

**March 17, 2021  
NVTB Board of Directors  
Meeting Handouts**

- 1. Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSAA) Letter of Support**
- 2. Thank You Letter to Governor Newsom**
- 3. Caltrans' Update**



March 5, 2021

Commissioner Nick Josefowitz, Chair  
Programming & Allocations Committee  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Bay Area Metro Center  
375 Beale Street, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

Dear Chair Josefowitz:

As agencies representing transit riders throughout the Bay Area, we support the proposed distribution of transit emergency relief funds from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) prepared by MTC Staff, and encourage you to refer the proposal to the Commission for adoption at your meeting on March 10, 2021.

These funds are urgently needed to continue providing transit service to our region's frontline workers and people making essential trips. As you well know, through December 2020, revenues to the region's transit agencies have fallen by more than a billion dollars. The scale of losses to the region's transit agencies has consistently exceeded even the most conservative estimates: when the Commission adopted the Proposed Principles for Redirecting Funding to Transit Operations for Emergency Response in December 2020, it was anticipated that additional revenue losses would be in the \$400-600 million range between January and June 2021. We are now anticipating losses near \$700 million over that period.

The financial outlook beyond fiscal year 2021 will largely depend on the rate and uptake of vaccination, the pace of the economic recovery, and when and how many employees return to working from their offices. This is a time of unprecedented challenges for all of us as we struggle to support those riding the system today and preserve our employment base.

Despite these losses, we remain committed to allocating our limited resources to essential, safe, and reliable transit service for those who need it most, and we appreciate MTC staff's recommendation to distribute 25% of the remaining CRRSAA funds on the basis of current ridership as an equity adjustment. This methodology ensures that the people riding today, who are overwhelmingly low-income and/or people of color, continue to have reliable transit service when they may lack access to other mobility options.

We support the distribution of 75% of the remaining CRRSAA funds on the basis of expected revenue losses from January to June 2021. We remain concerned that there are imbalances in the level of relief some operators are receiving in relation to their total revenue losses since the start of the pandemic, largely due to revenue forecasts that guided the CARES Act distribution that later proved to be imprecise. The purposes of these relief funds, as laid out in the CARES Act and CRRSAA, are to support transit operations and prevent lay-offs and furloughs. And while these

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purposes have generally been met thus far, there are operators in the region who are perilously close to needing to issue lay-off notices if further financial assistance is not made available.

We eagerly anticipate Congress approving the proposed American Rescue Plan Act, which would provide yet more critically needed transit relief funding to the region. In the distribution of relief funds, the needs of the riding public are paramount, and every tool in MTC's toolbox should be wielded to ensure that essential transit service is maintained, that our employment base is prepared to return to work when the pandemic is over, and that transit is here to support the region's recovery long-term. Other considerations, political or otherwise, should be secondary.

With that in mind, we encourage the Commission and its staff to continue work toward:

- Retaining transit employees, paying particular attention to those agencies with the largest and longest lasting drops in revenue
- Addressing crowding on high ridership services
- Retaining essential transit services to minimize the permanent loss of ridership
- Defining and addressing equity
- Resolving the remaining inequities among individual transit agencies in the distribution of relief funds since the beginning of the pandemic

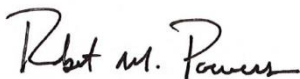
Finally, around the region agencies have implemented significant expense reduction strategies already—hiring freezes, retirement incentives, service span and frequency reduction, and more—but we will not be able to cut our way to fiscal solvency. It is our hope that these cost reduction efforts will also be considered in future distributions.

No one knows what the long-term effects of the pandemic will be on revenues, transit ridership, or driving behaviors. MTC staff has done a commendable job balancing the need to get these funds out to us quickly while striving to ensure the distribution methodology is fair and rational. The proposal before you, while not perfect, strikes a good balance, and it is critically important for all of us that these funds be distributed as quickly as possible. We look forward to continuing to work together to ensure the viability of transit in the Bay Area.

Sincerely,



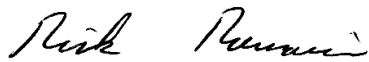
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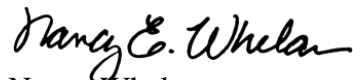
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March 15, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Revised State Guidance on Public Transit Worker Vaccine Eligibility**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the undersigned Bay Area public transportation operators, we would like to thank you for including public transit workers within the state’s revised COVID-19 vaccine distribution guidance. We applaud this decision to prioritize public transit workers for the vaccine and are heartened by the Administration’s recognition of the critical role our employees play in maintaining safe and reliable transit operations.

Since the onset of the pandemic, Bay Area transit systems established health standards and have helped essential workers and transit-dependent riders reach their destinations. Now, we are working hard to ensure vaccine distribution locations are accessible by offering free rides and establishing shuttles to sites for people without a car or those who need mobility assistance. Larger transit systems with parking lots and plazas have also partnered with county officials, health care providers, and community groups to host vaccination sites and free COVID-19 testing. We believe transit-friendly vaccine and testing sites will help provide equitable community access, especially for vulnerable Bay Area populations that have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

Our ability to continue to run reliable service and support the region’s re-opening will depend on keeping a healthy transit workforce. An outbreak within a transit facility or the need to quarantine many employees due to exposure could bring buses and trains to a halt. Hence, vaccinating public transit workers, especially those at high risk for occupational exposure, will help ensure adequate transit service to aid in the Bay Area’s recovery efforts.

Thank you again for reprioritizing public transit workers within the state’s vaccine distribution guidance. Our employees have bravely faced this pandemic for nearly a year, and we appreciate the state’s renewed commitment to protecting their health by availing priority to this life-saving vaccine.

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Sincerely,

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**PROJECT INITIATION REPORT**

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**EA 4AA30**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 128 PM 12.5 in County of Napa**

Scope: Storm Damage Restoration

**EA 4AC80**

**Pavement Rehab; NAPA 29 PM 0.0/7.0 in American Canyon & County of Napa**

Scope: Pavement rehabilitation

**EA 0W750**

**Operational Improvements; NAP-29-PM 28.2 in City of St. Helena**

Scope: Modify intersection at Pope Street

**EA 4AC90**

**Safety; Various Locations in County of Napa**

Scope: Install/ Upgrade Horizontal Alignment Warning Signs

**EA 4AA10**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 121 PM 4.7 in City of Napa**

Scope: Replace Culvert and Reconstruct wingwalls and roadway.

**EA 4Q010**

**PSR/PDS; NAPA 29 PM 0.6/R2.5 in City of American Canyon**

Scope: Multi-Modal Corridor Improvements

**EA 2Q510**

**Pavement Rehab; NAPA 29 PM 42.1/48.6 in County of Napa**

Scope: Pavement rehabilitation

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

**EA 2Q610**

**Pavement Rehab; NAPA 29 PM R7.3/13.5 in County of Napa**

Scope: Pavement rehabilitation.

Cost Estimate: \$23.3M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 01/2022 PS&E: 02/2024 RWC: 04/2024 RTL: 04/2024

**EA 0Q820**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 29 PM 11.6/13.0 in City of Napa**

Scope: Repair Culvert and stabilize the roadway.

Cost Estimate: \$13.4M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 07/2021 PS&E: 05/2022 RWC: 05/2022 RTL: 06/2022

**EA 2K150**

**Bridge Rails; NAPA 29 PM 28.43/29.3 in County of Napa**

Scope: Upgrade / Replace Bridge Rails at Sulphur and York Creeks in St. Helena

Cost Estimate: \$4.2M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 04/2021 (Proceeding with no-build alternative.)

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**EA 4J990**

**Storm Water Quality Improvement; NAPA 29 PM 33.13 in County of Napa**

Scope: Improve water quality and fish passage

Cost Estimate: \$5.1M Construction Capital

Schedule: DED: 12/2/20 PAED: 06/2021 PS&E: 05/2022 RWC: 05/2022 RTL: 06/2022

**EA 2Q260**

**Napa Valley Vine Trail; NAPA 29-PM 33.4/37.9 in County of Napa**

Scope: Construct Class 1 Multiuse Path

Cost Estimate: \$6.1M Construction Capital

Schedule: DED: 6/17/20 PAED: 01/15/21 PS&E: 04/2021 RWC: 04/2021 RTL: 05/2021

**EA 0Q830**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 29 PM 46.1 in County of Napa**

Scope: Construct CIDH segmented pile wall at slipout

Cost Estimate: \$1.3M Construction Capital

Schedule: DED: 10/2021 PAED: 04/2022 PS&E: 08/2023 RWC:10/2023 RTL: 11/2023

**EA 0P730**

**Advance Mitigation; NAPA 29 in County of Napa**

Scope: Roadside Protection and Restoration Program mitigation purchase

Cost Estimate: \$3.7M Funding Contribution

Schedule: PAED:04/2022 RTL: 09/2022

**EA1Q620**

**Pavement Rehab; NAPA 121 PM 4.47/10.7 in City of Napa**

Scope: Pavement repair.

Cost Estimate: \$20.9M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 02/2022 PS&E: 05/2023 RWC: 07/2023 RTL: 08/2023

**EA 4J820**

**Tulucay Creek Bridge Replacement; NAPA 121 PM 5.9 in City of Napa**

Scope: Bridge Replacement

Cost Estimate: \$15.6M Construction Capital

Schedule: DED: 04/2022 PAED: 10/2022 PS&E: 04/2024 RWC: 05/2024 RTL: 05/2024

**EA 0J890**

**5-Way Intersection; NAPA 121-PM 7.3 in City of Napa**

Scope: Intersection Improvement

Cost Estimate: \$7.4M Construction Capital (\$1.9M SHOPP Contribution)

Schedule: DED: 02/2022 PAED: 08/2022 PS&E: 01/2024 RWC: 05/2024 RTL: 05/2024

**EA 0Q790**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 121 PM 13.37/20.73 (5 locations) in County of Napa**

Scope: Construct RSP at five slipout locations.

Cost Estimate: \$4.3M Construction Capital

Schedule: DED: 08/2021 PAED: 11/2022 PS&E: 03/2024 RWC: 05/2024 RTL: 06/2024

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**EA 0Q810**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 121 PM 16.0/16.1 in County of Napa**

Scope: Repair pavement, replace drainage systems and upgrade guardrail.

Cost Estimate: \$1.3M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 11/2021 PS&E: 03/2023 RWC: 05/2023 RTL: 06/2023

**EA 4J830**

**Hopper Slough Creek; NAPA 128 PM 5.1 in County of Napa**

Scope: Bridge Replacement

Cost Estimate: \$7.9M Construction Capital

Schedule: DED: 02/2022 PAED: 05/2022 PS&E: 03/2024 RWC: 04/2024 RTL: 05/2024

**EA 3Q760**

**Rumble Strips; NAPA 29, 121 & 128 Various Locations in County of Napa**

Scope: Construct rumble strips at seven locations.

Cost Estimate: \$3.3M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 12/2021 PS&E: 09/2022 RWC: 10/2022 RTL: 11/2022

**DESIGN**

**EA 0K000**

**ADA Compliance; NAPA 29 PM 0.23/14.6 in County of Napa**

Scope: Upgrade Pedestrian Facilities

Cost Estimate: \$1.0M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 7/1/19 PS&E: 04/2021 RWC: 06/2021 RTL: 06/2021 CCA: 07/2023

**EA 4J410**

**Drainage Improvement; NAPA 29 PM 1.7/5.1 in City of American Canyon**

Scope: Rehabilitate Culverts

Cost Estimate: \$3.3M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 2/4/20 PSE: 04/2021 RWC: 07/2021 RTL: 08/2021 CCA: 09/2022

**EA 28120**

**Soscol Junction Improvement; NAPA 29 PM 5.0/7.1 and NAPA 221 PM 0.0/0.7 in County of Napa**

Scope: Construct New Interchange at SR 221/29/12

Cost Estimate: \$22M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 2/13/20 PSE: 04/2021 RWC: 05/2021 RTL: 06/2021 CCA: 12/2024

**EA 4Q000**

**Construction of Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian under crossing; NAPA 29-PM 11.7 in County of Napa**

Scope: Construction of Class I Bicycle and Pedestrian facility beneath SR-29;

Cost Estimate: \$1,261K Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 06/2/15 PSE: 02/2022 RWC: 02/2022 RTL: 03/2022 CCA: 12/2022

**EA 4J300**

**Pavement Preservation; NAPA 29-PM 29.3/36.9 From York Creek Bridge to Junction Route 128 in Calistoga**

Scope: Roadway/ Pavement preservation (CAPM)

Cost Estimate: \$9.7M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 6/30/20 PS&E: 03/2021 RWC: 05/2021 RTL: 05/2021 CCA: 11/2022

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**EA 2J88U**

**Garnett Creek, Garnett Branch and No-Name Creek: NAPA 29-PM 38.9 / 42.9 in County of Napa**

Scope: Sub-structure rehabilitation and 3 bridges scour mitigation

Cost Estimate: \$5.26M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 2/1/19 PSE: 04/2021 RWC: 05/2021 RTL: 06/2021 CCA: 10/2022

**EA 2K810**

**Anti-Vandalism Measure; NAPA 29 121-PM 11.0/R21.0 in County of Napa**

Scope: Replace Fencing

Cost Estimate: \$3.1M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 6/1/20 PS&E: 12/2021 RWC: 01/2022 RTL: 03/2022 CCA: 10/2024

**EA 4G210**

**Widen Roadway at Huichica Creek; NAPA 121-PM 0.75 in County of Napa**

Scope: Remove existing triple box culverts and replace with a new single span bridge

Cost Estimate: \$8.7M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 4/9/18 PS&E: 11/26/20 RWC: 11/12/20 RTL: 12/8/20 CCA: 12/2024

**EA 4G21A**

**Env. Mitigation at Huichica Creek; NAPA 121-PM 0.75 in County of Napa**

Scope: Environmental mitigation, monitoring and report at Huichica Creek

Cost Estimate: \$1.0M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 4/9/18 PS&E: 03/2022 RWC: 06/2022 RTL: 06/2022 CCA: 12/2027

**EA 1G43A**

**Env. Mitigation at Conn Creek; NAPA 128 PM R7.4 on Silverado Trail in County of Napa**

Scope: Environmental mitigation, monitoring and report at Conn Creek

Cost Estimate: \$0.2M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 10/5/15 PS&E: 05/2021 RWC: 04/2021 RTL: 06/2021 CCA: 12/2026

**EA 0Q690**

**Storm Damage; NAPA 12 PM 2.1/2.6 in County of Napa**

Scope: Construct Rock Slope Protection (RSP) to prevent further slope washout and pavement repair

Cost Estimate: \$1.2M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 12/1/20 PS&E: 04/2022 RWC: 05/2022 RTL: 06/2022 CCA: 12/2024

**EA 0K630**

**Bridge Rails; NAPA 29 PM 16.48/19.04 in County of Napa**

Scope: Upgrade / Replace Bridge Rails

Cost Estimate: \$7.1M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 10/22/20 PS&E: 03/2022 RWC: 04/2022 RTL: 06/2022 CCA: 12/2024

**CONSTRUCTION**

**EA 2J100**

**Construct Roundabouts; NAPA 29-PM 11.36 in City of Napa**

Scope: Cooperative Project to construct a roundabout at northbound First St. Interchange.

Cost Estimate: \$3.8M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 7/18/16 RTL: 5/4/18 AWD:2/27/19 (O.C. Jones & Sons, Inc) CCA: 12/2021

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**EA 3G64A**

**Env. Mitigation & Plant Establishment at Napa River Bridge; NAPA 29 PM 37.0 in City of Calistoga**

Scope: Environmental mitigation at Napa River Bridge

Cost Estimate: \$0.5M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 2/9/15 RTL: 5/29/19 AWD: 5/28/20 (Hanford Applied) CCA: 06/2024

**EA 4J210**

**Capell Creek Bridge; NAPA 121-PM 18.59 in County of Napa**

Scope: Sub-structure rehabilitation and bridge scour mitigation

Cost Estimate: \$1.4M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 7/24/17 RTL: 5/18/20 AWD: 11/2/20 (Ghilotti Const. Inc) CCA: 12/2021

**EA 2J570**

**Capell Creek Storm Damage Repair; NAPA 121-PM 20.5/20.7 in County of Napa**

Scope: Embankment stabilization and culvert repair

Cost Estimate: \$1.48M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 7/24/17 RTL: 6/29/18 AWD: 11/19/18 (Granite Rock Co.) CCA: 11/2021

**EA 1G430**

**Conn Creek Bridge Scour Mitigation; NAPA 128 PM R7.4 on Silverado Trail in County of Napa**

Scope: Replace Bridge at Conn Creek

Cost Estimate: \$7.1M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 10/5/15 RTL: 6/29/18 AWD: 3/29/19 (Ghilotti Construction) CCA: 02/2022

**EA 4G840**

**Capell Creek Bridge; NAPA 128-PM 20.2 in County of Napa**

Scope: Bridge Replacement

Cost Estimate: \$12.1M Construction Capital

Schedule: PAED: 6/16/16 RTL: 6/29/18 AWD: 11/5/18 (Gordon Ball Inc.) CCA: 12/2022

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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