

TCR Program – Application Approval Project # 10

Regional **Regional Express Bus; acquire low-emission buses for new express service on HOV lanes regionwide. In nine counties.**

(\$ X 1,000)

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| <i>Estimated Project Cost:</i> | \$188,000 | <i>TCRP Funds covered by the application:</i> | \$40,000 |
| <i>Total TCRP Funds Available:</i> | \$40,000 | <i>Phases(s) covered in application:</i> | 4 |
| <i>Lead Agency:</i> | Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) | <i>Implementing Agency:</i> | MTC |

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| <i>TCRP allocations approved (as of Jan 14, 2002):</i> | \$40,000 | <i>for Phase(s):</i> | 4 |
| <i>Advance approved:</i> | \$25,542 | <i>for Phase(s):</i> | 4 |

Project Summary: The overall project is to reduce traffic congestion by purchasing approximately 94 new buses and providing new express bus service in major travel corridors throughout the Bay Area utilizing the regional HOV lane network when feasible. The new express bus service will be a combination of new routes, as well as increased frequency on existing routes, provided by nine transit operators throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Approximately 63 of the buses will be over-the-road coaches, which typically have high back seats and tend to be for longer routes. The remaining 31 buses are expected to be suburban buses, which are designed for more urban routes.

Prior TCRP Action: Original application was approved on August 23, 2001 (Resolution TA-01-14); amended on February 28, 2002 (Resolution TAA-02-02) to provide advance for over-the-road buses. A subsequent amendment was approved on November 7, 2002 (Resolution TAA-02-12) to revise the number of buses to be acquired, reduce the number of operators, add the AC Transit San Mateo Bridge service, and increase the advance amount for the over-the-road coaches.

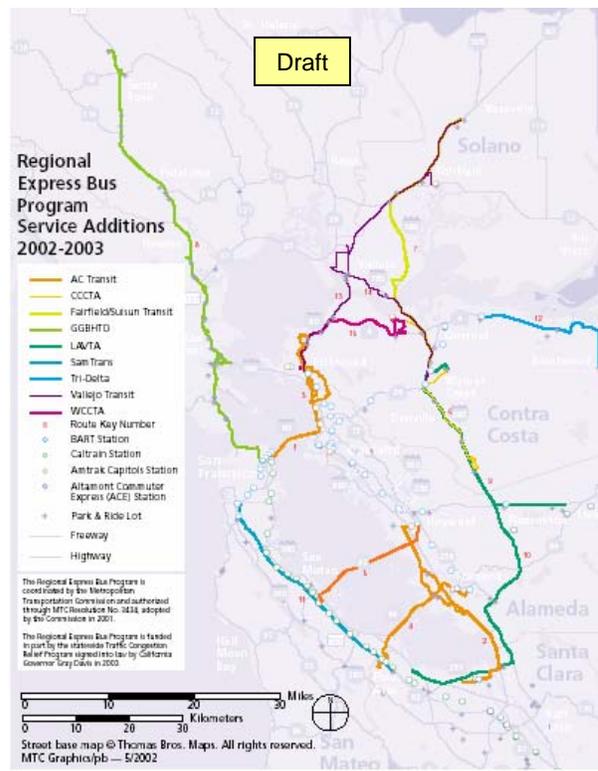
Status of Conditions: The following condition was set forth under Resolution TA-01-14, and remains in effect: “that MTC shall maintain a record of all buses acquired with funding provided by this application approval, shall maintain that record for the lifetime of the vehicles, and shall provide that information on request.”

The following condition was set forth under Resolution TAA-02-02, and remains in effect: “As part of the bi-annual Progress Report submitted to the Department and Commission, MTC shall provide detail information on the implementation of the overall Regional Express Bus Service, including the number of buses acquired, the delivery and payment schedule of the buses, as well as an update on the progress of the Regional Transit Marketing Committee.”

All other conditions have been met.

Cost and Schedule (\$ x 1,000)

| Phase | Scope | Start | End | Cost |
|---------------|---|-------|------|------------------|
| 1 | Studies, Environmental Review and Permits | | | |
| 2 | Plans, Specifications & Estimates | | | |
| 4 | Procurement of approximately 102 buses | 8/00 | 3/02 | \$40,000 |
| 4 | Regional Bus Program implementation | 11/01 | 9/03 | \$148,000 |
| Total: | | | | \$188,000 |



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Funding Plan (\$ x 1,000)

| Source | Type | | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Phase 3 | Phase 4 | Total |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| TCRP | State | Committed | | | | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| | | Proposed | | | | | |
| TBD | TBD | Committed | | | | | |
| | | Proposed | | | | \$20,000 | \$20,000 |
| FTA Bus Discretionary | Federal | Committed | | | | | |
| | | Proposed | | | | \$128,000 | \$128,000 |
| | Totals: | Committed | | | | \$40,000 | \$40,000 |
| | | Proposed | | | | \$148,000 | \$148,000 |
| | | Totals: | | | | \$188,000 | \$188,000 |

Discussion/Issues: No issues. Bus acquisition is categorically exempt under CEQA. Negative Declaration for the SamTrans element was reviewed by the CTC and approved the project for future consideration of funding on October 3, 2001, under Resolution E-02-15. Delivery schedule and payment schedule on file. Regional Transportation Plan documentation on file.

Note: Agency needs to provide operating plan and environmental clearance for the San Mateo Bridge service.