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Early Bird Express Bus Service Continuation 2025

PURPOSE:

To extend Board authorization for the General Manager to execute individual agreements with bus operators to provide early morning bus service for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 per year, for a period of up to three years, with the option to execute up to three, one-year extensions, per agreement.

DISCUSSION:

In early 2019, the District enacted a plan to commence revenue operations one hour later at 5:00 AM to extend its overnight maintenance work window by one hour for the Transbay Tube Seismic Retrofit project. Though the Transbay Tube Seismic Retrofit project is now complete, the installation of the Communications Based Train Control (CBTC) system is beginning. This project and other infrastructure renovation projects will realize the benefits from the extended work window, saving the District time and money.

Over the last 5+ years, BART has partnered with regional bus operators to provide a network of bus routes to serve select BART stations in lieu of train service on weekdays between the hours of 4:00 AM and 5:00 AM. The network opened with 15 routes and 58 trips, serving more than 20 stations. The pandemic brought a ridership drop and the bus route network was adjusted to focus on 6 routes with 9 trips serving 16 stations. Currently, BART partners with Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) to provide service.

With Board authority, BART will continue individual agreements with individual bus

operators for specific portions of the overall early morning bus network. The District will continue to reimburse each bus operator for its operating costs net of collected fare revenues from the early morning bus service.

The Office of the General Counsel will approve all agreements as to form prior to execution.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for these agreements and payment of related expenses will come from the budget of the benefiting capital projects. Capital Budget and Funds Management will certify the eligibility of identified eligible Capital funding sources. The Controller/Treasurer will certify availability of such funding prior to incurring project costs against the Agreement. This action is not anticipated to have any fiscal impact on unprogrammed District reserves.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not authorize the General Manager to execute agreements to continue early morning bus services. Without this authorization, the Early Bird Express bus service will be discontinued in February 2025, which will force impacted BART patrons to seek alternate means of transportation during the 4:00 AM to 5:00 AM hour.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following motion.

MOTION:

The General Manager is authorized to execute individual agreements with bus operators to provide early morning bus services for an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 per year, for up to three years. The General Manager is also authorized to exercise up to three, one-year extensions, per agreement.