

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-195

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD APPROVING FAIRFIELD AND SUISUN TRANSIT'S PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A 20% FARE DISCOUNT TO ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME ADULT PASSENGERS USING A CLIPPER CARD

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, transit affordability has been highlighted as a regional issue in MTC's Coordinated Plan, Plan Bay Area and other plans; and

WHEREAS, MTC has established the regional framework for the Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Pilot Program to improve transit affordability and access to opportunity for eligible low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted a regional framework for the program, with participating operators, funding guidelines, and program conditions, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4320, Revised, to guide implementation of the Clipper START Pilot Program for the 18-month period spanning Fiscal Year 2020-21 and Fiscal Year 2021-22; and

WHEREAS, MTC used the process and criteria set forth in Attachment A of Resolution No. 4439 to program funds appropriated in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act for the expansion of Clipper START Pilot to operators (Cohort 2) beyond the four (Cohort 1) operators as established in Resolution No. 4420; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) has followed its Board-adopted fare policies and processes to be in compliance with Title VI analysis prior to implementing the Means-Based Fare Program; and

WHEREAS, FAST recommends the Fairfield City Council authorize a resolution of support for FAST to participate in the Regional Means-Based Fare Program (Clipper START), to be funded in part under the Regional Means-Based Fare Program; and

WHEREAS, FAST agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of funds allocated to the Regional Means-Based Fare Program (Clipper START), and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4320, Revised, and MTC Resolution No. 4439, and

WHEREAS, FAST 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 FAST making the funding request; and

WHEREAS, there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of FAST to deliver the proposed project(s) for which funds are being requested; and

WHEREAS, MTC will reimburse participating operators based on Clipper START ridership actual trips taken and MTC will take programming action to establish the maximum amount for each participating operator.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRFIELD HEREBY RESOLVES:

Section 1. Fairfield and Suisun Transit (FAST) requests that MTC program funds available under its Clipper START Pilot Program, in the amounts requested for which FAST is eligible.

Section 2. FAST staff shall forward a copy of this Resolution, and such other information as may be required, to MTC, Solano Transportation Authority, and other agencies as may be appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: PRICE / BERTANI / MOY / TIMM / VACCARO

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK