

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

October 25, 2023

Agenda Item 7a - 23-1158

Update to MTC Resolution Nos. 4537, Revised and 4130, Revised. Major Project Advancement Policy and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Framework

Summary:

At the October 11th Programming and Allocations Committee meeting, the Committee referred MTC Resolution Nos. 4537 Revised and 4130 Revised to Commission for approval, specifying the following:

- a. Approve \$770 million in Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program commitments to the following:
 - i. \$350 million to the BART Core Capacity Program project
 - ii. \$375 million to the Valley Transportation Authority BART to Silicon Valley Phase II project
 - iii. \$45 million to a Transit Operation Reserve that will be discussed as part of the October 2023 MTC Commission Information Item #9a: *Regional Short-Term Transit Financial Plan Outline and Draft Distribution of Emergency Operating Funding* . Staff was also directed to follow-up to better understand the funding request and funding plan for the Valley Link project.
- b. Adopt Stage Gate Policy and Procedure
- c. Use upcoming Committee meetings to take a deep dive into the region's transit megaprojects before the new year and in preparation for the next fiscal year, following a presentation on capital project cost trends nationwide.
- d. In preparation for the adoption of the distribution of emergency transit operating funding for Bay Area transit operators, operators proposed to receive significant funding should be available at an MTC meeting before a final MTC vote to approve the distribution. Discussion and issues raised by Committee members will be incorporated into future presentations and approach.

Staff Proposed Next Steps in Response to Committee Direction:

Based on the motion referred to the Commission for approval, staff proposes the following next steps:

1. Valley Link – Staff proposes working with Commissioners Miley and Dutra-Vernaci as well as staff from both the Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority and the Alameda County Transportation Authority to understand near-term project development costs and funding needs, and to continue to identify funding opportunities, including funding participation from other funding partners to continue to advance project work. As background, through Regional Measures 1, 3 and other bridge tolls, MTC has allocated roughly \$60 million to the Valley Link project for environmental and

project development with an additional \$138 million for Tri Valley Transit Access Improvements that has not yet been allocated. There is an additional \$400 million in Alameda County sales tax for the project, identified to support construction. A vast majority of project work to date has been funded with MTC investments.

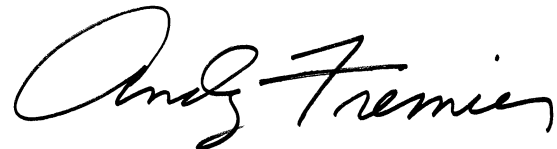
2. Additional information from Megaproject Sponsors – At upcoming Programming and Allocation Committee, Commission meetings, or other agreed upon venues, staff will agendize presentations from project sponsors and outside subject matter experts to examine and better understand current project status and risk management plans for key regional projects.
3. Additional information from Transit Operators related to emergency transit operating funding - At upcoming Programming and Allocation Committee or Commission meetings, staff will agendize presentations from transit operators proposed to receive funding and Commissioners will have the opportunity to understand transit operator plans and receive details on areas of concern.

Recommendation:

Approve MTC Resolution Nos. 4537, Revised and 4130, Revised.

Attachments:

- October 11, 2023 PAC Memo, Presentation and Attachments
- MTC Resolution Nos. 4537, Revised and 4130, Revised
- Letter from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Chair Patrick Burt



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