

# **EXECUTIVE DECISION DOCUMENT**

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Authority to Enter into Agreements for Temporary Bus Bridge Services

## **PURPOSE**:

To obtain Board authorization for the General Manager to enter into agreements with public and/or private bus operators, including but not limited to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) and Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection), to provide temporary bus bridge services (bus bridge) in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000 per day for each day that the District cannot provide complete train service due to planned maintenance projects.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Staff seeks authority to enter into agreements for calendar year 2020 with bus operators including, but not limited to, AC Transit and County Connection, to provide temporary bus transportation services in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000 per day for each day the District is unable to provide complete train service due to a maintenance or track-work project.

For the C25 and A65 interlocking replacement projects, BART seeks to enter into an agreement with AC Transit and County Connection to operate bus bridge service. The first such maintenance project will be the C25 interlocking project near Orinda Station, which will be operated for four weekends in May and June 2020. Bus bridge service for the second project, the A65 interlocking project near Hayward Station, will be operated for five weekends between July and September 2020. Funding for the bus bridge agreement will be identified prior to entering into an agreement and will come from the responsible Department or project budget. While the District expects to utilize only nine weekends for interlocking replacement work, if additional weekends are required for this work, this authorization would expire after fourteen weekends.

Agreements with Public and Private Transportation Providers for Temporary Bus Services and to Pay for Related Bus Bridge Expenses

As a part of this authorization request, staff may also incur additional expenses (i.e. traffic control, permit fees, police services, etc.) to support the implementation of the bus bridge operations. The total amount, not to exceed \$200,000 per day, includes both the temporary bus bridge services and any additional necessary expenses.

The Board's authorization for the General Manager to enter into bus operator agreements and pay for other additional bus bridge expenses will expire December 31, 2020 or after fourteen bus bridge weekends, whichever occurs first. The Office of the General Counsel will approve all negotiated agreements as to form prior to execution.

# **FISCAL IMPACT:**

For expenses that are chargeable to the operating fund (General Fund), funding for these agreements and payment of related expenses will come from the budget of the sponsoring department. For expenses that are chargeable to capital funds, funding for each bus bridge agreement will be identified prior to entering into an agreement and Capital Development and Control will certify the eligibility of identified funding sources. The Controller/Treasurer will certify availability of such funding prior to incurring project costs against the Agreement.

## **ALTERNATIVES:**

To not authorize the General Manager to enter into agreements to establish temporary bus bridge services. Without this authorization, there will be limited funding available to operate bus bridge services during maintenance projects, which will force BART patrons to seek alternate means of transportation.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following motion:

## **MOTION:**

The General Manager is authorized to enter into agreements with public and/or private bus operators and vendors, including but not limited to AC Transit and County Connection, to provide temporary bus transportation services and related support expenses in a total amount not to exceed \$200,000 per day for each day that the District is unable to provide complete train service due to maintenance projects. These authorizations will expire on December 31, 2020 or after fourteen bus bridge weekends, whichever occurs first.