10,333,685, of which 36.2 percent, or \$3,740,794, will be credited back to Marin County to support local transit services consistent with the GGBHTD/Marin County Transit District Local Services Agreement. Sonoma County funds include 25 percent of the Sonoma County TDA apportionment, or \$5,007,113.

STA funds in the amount \$2,537,237 are available to support GGT bus, ferry and paratransit operations in FY 07/08. This includes \$630,005 in Population-Based Funds, of which 36.2 percent, or \$228,062, will be credited back to Marin County, \$1,822,711 in Revenue-Based Funds, of which 14.9 percent, or \$271,584, will be credited back to Marin County, \$71,521 to

support demand responsive paratransit service and \$13,000 to subsidize GGT administration of Federal pass-through grant funds used to support regional implementation of the TransLink automated fare collection system. In addition to these funds, pursuant to the GGBHTD/Marin County Transit District Paratransit Service Agreement, the District will claim \$50,572 in STA Paratransit funds for pass-through to Marin County to support local paratransit service.

Based on the final enacted FY 06/07 State Budget, transit operators received an increase in STA funding, “spillover” funds. The District’s share of the total increase was \$5,175,399, of which, \$1,023,452 was to be credited back to Marin County to support local transit services. In FY 06/07, 100 percent, or \$1,023,452, of Marin County’s share and approximately one third, or \$1,472,000, of the District’s share were allocated to the District by MTC. The remaining District share in the amount of \$2,679,946 was to be allocated to the District over the next two years. Therefore, in addition to the FY 07/08 allocations, the District is also claiming 50 percent, or \$1,339,974, of the remaining District’s share of the FY 06/07 “spillover” funds.

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 will fund various transportation projects within the region that have been determined to reduce congestion or to make improvements to travel in the toll bridge corridors. GGT route 40/42 San Rafael/Richmond Bridge service and routes 72x and 75 express bus services are eligible services for RM2 transit operating funds.

RM2 funds in the amount of \$2,492,528 to support ongoing GGT operations is available in FY 07/08 for bus routes 40/42 (\$2,195,925), 72x (\$151,264) and 75 (\$145,339).

Fiscal Impact

This item authorizes application for grant funds that will provide \$21,710,537 to support ongoing GGT operations and \$50,572 for pass-through to Marin County to support local paratransit service in FY 07/08. Grant revenues to support GGT operations are included in the proposed FY 07/08 budget.