



RESOLUTION APPROVING PROGRAMMING PRIORITIES FOR UP TO \$3,794,003 IN
SAN FRANCISCO'S ESTIMATED FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE
COUNTY BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) established a transit-focused State Transit Assistance (STA) County Block Grant program, combining funds that were previously distributed via a regional paratransit program, a regional Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP), and a northern counties/small transit operators' program; and

WHEREAS, As the Congestion Management Agency (CMA) for San Francisco, the Transportation Authority is responsible for administering San Francisco's STA County Block Grant program; and

WHEREAS, MTC requires that by May 1 of each year, CMAs submit the distribution policy for STA population-based funds; and

WHEREAS, STA funds are generated by the sales tax on diesel fuel and have been a volatile source of funding even before the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, For the first two years of the STA block grant program (Fiscal Years (FYs) 2018/19 and 2019/20), San Francisco was projected to receive a total of \$7.9 million of which the Board programmed \$3.1 million (40%) to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for its paratransit program based on the amount that SFMTA would have received under the regional program in FY 2018/19, and for the remaining \$4.7 million (60%), the Board approved the San Francisco LTP Cycle 1 program of projects that address transportation needs of low-income populations; and

WHEREAS, The STA County Block Grant Cycle 1 program of projects included the SFMTA's paratransit program (\$3,141,610), SFMTA's Continuing Late Night Transit Service to Communities in Need (\$1,609,700), SFMTA's San Francisco



Community Health Mobility Navigation Project: Removing Health Care Transportation Barriers for Low Access Neighborhoods (\$396,300), and the Bay Area Rapid Transit's (BART's) Elevator Attendant Initiative (\$2,600,000); and

WHEREAS, Annual STA revenues are projections and annual amounts may be higher or lower when confirmed at the end of each FY following the State's reconciliation of actual revenues generated; and

WHEREAS, The current projections for San Francisco's FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 STA County Block Grant funds, totaling \$7.59 million, are based on estimates that were prepared in January 2020 before the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic began to be experienced; and

WHEREAS, Given expectation of lower than anticipated FY 2019/20 STA revenues and a fall revision to reduce the FY 2020/21 revenue forecast, Transportation Authority staff recommended programming just the first year of funds at this time with the first priority for the FY 2020/21 funds as backfilling anticipated lower STA revenues for the aforementioned four transit operating projects serving low income populations funded in the prior cycle and then directing all the remaining funds to support SFMTA's FY 2020/21 paratransit program operations; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Authority staff anticipate returning to the Board in Spring 2021 to recommend a programming approach for the FY 2021/22 STA revenues after assessing the updated STA revenue forecast and considering the status of SFMTA's operating revenues, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Transportation Authority hereby approves up to \$3,794,003 in San Francisco's estimated FY 2020/21 STA County Block Grant funds with the first priority being to backfill any shortfalls in the aforementioned four projects funded in the prior cycle due to lower than anticipated FY 2019/20 STA County Share block grant revenues and then programming all remaining revenues to



SFMTA's paratransit program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to communicate this information to the MTC, other relevant agencies, and interested parties.



**San Francisco
County Transportation
Authority**

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RESOLUTION NO. 20-50

The foregoing Resolution was approved and adopted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, this 28th day of April, 2020, by the following votes:

Ayes: Commissioners Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton, and Yee (11)

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Aaron Peskin 4-28-20

Aaron Peskin
Chair

Date

ATTEST:

Tilly Chang 4/29/20

Tilly Chang
Executive Director

Date