



FILED
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

2015 MAY 14 AM 10:14

AGENDA REPORT

TO: John A. Flores
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Gerry G. Garzón

SUBJECT: West Oakland Library Transportation Grant

DATE: May 6, 2015

City Administrator
Approval

A

Date

5/13/15

COUNCIL DISTRICT: #3

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends Acceptance Of This Resolution (1) Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate Grant Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$249,813 To Continue An Existing Program Providing Transportation To And From The West Oakland Branch Library For Preschool And Kindergarten Children For A Period Of Three Years; And (2) Authorizing The Filing Of An Application For Funding Through The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Lifeline Transportation Program, Committing The Necessary Local Match And Stating The Assurance To Complete The Project.

OUTCOME

The outcomes of the request to City Council will be as follows:

- Staff will be authorized to accept and appropriate grants funds to continue the existing West Oakland Branch Library transportation program and to conduct all negotiations, agreements, and related actions which may be necessary to implement and conduct the program; and
- The City can meet the grantor's requirement for a resolution of local support for Lifeline Transportation Funding of the program.

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The West Oakland Branch Library is located some distance from the schools and preschools in its service area which creates a barrier for teachers and students who wish to make regular class visits to their local library. A bus transportation program to bring students and children to the library was designed and tested in an eight month pilot program over 10 years ago with funding from the California State Library. With City Council support and subsequent grants, the program has operated continuously since 2007.

Item: _____
Life Enrichment Committee
May 26, 2015

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) operates a Lifeline Transportation Program, administered locally by the Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC), to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents. With support from the community and City Council, the City/Library applied for and received a Lifeline Transportation grant in 2006 (Resolution No. 79971 C.M.S.), and received two subsequent grants in 2008 and 2012 (Resolution No. 83923 C.M.S.) from the same source to continue the program. With Lifeline Transportation grant funds, the Oakland Public Library contracts with a bus company to provide a shuttle service for very young children attending 15 preschools and elementary schools in West Oakland enabling them to visit the library with their teachers and parents on a regular schedule. The current (Cycle 3) grant will fund the program until early 2017.

MTC sponsors the Lifeline Transportation Program (Cycle 4) which is described in MTC Resolution No. 4159, dated October 22, 2014 (*Attachment A*). ACTC recommends that MTC approve a Lifeline Transportation grant in the amount of \$249,813 to continue the West Oakland Branch Library transportation service for three years beginning in 2017, at the conclusion of the current grant.

ANALYSIS

The West Oakland Branch Library program, "A Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library to Promote Literacy," has operated continuously since August 2007 and has proven to be an effective means of overcoming the transportation barriers that prevent preschool and kindergarten students from visiting the library. The new Lifeline Transportation Program grant will be used to continue to pay for the services of a charter bus company to transport children and adults to and from the library two days per week and for a Library Assistant (0.45 FTE) to administer the program.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

The West Oakland Branch Library transportation program proposal was presented to the West Oakland Project Area Committee in 2006; the Committee members gave the project the highest priority vote possible. The teachers and administrators participating in the program submitted six letters in support of the Library's December 17, 2014 application for this Lifeline Transportation grant.

COORDINATION

This report was prepared in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney, the Controller's Bureau, the Library's Financial and Administrative Services Office, the Citywide Grants Coordinator and transportation planning staff in Public Works.

Item: _____
Life Enrichment Committee
May 26, 2015

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

1. LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS, CYCLE 4
 Total (3 years) \$249,813

2. COST ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT/CONTRACT:
 Contract for bus service \$120,572
 Salaries and Benefits and Central Services Overhead for
 part-time Library Assistant \$129,241
 TOTAL AGREEMENT/CONTRACT AMOUNT (3 years) \$249,813

3. SOURCE OF FUNDING:
 Proposed expense allocations are as follows:

Budget Line Items	Grant Funds	In Kind Match: Library
Contract for bus service (90 service contracts per year for 3 years)	\$120,572	
Salaries, Benefits and Central Services Overhead for part-time Library Assistant, 0.45 FTE (for 3 years)	\$129,241	
Salaries and Benefits for existing staff: West Oakland Children's Librarian (approximately 12 hrs/week for 3 years)		\$112,959

4. FISCAL IMPACT: \$249,813 over three years (\$362,772 including in-kind match of \$112,959 represented by the West Oakland Branch Children's Librarian's time that is allocated to this program). The grant will pay for the bus service and a Library Assistant (0.45 FTE) to provide administrative support for the program. Staff budgeted Central Services Overhead, per Administrative Instruction 1303, so that there is no impact to the City of Oakland's General Purpose Fund.

The new grant will commence at the conclusion of the current grant (estimated to be early 2017). Funding will be appropriated to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Program Grant Fund (2163); West Oakland Branch Org. (61348); Library Branch Services Program (NB17); in a Project Account to be established. Through a funding agreement between the Oakland Public Library/City of Oakland and San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the Library's transportation project sponsor, BART receives grant funds from MTC and reimburses the Oakland Public Library for its actual costs as described above. The required local match, described above, is in-kind.

Item: _____
 Life Enrichment Committee
 May 26, 2015

PAST PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

The Library submits quarterly reports to the ACTC with program highlights and statistics. During the past seven and one-half years of continuous operation with Lifeline funding, the program has been successful in bringing preschool and kindergarten children to the library on a regular basis. The program brings 34 classes to the library every five to six weeks. During the 12-month period ending July 31, 2014, program ridership was 4,740 children and 1,000 adults; during that same period 564 children and 23 adult participants were issued library cards.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: The Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library Program contributes to the overall reading and school success of Oakland's children and in turn to their long term chances for economic success. As a large percentage of children participating in the program are from low income or immigrant families, the prospect for increased economic health in this population increases the economic sustainability of the community and the cultures involved.

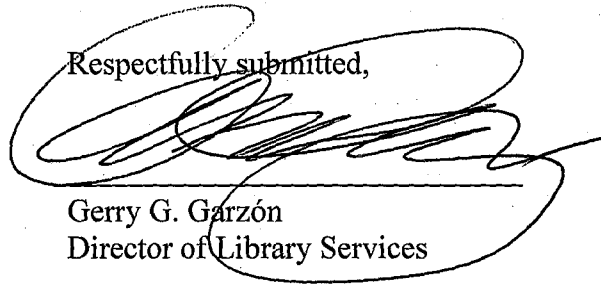
Environmental: No specific environmental opportunities have been identified.

Social Equity: The children who visit the Library regularly, and who develop into good readers and students, will have the skills they need to assure equity in educational, employment, housing and community opportunities.

The Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library Program encourages children, parents and teachers to become regular library users and good readers, thereby eventually helping them become aware of the issues of sustainability and the strategies they can use to promote sustainable communities.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Winifred Walters, Manager, Community Relations, Grants and Development, Oakland Public Library, (510) 238-6932.

Respectfully submitted,



Gerry G. Garzón
Director of Library Services

Prepared by:
Winifred Walters, Manager, Community Relations,
Grants & Development
Oakland Public Library

Attachment A – MTC Resolution No. 4159

Item: _____
Life Enrichment Committee
May 26, 2015

Attachment A

Date: October 22, 2014
W.I.: 1310
Referred by: PAC

Attachment A
MTC Resolution No. 4159
Page 1 of 19



METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 4 Guidelines

October 2014

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4 GUIDELINES
FY 2014 THROUGH FY 2016**

October 2014

Table of Contents

1.	PROGRAM GOAL.....	3
2.	PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.....	4
3.	FUNDING APPORTIONMENT AND AVAILABILITY.....	4
4.	ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS/SUBRECIPIENTS.....	6
5.	STA AND SECTION 5307 PROGRAMMING PROCESS.....	7
6.	PROPOSITION 1B PROGRAMMING PROCESS.....	7
7.	ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.....	8
8.	LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.....	9
9.	COORDINATED PLANNING.....	9
10.	GRANT APPLICATION.....	10
11.	APPLICATION EVALUATION.....	10
12.	COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS.....	11
13.	POLICY BOARD ADOPTION.....	11
14.	PROJECT DELIVERY.....	11
15.	PROJECT OVERSIGHT.....	12
16.	PERFORMANCE MEASURES.....	12
17.	FUND ADMINISTRATION.....	13
18.	COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.....	13
19.	TIMELINE.....	14

Appendix 1. Funding Source Information

Appendix 2. Standard Evaluation Criteria

**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM CYCLE 4 GUIDELINES
FY 2014 THROUGH FY 2016**

October 2014

1. **PROGRAM GOAL.** The Lifeline Transportation Program is intended to fund projects that result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties.

The Lifeline Program supports community-based transportation projects that:

- Are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process that includes broad partnerships among a variety of stakeholders such as public agencies, transit operators, community-based organizations and other community stakeholders, and outreach to underrepresented stakeholders.
- Improve a range of transportation choices by adding a variety of new or expanded services including but not limited to: enhanced fixed route transit services, shuttles, taxi voucher programs, improved access to autos, and capital improvement projects.
- Address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified in Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTP) or other substantive local planning efforts involving focused outreach to low-income populations. While preference will be given to community-based plan priorities, strategies emerging from countywide or regional welfare-to-work transportation plans, the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan or other documented assessment of need within the designated communities of concern will also be considered. Findings emerging from one or more CBTPs or other relevant planning efforts may also be applied to other low-income areas, or otherwise be directed to serve low-income constituencies within the county, as applicable. A communities of concern (CoC) mapping tool showing both CoCs adopted with Plan Bay Area as well as the most recent socioeconomic data available from the Census Bureau is available at:
http://gis.mtc.ca.gov/samples/Interactive_Maps/cocs.html.¹

¹ There is a user's guide available to aid in the use of this tool.

2. **PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.** The Lifeline Program will be administered by county congestion management agencies (CMAs) or other designated county-wide agencies as follows:

County	Lifeline Program Administrator
Alameda	Alameda County Transportation Commission
Contra Costa	Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Marin	Transportation Authority of Marin
Napa	Napa County Transportation Planning Agency
San Francisco	San Francisco County Transportation Authority
San Mateo	City/County Association of Governments
Santa Clara	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and Santa Clara County
Solano	Solano Transportation Authority
Sonoma	Sonoma County Transportation Authority

3. **FUNDING APPORTIONMENT AND AVAILABILITY.** Fund sources for the Cycle 4 Lifeline Transportation Program include State Transit Assistance (STA), Proposition 1B - Transit, and Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)² funds. Cycle 4 will cover a three-year programming cycle, FY2013-14 to FY2015-16.
- a. **STA and Section 5307 (JARC).** Funding for STA and Section 5307 (JARC) will be assigned to counties by each fund source, based on the county's share of the regional low-income population (see Figure 1).³ Lifeline Program Administrators will assign funds to eligible projects in their counties. See Section 5 for details about the STA and Section 5307 (JARC) programming process and Appendix 1 for detailed eligibility requirements by fund source.

² The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) federal transportation authorizing legislation eliminated the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program (Section 5316) and combined JARC functions and funding with the Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) and the Non-urbanized Area Formula (Section 5311) programs. JARC projects were made eligible for 5307 funding, and, consistent with MTC's Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) Process and Criteria (MTC Resolution Nos. 4072 and 4140), in the FY2013-14, FY2014-15 and FY2015-16 Section 5307 programs, a portion of the Bay Area's large urbanized area funds have been set aside for the Lifeline program.

³ FTA Section 5307 funds are apportioned by urbanized area (UA), so the distribution of 5307 funds will also need to take UA boundaries into consideration.

Figure 1. County and Share of Regional Poverty Population

<i>County</i>	<i>Share of Regional Low Income (<200% Poverty) Population</i>
Alameda	22.6%
Contra Costa	14.3%
Marin	2.6%
Napa	2.0%
San Francisco	12.5%
San Mateo	8.4%
Santa Clara	23.1%
Solano	6.4%
Sonoma	7.9%
Total	100%

Source: ACS 2010 and 2012 1-Year Estimates

- b. Proposition 1B. Proposition 1B funding will be assigned by MTC directly to transit operators and counties based on a formula that distributes half of the funds according to the transit operators' share of the regional low-income ridership, and half of the funds according to the transit operators' share of the regional low-income population. The formula distribution is shown in Figure 2. See Section 6 for details about the Proposition 1B programming process and Appendix 1 for detailed eligibility requirements by fund source.

**Figure 2. Transit Operator & Hybrid Formula
(Share of Regional Low Income Ridership & Share of Regional Low Income Population)**

<i>Transit Operator</i>	<i>Hybrid Formula Share</i>
AC Transit	17.3%
BART	18.5%
County Connection (CCCTA)	1.0%
Golden Gate Transit/Marin Transit	3.2%
Wheels (LAVTA)	0.5%
Muni (SFMTA)	24.9%
SamTrans	5.0%
Tri Delta Transit (ECCTA)	0.7%
VINE (NCTPA)	1.2%
VTA	19.5%
WestCat (WCCTA)	0.3%
Solano County Operators	3.6%
Sonoma County Operators	4.2%
Total	100%

Note: Only transit operators who have previously received Proposition 1B Lifeline funds are included in the formula distribution

- c. Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program. MTC will set aside up to \$700,000 in Cycle 4 STA funds toward the potential development and implementation of a regional

means-based transit fare program. In Lifeline Cycle 3, MTC set aside \$300,000 for Phase I of this project. In Phase I, MTC is conducting a study to develop the regional concept, including identifying who would be eligible, costs, funding, relationship to other discounts, and other policy elements. Depending on the results of the Phase I study, funds from the Cycle 4 \$700,000 set-aside may be used for Phase II implementation activities.

- d. Local Fund Exchanges. Consistent with MTC Resolution No. 3331, MTC will allow County Lifeline Program Administrators to use local fund exchanges to fund projects that are not otherwise eligible for the state and federal funds in Cycle 4. Lifeline Program Administrators must notify MTC about their intent to exchange funds, and MTC staff will review and approve the exchanges on a case-by-case basis. MTC staff is supportive of these fund exchanges to the extent that the exchange projects meet the spirit of the Lifeline Transportation Program.

4. ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS/SUBRECIPIENTS

- a. STA. There are three categories of eligible recipients of STA funds: a) transit operators; b) Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies (CTSAs); and c) Cities and Counties that are eligible to claim Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 4, 4.5 or 8 funds.

Non-profit organizations and Cities/Counties that are not eligible TDA Article 4, 4.5 or 8 claimants are only eligible for STA funds if they partner with an eligible STA recipient (e.g., a transit operator) that is willing to serve as the recipient of the funds and pass through the funds to the non-profit or City/County, and if they have a project eligible to use.

- b. Section 5307 (JARC). Transit operators that are FTA grantees are the only eligible recipients of Section 5307 (JARC) funds.

Non-profit organizations and public agencies that are not FTA grantees are only eligible for Section 5307 (JARC) funds if they partner with an FTA grantee (transit operator) that is willing to serve as the direct recipient of the Section 5307 (JARC) funds and pass through the funds to the subrecipient non-profit or public agency.

Section 5307 (JARC) recipients/subrecipients will be required to have a Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and provide it during the application process.⁴ A DUNS number may be obtained from D&B by telephone (866-705-5711) or the Internet (<http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>).

- c. Proposition 1B. Transit operators are the only eligible recipients of Proposition 1B funds.

⁴ A Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is a unique, non-indicative 9-digit identifier issued and maintained by D&B that verifies the existence of a business entity. The DUNS number is a universal identifier required for Federal financial assistance applicants, as well as recipients and their direct subrecipients.

5. STA AND SECTION 5307 PROGRAMMING PROCESS. For STA and Section 5307 funds, Lifeline Program Administrators are responsible for soliciting applications for the Lifeline Transportation Program.

Consistent with MTC's Public Participation Plan and FTA's Title VI Circular (FTA C 4702.1B), MTC encourages Lifeline Program Administrators to conduct a broad, inclusive public involvement process, and use multiple methods of public outreach. Unlike previous cycles of the Lifeline Transportation Program, the funds in the Cycle 4 program are predominantly restricted to transit operators (see Section 4 for recipient eligibility restrictions). Therefore, MTC also acknowledges that each Lifeline Program Administrator's public outreach strategy will be tailored accordingly.

Methods of public outreach may include, but are not limited to, highlighting the program and application solicitation on the CMA website, and sending targeted postcards and e-mails to all prospective applicants, including those that serve predominantly minority and low-income populations.

Further guidance for public involvement is contained in MTC's Public Participation Plan.

- a. Competitive Process. STA and Section 5307 (JARC) projects must be selected through an open, competitive process with the following exception: In an effort to address the sustainability of fixed-route transit operations, Lifeline Program Administrators may elect to allocate some or all of their STA and/or Section 5307 (JARC) funds directly to transit operators for Lifeline transit operations within the county. Projects must be identified as Lifeline projects before transit operators can claim funds, and will be subject to Lifeline Transportation Program reporting requirements.
 - b. STA Contingency Programming. Due to the uncertainty of forecasting STA revenues, the Lifeline Program Administrators will program 95 percent of their county's estimated STA amount, and develop a contingency plan for the remaining five percent should it be available.
6. PROPOSITION 1B PROGRAMMING PROCESS. In most cases, Proposition 1B Transit funds will be allocated directly to transit operators by MTC, due to the limited eligibility and uses of this fund source. Upon concurrence from the applicable CMA,⁵ transit operators may program funds to any capital project that is consistent with the Lifeline Transportation Program and goals, and is eligible for this fund source. Transit operators are encouraged to consider needs throughout their service area. Projects must be identified as Lifeline projects before transit operators can claim funds, and, at the discretion of the Lifeline Program Administrators, may be subject to Lifeline Transportation Program reporting requirements. For Marin, Solano and Sonoma counties, Proposition 1B funds are being directed to the CMA, who should include these funds in the overall Lifeline programming effort (keeping in mind the limited sponsor and project eligibility of Proposition 1B funds).

⁵ CMA concurrence may be provided via a board resolution or a letter from an authorized representative.

7. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- a. Eligible operating projects. Eligible operating projects, consistent with requirements of funding sources, may include (but are not limited to) new or enhanced fixed route transit services, restoration of Lifeline-related transit services eliminated due to budget shortfalls, shuttles, taxi voucher programs, auto loan programs, etc. See Appendix 1 for additional details about eligibility by funding source.
- b. Eligible capital projects. Eligible capital projects, consistent with requirements of funding sources, may include (but are not limited to) purchase of vehicles; bus stop enhancements; rehabilitation, safety or modernization improvements; or other enhancements to improve transportation access for residents of low-income communities. See Appendix 1 for additional details about eligibility by funding source.
- c. Section 5307 restrictions
 - (1) Job Access and Reverse Commute requirement. For the Lifeline Transportation Program, the use of Section 5307 funds is restricted solely to Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) projects. For details regarding eligible JARC projects, see the FTA Section 5307 Circular (FTA C 9030.1E), Chapter IV, Section 5 available at http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FINAL_FTA_circular9030.1E.pdf. Also see Appendix 1 for detailed eligibility requirements by fund source
 - (2) New and existing services. Consistent with FTA's Section 5307 circular (FTA C 9030.1E), Chapter IV, Section 5.a, eligible job access and reverse commute projects must provide for the development or maintenance of eligible job access and reverse commute services. Recipients may not reclassify existing public transportation services that have not received funding under the former Section 5316 program as job access and reverse commute services in order to qualify for operating assistance. In order to be eligible as a job access and reverse commute project, a proposed project must qualify as either a "development project" or "maintenance project" as follows:
 - i. Development Projects. "Development of transportation services" means new projects that meet the statutory definition and were not in service as of the date MAP-21 became effective October 1, 2012. This includes projects that expand the service area or hours of operation for an existing service.
 - ii. Maintenance Projects. "Maintenance of transportation services" means projects that continue and maintain job access and reverse commute projects and services that received funding under the former Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute program.

8. LOCAL MATCHING REQUIREMENTS. The Lifeline Transportation Program requires a minimum local match of 20% of the total project cost. Lifeline Transportation Program funds may cover a maximum of 80% of the total project cost.
- a. Exceptions to 20% requirement. There are two exceptions to the 20% local match requirement:
- (1) FTA Section 5307 (JARC) operating projects require a 50% match. However, consistent with MTC's approach in previous funding cycles, Lifeline Program Administrators may use STA funds to cover the 30% difference for projects that are eligible for *both* JARC and STA funds.
 - (2) All auto-related projects require a 50% match.
- b. Sources of local match. Project sponsors may use certain federal, state or local funding sources (Transportation Development Act, operator controlled State Transit Assistance, local sales tax revenue, etc.) to meet the match requirement. In-kind contributions such as the market value of in-kind contributions integral to the project may be counted as a contribution toward local share.

For Section 5307 JARC projects, the local match can be *non*-Department of Transportation (DOT) federal funds. Eligible sources of non-DOT federal funds include: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Community Services Block Grants (CSBG) and Social Services Block Grants (SSBG) administered by the US Department of Health and Human Services or Community Development Block grants (CDBG) and HOPE VI grants administered by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grant funds from private foundations may also be used to meet the match requirement.

Transportation Development Credits ("Toll Credits") are not an eligible source of local match for the Lifeline Transportation Program.

9. COORDINATED PLANNING. Under MAP-21, projects funded with Section 5307 JARC funds are no longer required by FTA to be derived from a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan ("Coordinated Plan"); however, in the Bay Area's Coordinated Plan, MTC continues to identify the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, *and* people with low incomes, and to provide strategies for meeting those local needs. Therefore, projects funded with Lifeline Transportation Program funds should be consistent with the transportation needs, proposed solutions, and enhanced coordination strategies presented in the Coordinated Plan to the extent practicable considering any other funding source restrictions.

The Bay Area's Coordinated Plan was updated in March 2013 and is available at <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/pths/>.

Mobility management was a key coordination strategy recommended in the 2013 plan update. The designation of lead mobility managers or Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies (CTSAs) at the County or subregional level was an essential component of that strategy. Consistent with those recommendations, the Lifeline Program Administrators may, at their discretion, choose to award extra points to—or otherwise give priority to—projects sponsored by or coordinated with County or subregional Mobility Managers or CTSAs.

Transportation needs specific to senior and disabled residents of low-income communities may also be considered when funding Lifeline projects.

10. GRANT APPLICATION. To ensure a streamlined application process for project sponsors, a universal application form will be used, but, with review and approval from MTC, may be modified as appropriate by the Lifeline Program Administrator for inclusion of county-specific grant requirements.

Applicants with multi-county projects must notify the relevant Lifeline Program Administrators and MTC about their intent to submit a multi-county project, and submit copies of their application to all of the relevant counties. If the counties have different application forms, the applicant can submit the same form to all counties, but should contact the Lifeline Program Administrators to determine the appropriate form. If the counties have different application deadlines, the applicant should adhere to the earliest deadline. The Lifeline Program Administrators will work together to score and rank the multi-county projects, and, if selected, to determine appropriate funding. (Note: Multi-county operators with projects that are located in a single county need only apply to the county where the project is located.)

11. APPLICATION EVALUATION

- a. Evaluation criteria. Standard evaluation criteria will be used to assess and select projects. The six criteria include (1) project need/goals and objectives, (2) community-identified priority, (3) implementation plan and project management capacity, (4) coordination and program outreach, (5) cost-effectiveness and performance indicators, and (6) project budget/sustainability. Lifeline Program Administrators will establish the weight to be assigned for each criterion in the assessment process.

Additional criteria may be added to a county program but should not replace or supplant the regional criteria. MTC staff will review the proposed county program criteria to ensure consistency and to facilitate coordination among county programs.

See Appendix 2 for the detailed standard evaluation criteria.

- b. Evaluation panel. Each county will appoint a local evaluation panel of CMA staff, the local low-income or minority representative from MTC's Policy Advisory Council (if available), and representatives of local stakeholders, such as transit operators, other transportation providers, community-based organizations, social service agencies, and local jurisdictions, to score and select projects. Counties are strongly encouraged to appoint a diverse group of stakeholders for their local evaluation panel. Each county will

assign local priorities for project selection by establishing the weight for each criterion and, at the CMA's discretion, adding local criteria to the standard regional criteria.

12. COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM OF PROJECTS. A full program of projects is due to MTC from each Lifeline Program Administrator on **March 13, 2015**. However, given state and federal funding uncertainties, sponsors with projects selected for FY2015 and FY2016 Section 5307 (JARC) funds and FY2016 STA funds should plan to defer the start of those projects until the funding is appropriated and secured. Lifeline Program Administrators, at their discretion, may opt to allot FY2014 and FY2015 funds to high scoring projects so they can be started quickly. MTC staff will work with Lifeline Program Administrators on this sequencing; MTC staff expects that more will be known about the FY2015 Section 5307 (JARC) funds and the FY2016 STA and Section 5307 (JARC) funds in calendar year 2015.

13. POLICY BOARD ADOPTION

- a. Project sponsor resolution of local support. Prior to MTC's programming of Lifeline Cycle 4 funds (STA, Section 5307 JARC and/or Proposition 1B) to any project, MTC requires that the project sponsor adopt and submit a resolution of local support. The resolution shall state that approved projects not only exemplify Lifeline Program goals, but that the local project sponsors understand and agree to meeting all project delivery, funding match and eligibility requirements, and obligation and reporting deadlines and requirements. MTC will provide a resolution of local support template. The County Lifeline Program Administrators have the option of collecting the resolutions of local support from project sponsors along with the project applications, or after the project is selected by the County for funding.

Caltrans requires that Proposition 1B - Transit projects either be consistent with the project sponsor's most recent short-range transit plan (SRTP), as evidenced by attaching the relevant SRTP page to the allocation request, or be accompanied by a certified Board Resolution from the project sponsor's governing board.

b. Lifeline Program Administrator/CMA Board Resolution and Concurrence

- (1) STA and Section 5307 (JARC). Projects recommended for STA and Section 5307 (JARC) funding must be submitted to and approved by the respective governing board of the Lifeline Program Administrator.
- (2) Proposition 1B. Projects funded with Proposition 1B Transit funds must have concurrence from the applicable Lifeline Program Administrator/CMA. Concurrence may be provided by a board resolution or by a letter from an authorized representative.

14. PROJECT DELIVERY. All projects funded under the county programs are subject to the following MTC project delivery requirements:

- a. Section 5307 (JARC). Project sponsors must expend the Lifeline Transportation Program Section 5307 (JARC) funds within three years of the FTA grant award or execution of agreement with pass-through agency, whichever is applicable. To prevent the Section 5307 (JARC) funds from lapsing on the federal obligation deadline, MTC reserves the right to reprogram funds if direct recipients fail to submit their FTA grant by the following dates:
- June 30, 2015 for FY2014 and FY2015 funds (the deadline to submit grants for FY15 funds may be extended depending on the availability of FY15 apportionments.)
 - June 30, 2016 for FY2016 funds

Direct recipients are responsible for carrying out the terms of their grants.

- b. STA. Project sponsors must expend the Lifeline Transportation Program STA funds within three years of the date that the funds are programmed by MTC or the date that the agreement with pass-through agency is executed, whichever is applicable.
- c. Proposition 1B. Project sponsors must expend the Lifeline Transportation Program Proposition 1B funds within three years of the date that funds are available. Disbursement timing depends on the timing of State bond sales.
15. PROJECT OVERSIGHT. For Lifeline projects funded by STA and Section 5307 (JARC), Lifeline Program Administrators are responsible for programmatic and fiscal oversight, and for monitoring project sponsors in meeting the MTC obligation deadlines and project delivery requirements. In addition, Lifeline Program Administrators will ensure that projects substantially carry out the scope described in the grant applications for the period of performance. All project budget and scope of work changes must be approved by the MTC Commission; however the Lifeline Program Administrators are responsible for approving budget and scope of work changes prior to MTC's authorization. All scope changes must be fully explained and must demonstrate consistency with Lifeline Transportation Program goals.

For projects funded by Proposition 1B, the Lifeline Program Administrators are encouraged to continue coordination efforts with the project sponsors if they determine that it would be beneficial toward meeting the Lifeline goals; however, this may not be necessary or beneficial for all Proposition 1B projects.

See Appendix 1 for detailed accountability and reporting requirements by funding source.

16. PERFORMANCE MEASURES. As part of the Call for Projects, applicants will be asked to establish project goals, and to identify basic performance indicators to be collected in order to measure the effectiveness of the Lifeline projects. At a minimum, performance measures for service-related projects would include: documentation of new "units" of service provided with the funding (e.g., number of trips, service hours, workshops held, car loans provided), cost per unit of service, and a qualitative summary of service delivery procedures employed for the project. For capital projects, project sponsors are responsible for establishing

milestones and reporting on the status of project delivery. Project sponsors are responsible for satisfying all reporting requirements, as referenced in Appendix 1. Lifeline Program Administrators will forward all reports containing performance measures to MTC for review and overall monitoring of the Lifeline Transportation Program.

17. FUND ADMINISTRATION

- a. Section 5307 (JARC). MTC will enter all Lifeline Section 5307 (JARC) projects into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Transit operators that are FTA grantees are the only eligible recipients of Section 5307 (JARC) funds. FTA grantees will act as direct recipients, and will submit grant applications directly to FTA.

For Section 5307 (JARC) projects sponsored by non-FTA grantees (e.g., nonprofits or other local government entities), the FTA grantee who was identified as the partner agency at the time of the application will submit the grant application to FTA directly and, following FTA approval of the grant, will enter into funding agreements with the subrecipient project sponsor.

FTA recipients are responsible for following all applicable federal requirements and for ensuring that their subrecipients comply with all federal requirements. See Section 18 for federal compliance requirements.

- b. STA. For transit operators receiving STA funds, MTC will allocate funds directly through the annual STA claims process. For other STA eligible projects administered by sponsors who are not STA eligible recipients, the project sponsor is responsible for identifying a local transit operator who will act as a pass-through for the STA funds, and will likely enter into a funding agreement directly with the project sponsor. Project sponsors are responsible for entering their own STA projects into the TIP.
- c. Proposition 1B Transit. Project sponsors receiving Proposition 1B funds must submit a Proposition 1B allocation request to MTC for submittal to Caltrans with prior review by MTC. The state will distribute funds directly to the project sponsor. Note that although the Proposition 1B Transit Program is intended to be an advance-payment program, actual disbursement of funds is dependent on the State budget and State bond sales. Project sponsors are responsible for entering their own Proposition 1B projects into the TIP.

18. COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

- a. Lifeline Program Administrator Responsibilities. For the selection of FTA Section 5307 (JARC) projects, in accordance with federal Title VI requirements, Lifeline Program Administrators must distribute the Section 5307 (JARC) funds without regard to race, color, and national origin, and must assure that minority populations are not being denied the benefits of or excluded from participation in the program. Lifeline Program Administrators shall develop the program of projects or competitive selection process to ensure the equitable distribution of FTA Section 5307 (JARC) funds to project sponsors

that serve predominantly minority populations. Equitable distribution can be achieved by engaging in outreach to diverse stakeholders regarding the availability of funds, and ensuring the competitive process is not itself a barrier to selection of applicants that serve predominantly minority populations.

- b. Project Sponsor Responsibilities. FTA Section 5307 (JARC) applicants should be prepared to abide by all applicable federal requirements as specified in 49 U.S.C. Section 5307; FTA Circulars C 9030.1E, 4702.1B and 4703.1; the most current FTA Master Agreement; and the most current Certifications and Assurances for FTA Assistance Programs.

FTA Section 5307 (JARC) direct recipients will be responsible for adhering to FTA requirements through their agreements and grants with FTA directly and for ensuring that all subrecipients and third-party contractors comply with FTA requirements.

19. TIMELINE. The anticipated timeline for Cycle 4 is as follows:

Program	Action	Anticipated Date*
All	Commission approves Cycle 4 Program Guidelines	October 22, 2014
All	MTC issues guidelines to counties	October 22, 2014
Prop 1B	Transit operators submit draft project lists to County Lifeline Program Administrators	January 15, 2015
Prop 1B	Allocation requests due to MTC (concurrence** from the CMA is required)	March 13, 2015
5307 (JARC) & STA	Board-approved** programs due to MTC from CMAs	March 13, 2015
All	Commission approval of Program of Projects	April 22, 2015
5307 (JARC)	MTC submits TIP amendment for FY14, FY15 and FY16 projects	End of April – Deadline TBD
Prop 1B & STA	Project sponsors submit TIP amendments	End of April – Deadline TBD
Prop 1B	MTC submits allocation requests to Caltrans	Deadline TBD by Caltrans*
STA	Operators can file claims for FY14 and FY15	After 4/22/15 Commission Approval
5307 (JARC)	Deadline for transit operators (FTA grantees) to submit FTA grants for FY14 and FY15 funds	June 30, 2015
STA	Operators can file claims for FY16	After July 1, 2015
5307 (JARC)	Deadline for transit operators (FTA grantees) to submit FTA grants for FY16 funds	June 30, 2016

* Dates subject to change depending on State and Federal deadlines and availability of funds.

** CMA Board approval and concurrence may be pending at the time of deadline.

**Appendix 1
Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 4
Funding Source Information**

	State Transit Assistance (STA)	Proposition 1B – Transit	Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
Purpose of Fund Source	To improve existing public transportation services and encourage regional transportation coordination	To help advance the State’s goals of providing mobility choices for all residents, reducing congestion, and protecting the environment	To support the continuation and expansion of public transportation services in the United States
Detailed Guidelines	http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/Docs-Pdfs/STIP/TDA_4-17-2013.pdf	http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/Docs-Pdfs/Prop%201B/PTMISEA-Guidelines_2013.pdf	http://www.fta.dot.gov/documents/FINAL_FTA_circular9030.1E.pdf
Use of Funds	For public transportation purposes including community transit services	For public transportation purposes	For the Lifeline Transportation Program, the use of Section 5307 funds is restricted solely to Job Access and Reverse Commute projects that support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to transport welfare recipients and eligible low income individuals to and from jobs and activities related to their employment.
Eligible Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transit operators ▪ Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies (CTSAs) ▪ Cities and Counties if eligible to claim TDA Article 4, 4.5 or 8 funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transit operators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transit operators that are FTA grantees
Eligible Subrecipients (must partner with an eligible recipient that will serve as a pass-through agency)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Private non-profit organizations ▪ Cities and counties that are not eligible to claim TDA Article 4, 4.5 or 8 funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N/A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Private non-profit organizations ▪ Public agencies that are not FTA grantees (e.g., cities, counties)

	State Transit Assistance (STA)	Proposition 1B – Transit	Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
Eligible Projects	<p><u>Transit Capital and Operations, including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New, continued or expanded fixed-route service ▪ Purchase of vehicles ▪ Shuttle service if available for use by the general public ▪ Purchase of technology (e.g., GPS, other ITS applications) ▪ Capital projects such as bus stop improvements, including bus benches, shelters, etc. ▪ Various elements of mobility management, if consistent with STA program purpose and allowable use. These may include planning, coordinating, capital or operating activities. 	<p><u>Transit Capital</u> (including a minimum operable segment of a project) for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rehab, safety, or modernization improvements ▪ Capital service enhancements or expansions ▪ New capital projects ▪ Bus rapid transit improvements ▪ Rolling stock procurement, rehab, or replacements <p>Projects must be consistent with most recently adopted short-range transit plan or other publicly adopted plan that includes transit capital improvements.</p>	<p><u>New and existing services.</u> Eligible job access and reverse commute projects must provide for the development or maintenance of eligible job access and reverse commute services. Recipients may not reclassify existing public transportation services that have not received funding under the former Section 5316 program as job access and reverse commute services in order to qualify for operating assistance. In order to be eligible as a job access and reverse commute project, a proposed project must qualify as either a “development project” or a “maintenance project” (see Section 7.c.(2) of these guidelines for details regarding “development” and “maintenance” projects).</p> <p><u>Capital and Operating projects.</u> Projects that comply with the requirements above may include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Late-night & weekend service; ▪ Guaranteed ride home service; ▪ Shuttle service; ▪ Expanding fixed route public transit routes, including hours of service or coverage; ▪ Demand-responsive van service; ▪ Ridesharing and carpooling activities; ▪ Transit-related aspects of bicycling; ▪ Administration and expenses for voucher programs; ▪ Local car loan programs; ▪ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); ▪ Marketing; and ▪ Mobility management. <p>See FTA C 9030.1E, Chapter IV, Section 5 for details regarding eligible JARC projects.</p>

	State Transit Assistance (STA)	Proposition 1B – Transit	Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
Lifeline Program Local Match	20%	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 50% for operating projects (may use STA funds to cover up to 30% if project is eligible for both JARC and STA) ▪ 50% for auto projects ▪ 20% for capital projects
Estimated timing for availability of funds to project sponsor	<p>Transit operators, CTSAs and eligible cities and counties can initiate claims for FY14 and FY15 funds immediately following MTC approval of program of projects, and can initiate claims for FY16 funds after July 1, 2015.</p> <p>For subrecipients, the eligible recipient acting as fiscal agent will likely initiate a funding agreement following MTC approval of program of projects. Funds will be available on a reimbursement basis after execution of the agreement.</p>	<p>Project sponsors must submit a Proposition 1B allocation request to MTC for submittal to Caltrans by March 13, 2015. Disbursement timing depends on bond sales.</p>	<p>Following MTC approval of the program of projects, MTC will add projects to the TIP. Following TIP approval, FTA grantees must submit FTA grants for FY14 and FY15 funds by June 30, 2015. (The deadline to submit grants for FY15 funds may be extended depending on the availability of FY15 apportionments.) FTA grantees must submit FTA grants for FY16 funds by June 30, 2016.</p> <p>FTA grantees can begin their projects after the funds are obligated in an FTA grant (estimated Fall 2015 for FY14 & FY15 funds; estimated Fall 2016 for FY16 funds). For subrecipients, the FTA grantee acting as fiscal agent will likely initiate a funding agreement following FTA grant award. Funds will be available on a reimbursement basis after execution of the agreement.</p>
Accountability & Reporting Requirements	<p>Transit operators and eligible cities and counties must submit annual performance (i.e., ridership) statistics for the project, first to Lifeline Program Administrators for review, and then to MTC along with annual claim.</p> <p>Depending on the arrangement with the pass-through agency, subrecipients will likely submit quarterly performance reports with invoices, first to the pass-through agency for reimbursement, and then to Lifeline Program Administrators for review.</p>	<p>Using designated Caltrans forms, project sponsors are required to submit project activities and progress reports to the state every six months, as well as a project close-out form. Caltrans will track and publicize progress via their website.</p> <p>Project sponsor will not be required to submit progress reports to the Lifeline Program Administrator unless the LPA believes that county-level project monitoring would be beneficial. MTC and/or the Lifeline Program Administrators may request to be copied on progress reports that are submitted to Caltrans.</p>	<p>FTA grantees are responsible for following all applicable federal requirements for preparing and maintaining their Section 5307 (JARC) grants. MTC and/or the Lifeline Program Administrators may request copies of FTA grantees' quarterly Section 5307 (JARC) grant reports to FTA.</p> <p>Depending on the arrangement with the pass-through agency, subrecipients will likely submit quarterly performance reports with invoices, first to Lifeline Program Administrators for review, and then to the pass-through agency for reimbursement. Subrecipients will also submit Title VI reports annually to the pass-through agency.</p>

Note: Information on this chart is accurate as of October 2014. MTC will strive to make Lifeline Program Administrators aware of any changes to fund source guidelines that may be enacted by the appropriating agencies (i.e. State of California, Federal Transit Administration).

Appendix 2 Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 4 Standard Evaluation Criteria

The following standard evaluation criteria are intended to provide consistent guidance to each county in prioritizing and selecting projects to receive Lifeline Transportation Program funds. Each county, in consultation with other stakeholder representatives on the selection committee, will consider these criteria when selecting projects, and establish the weight to be assigned to each of the criterion. Additional criteria may be added to a county program but should not replace or supplant the regional criteria. MTC staff will review the proposed county program criteria to ensure consistency and to facilitate coordination among county programs.

- a. **Project Need/Goals and Objectives:** Applicants should describe the unmet transportation need or gap that the proposed project seeks to address and the relevant planning effort that documents the need. Describe how project activities will mitigate the transportation need. Project application should clearly state the overall program goals and objectives, and demonstrate how the project is consistent with the goals of the Lifeline Transportation Program.
- b. **Community-Identified Priority:** Priority should be given to projects that directly address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) or other substantive local planning effort involving focused outreach to low-income populations. Applicants should identify the CBTP or other substantive local planning effort, as well as the priority given to the project in the plan.

Other projects may also be considered, such as those that address transportation needs identified in countywide or regional welfare-to-work transportation plans, the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan, or other documented assessment of needs within designated communities of concern. Findings emerging from one or more CBTPs or other relevant planning efforts may also be applied to other low-income areas, or otherwise be directed to serve low-income constituencies within the county, as applicable.

A communities of concern (CoC) mapping tool showing both CoCs adopted with Plan Bay Area as well as the most recent socioeconomic data available from the Census Bureau is available at: http://gis.mtc.ca.gov/samples/Interactive_Maps/cocs.html.¹

- c. **Implementation Plan and Project Management Capacity:** For projects seeking funds to support program operations, applicants must provide a well-defined service operations plan, and describe implementation steps and timelines for carrying out the plan.

For projects seeking funds for capital purposes, applicants must provide an implementation plan, milestones and timelines for completing the project.

Priority should be given to projects that are ready to be implemented in the timeframe that the funding is available.

¹ There is a user's guide available to aid in the use of this tool.

Project sponsors should describe and provide evidence of their organization's ability to provide and manage the proposed project, including experience providing services for low-income persons, and experience as a recipient of state or federal transportation funds. For continuation projects that have previously received Lifeline funding, project sponsor should describe project progress and outcomes.

- d. **Coordination and Program Outreach:** Proposed projects will be evaluated based on their ability to coordinate with other community transportation and/or social service resources. Applicants should clearly identify project stakeholders, and how they will keep stakeholders involved and informed throughout the project. Applicants should also describe how the project will be marketed and promoted to the public.
- e. **Cost-Effectiveness and Performance Indicators:** The project will be evaluated based on the applicant's ability to demonstrate that the project is the most appropriate way in which to address the identified transportation need, and is a cost-effective approach. Applicants must also identify clear, measurable outcome-based performance measures to track the effectiveness of the service in meeting the identified goals. A plan should be provided for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the service, as well as steps to be taken if original goals are not achieved.
- f. **Project Budget/Sustainability:** Applicants must submit a clearly defined project budget, indicating anticipated project expenditures and revenues, including documentation of matching funds. Proposals should address long-term efforts and identify potential funding sources for sustaining the project beyond the grant period.

FILED
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
OAKLAND

2015 MAY 14 AM 10:14

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Approved as to Form and Legality


City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION (1) AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$249,813 TO CONTINUE AN EXISTING PROGRAM PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE WEST OAKLAND BRANCH LIBRARY FOR PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS; AND (2) AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S LIFELINE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to continue an existing program to provide transportation to and from the West Oakland Branch Library for preschool and kindergarten children at the conclusion of the current grant, for a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland desires to qualify for funding from the Lifeline Transportation Program, Cycle 4, described below to continue the West Oakland Branch Library program; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has established a Lifeline Transportation Program to assist in funding projects that 1) are intended to result in improved mobility for low-income residents of the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties, 2) are developed through a collaborative and inclusive planning process and 3) are proposed to address transportation gaps and/or barriers identified through a substantive community-based transportation plan or are otherwise based on a documented assessment of needs; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted principles, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4159, to guide implementation of the Lifeline Transportation, Cycle 4, and has designated the County Congestion Management Agency (or another countywide entity) in each of the nine bay area counties to help with recommending project selections and project administration; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) has been designated by MTC to assist with the Lifeline Transportation Program in Alameda County on behalf of MTC; and

WHEREAS, ACTC conducted a competitive call for projects for the Lifeline Transportation Program in Alameda county; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland/Oakland Public Library (City) submitted a project in response to the competitive call for projects; and

WHEREAS, ACTC has confirmed City's proposed project, described more fully on *Attachment A* to this Resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length, is consistent with the Lifeline Transportation Program goals as set out in MTC Resolution No. 4159; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used for bus service to provide transportation to and from the West Oakland branch library for preschool and kindergarten children for three years, and to pay salary, benefits and central services overhead for one part-time Library Assistant for three years; and

WHEREAS, ACTC, after review, recommends that City's proposed project, be funded in part under the Lifeline Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, the City is not an eligible direct recipient of Lifeline Transportation Program funds therefore the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), a transit operator, will serve as recipient and act as the grantee pass-through agent for the funds; and

WHEREAS, City agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the Lifeline Transportation Program, provide for the required local matching funds in an estimated amount of \$112,959, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4159; and

WHEREAS, City certifies that the project and purpose for which funds are being requested is in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), and with the State Environmental Impact Report Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 1500 et seq.) and if relevant the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et seq. and the applicable regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, there is no legal impediment to City making the funding request; and

WHEREAS, there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of City to deliver the proposed project for which funds are being requested; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That City of Oakland requests that MTC designate funds available under its Lifeline Transportation Program, in the amounts requested for which City is eligible, for the project described above and in *Attachment A* of this Resolution; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That staff of City shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, ACTC, and such other agencies as may be appropriate; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate MTC Lifeline Transportation Program funds from BART to the Library Department in an amount not to exceed \$249,813; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That said funds shall be deposited in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Program Grant Fund (2163); West Oakland Branch Org. (61348); Library Branch Services Program (NB17); in a Project Account to be established; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the use of grant funds in the amount of approximately \$129,000 over 3 years to fund a part-time Library Assistant (0.45 FTE) for the project, as detailed by staff in the report; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator or his designee to execute a pass-through funding agreement with BART to facilitate the acceptance of grant funds; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby authorizes the filing of the application for funding through the MTC's Lifeline Transportation Program, commits the necessary local in-kind match valued at \$112,959, and agrees to complete the project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby appoints the City Administrator or his designee to conduct all negotiations, applications, agreements, and related actions which may be necessary for completion of the aforementioned grant, without returning to Council; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That such agreements shall be approved as to form and legality by the Office of the City Attorney and a copy of the fully executed agreement shall be placed on file in the Office of the City Clerk, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That should additional funds become available, the City Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to accept and appropriate the same for the purposes described above.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

West Oakland Library Transportation Grant

**ATTACHMENT A
Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 4 Projects
CITY OF OAKLAND – OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Total Lifeline Funding	Project Description	Lifeline Transportation Program Funding Amounts					Local Match Amount	Total Project Cost
		1B	STA (1)	JARC	STP			
\$249,813								
\$249,813	A Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library to Promote Literacy	\$	\$249,813	\$	\$	\$249,813	\$112,959	\$362,772
	“A Quicker, Safer Trip to the Library to Promote Literacy” will transport preschool and kindergarten students, teachers and interested parents by bus to the West Oakland Branch Library for storytime and to check out library books. On storytime days, three to four classes and adults will visit the library by bus. Funding is for 3 years of program operations, commencing in 2017, at the end of the current grant.							

(1) State Transit Assistance