



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 26, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Authorizing An Allocation Request for Regional Measure 3 Funds For The “Replacement
Electric Bus Purchase - 4 Buses” Project.**

Whereas, SB 595 (Chapter 650, Statutes 2017), commonly referred as Regional Measure 3, identified projects eligible to receive funding under the Regional Measure 3 Expenditure Plan; and

Whereas, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is responsible for funding projects eligible for Regional Measure 3 funds, pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 30914.7(a) and (c); and

Whereas, MTC has established a process whereby eligible transportation project sponsors may submit allocation requests for Regional Measure 3 funding; and

Whereas, allocation requests to MTC must be submitted consistent with procedures and conditions as outlined in Regional Measure 3 Policies and Procedures (MTC Resolution No. 4404); and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority is the sponsor of North Bay Transit Access Improvements in the Regional Measure 3 Expenditure Plan; and

Whereas, the “Replacement Electric Bus Purchase - 4 Buses” project is eligible for consideration in the Regional Measure 3 Expenditure Plan, as identified in California Streets and Highways Code Section 30914.7(a); and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority designated the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit as an entity that is eligible to request Regional Measure 3 funds for the Replacement Electric Bus Purchase – 4 Buses project; and

Whereas, the “Regional Measure 3 Initial Project Report (IPR)” and the “Regional Measure 3 Allocation Request,” attached hereto and incorporated as though set forth herein, lists the project, purpose, schedule, budget, expenditure and cash flow plan for which the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit is requesting that MTC allocate Regional Measure 3 funds.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit accepts the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority designation as implementing agency for the project; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit accepts the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority delegation of responsibility for certifying the project and allocation request(s) comply with the requirements of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s Regional Measure 3 Policies and Procedures; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit, and its agents, shall comply with the provisions of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s Regional Measure 3 Policies and Procedures; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit certifies that the “Electric Bus Purchase - 4 Buses” project is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

Be It Further Resolved that the year of funding for any design, right-of-way and/or construction phases has taken into consideration the time necessary to obtain environmental clearance and permitting approval for the project; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Regional Measure 3 phase or segment is fully funded ; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit approves the Allocation Request and IPR, attached to this Resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit approves the cash flow plan, attached to this resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit has reviewed the project needs and has adequate staffing resources to deliver and complete the project within the schedule set forth in the Allocation Request and IPR, attached to this Resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit is authorized to submit an allocation request for Regional Measure 3 funds for the “Electric Bus Purchase - 4 Buses” project in accordance with California Streets and Highways Code 30914.7(a); and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit certifies that the projects and purposes for which RM3 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 CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) and if relevant the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 USC Section 4-1 et. seq. and the applicable regulations thereunder; and

Be It Further Resolved that there is no legal impediment to the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit making allocation requests for Regional Measure 3 funds; and

Be It Further Resolved that there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the proposed project, or the ability of the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit to deliver such project; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit agrees to comply with the requirements of MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan as set forth in MTC Resolution 3866; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit indemnifies and holds harmless MTC, BATA, and their Commissioners, representatives, agents, and employees from and against all claims, injury, suits, demands, liability, losses, damages, and expenses, whether direct or indirect (including any and all costs and expenses in connection therewith), to the extent incurred by reason of any act or failure to act of the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit, its officers, employees or agents, or subcontractors or any of them in connection with its use of this allocation of RM3 funds. The County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit agrees at its own cost, expense, and risk, to defend any and all claims, actions, suits, or other legal proceedings brought or instituted against MTC, BATA, and their Commissioners, officers, agents, and employees, or any of them, arising out of such act or omission, and to pay and satisfy any resulting judgments. In addition to any other remedy authorized by law, so much of the funding due under this allocation of RM3 funds as shall reasonably be considered necessary by MTC may be retained until disposition has been made of any claim for damages, and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit shall, if there be any revenues or profits from any non-governmental use of RM3-funded property (or project), then those revenues or profits shall be used exclusively for the public transportation services for which the project was initially approved, either for capital improvements or maintenance and operational costs, otherwise the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is entitled to a proportionate share equal to MTC's percentage participation in the project(s); and

Be It Further Resolved that assets purchased with RM3 funds including facilities and equipment shall be used for the public transportation uses intended, and should said facilities and equipment cease to be operated or maintained for their intended public transportation purposes for its useful life, that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) shall be entitled to a present day value refund or credit (at MTC's option) based on MTC's share of the Fair Market Value of the said facilities and equipment at the time the public transportation uses ceased, which shall be paid back to MTC in the same proportion that Regional Measure 3 funds were originally used; and

Be It Further Resolved that the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit shall post on buses at least two signs visible to the public stating that the Project is funded with Regional Measure 3 Toll Revenues; and

Be It Further Resolved that County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit authorizes the Director of Public Infrastructure to execute and submit an allocation request with MTC for Regional Measure 3 funds in the amount of \$3,600,000, for the project, purposes and amounts included in the allocation request attached to this resolution; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Director of Public Infrastructure is hereby delegated authority to make non-substantive changes or minor amendments to the allocation request or IPR as he deems appropriate; and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to MTC in conjunction with the filing of the County of Sonoma - Sonoma County Transit allocation request referenced herein.

Implementing Agency: County of Sonoma – Sonoma County Transit

Sponsor Agency: Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority

Project Title: North Bay Transit Access Improvements

Subproject Title: Electric Bus Purchase - 4 Buses

Supervisors:

Hermosillo

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

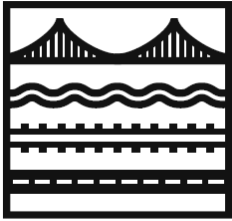
Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.



Regional Measure 3 Allocation Request

RM3 Project Information

Project Number	
Project Title	Replacement Electric Bus Purchase – 4 Buses
Project Funding Amount	\$3,600,000

Subproject Information (if different from overall RM3 project)

Subproject Number	
Subproject Title	
Subproject Funding Amount	

RM3 Allocation History (Add lines as necessary)

	MTC Approval Date	Amount	Phase
#1:			
#2			
#3			

Total: \$

Current Allocation Request:

Request submittal date	Amount	Phase
June 2, 2025	\$3,600,000	

I. RM3 Allocation Request Information

- Describe the current status of the project, including any progress since the last allocation request or IPR update, if applicable.

A price quote for four 40-foot battery electric buses was received from Gillig LLC on May 22, 2025.

- b. **Describe the scope of the allocation request. Provide background and other details as necessary. The scope must be consistent with the RM3 statute. If the scope differs from the most recent IPR for this project, please describe the reason for any changes here; a revised IPR may be necessary.**

Sonoma County Transit will purchase four 40-foot electric buses utilizing a combination of RM3, TIRCP and TDA funding. The four buses will be available for deployment on Sonoma County Transit's intercity routes along the Highway 101 corridor between the cities of Windsor, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati and Petaluma.

- c. **Deliverable segment budget – please fill out attached Excel file. If the budget differs from the most recent IPR for this project, please describe the reason for any changes here; a revised IPR may be necessary.**

RM3 funding will only be used for the rolling stock acquisition segment of the budget.

- d. **Schedule – what is the expected completion date of the phase for this allocation? Describe any significant milestones.**

A price quote for four 40-foot battery electric buses was received from Gillig LLC on May 22, 2025. Assuming award of contract with Gillig LLC by October/November 2025, final delivery of all buses is expected by the end of February 2028.

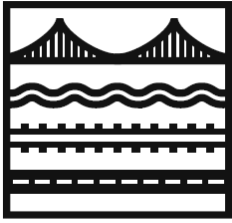
- e. **If the project received an RM3 Letter of No Prejudice, how much has been spent against the approved RM3 LONP amount? (Note: the scope and RM3 amount for this allocation request should match the approved LONP)**

f. Request Details

Amount being requested	\$3,600,000
Project phase being requested	
Are there other fund sources involved in this phase?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of anticipated Implementing Agency Board approval of RM3 Allocation Request resolution for the allocation being requested	August 26, 2025
Month/year being requested for MTC commission approval of allocation	September 24, 2025

Note: Allocation requests are recommended to be submitted to MTC staff for review sixty (60) days prior to action by the Implementing Agency Board

- g. **List any other planned bridge toll allocation requests in the next 12 month.**



Regional Measure 3

Initial Project Report

Project/Subproject Details

Basic Project Information

Project Number	
Project Title	North Bay Transit Access Improvements
RM3 Funding Amount	\$20,000,000

Subproject Information

Subproject Number	
Subproject Title	Replacement Electric Bus Purchase – 4 Buses
RM3 Funding Amount	\$3,600,000

I. Overall Subproject Information

a. Project Sponsor / Co-sponsor(s) / Implementing Agency

Project sponsor is the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities (SCTCA). Sonoma County Transit is the implementing agency.

b. Detailed Project Description *(include definition of deliverable segment if different from overall project/subproject)*

Sonoma County Transit will purchase four 40-foot electric buses utilizing a combination of RM3, TIRCP and TDA funding. The four buses will be available for deployment on Sonoma County Transit's intercity routes along the Highway 101 corridor between the cities of Windsor, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati and Petaluma.

c. Impediments to Project Completion

TIRCP and TDA funding have been secured for this bus purchase project. RM3 funding still needs secured so that Sonoma County Transit can proceed to enter into a contract with a bus manufacturer (Gillig LLC).

d. Risk Management *(describe risk management process for project budget and schedule, levels of contingency and how they were determined, and risk assessment tools used)*



Regional Measure 3 Initial Project Report

Risk management for the project will be through Sonoma County Transit's contract with a bus manufacturer (Gillig LLC), including tools such as liquidated damages and vehicle inspection services.

e. Operability *(describe entities responsible for operating and maintaining project once completed/implemented)*

Sonoma County Transit will be responsible for operating the four 40-foot electric buses and maintaining them at its bus yard in Santa Rosa, California.

f. Project Graphic(s) *(include below or attach)*

II. Project Phase Description and Status

a. Environmental/Planning

Does NEPA apply? Yes ☒ No ☐

A Categorical Exclusion for this project was posted between July 19, 2022 and October 19, 2022.

b. Design

A price quote for four 40-foot battery electric buses was received from Gillig LLC on May 22, 2025.

c. Right-of-Way Activities / Acquisition

Not applicable.

d. Construction / Vehicle Acquisition / Operating

Assuming RM3 funding is allocated to Sonoma County Transit by October 2025, a contract with Gillig LLC would be awarded by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in February 2026. Delivery of the four buses would then be expected by March 2028.

III. Project Schedule

Phase-Milestone	Planned	
	Start Date	Completion Date
Environmental Studies, Preliminary Eng. (ENV / PE / PA&ED)	7/19/22	10/19/22
Final Design - Plans, Specs. & Estimates (PS&E)	2/1/25	5/22/25
Right-of-Way Activities /Acquisition (R/W)	NA	NA
Construction (Begin – Open for Use) / Acquisition (CON)	2/28/26	3/1/28



IV. Project Budget

Capital

Project Budget	Total Amount - Escalated to Year of Expenditure (YOE)- (Thousands)
Environmental Studies & Preliminary Eng (ENV / PE / PA&ED)	
Design - Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)	
Right-of-Way Activities /Acquisition (R/W)	
Construction / Rolling Stock Acquisition (CON)	\$6,072
Total Project Budget (in thousands)	\$6,072

Deliverable Segment Budget (if different from Project Budget)	Total Amount - Escalated to Year of Expenditure (YOE)- (Thousands)
Environmental Studies & Preliminary Eng (ENV / PE / PA&ED)	
Design - Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E)	
Right-of-Way Activities /Acquisition (R/W)	
Construction / Rolling Stock Acquisition (CON)	
Total Project Budget (in thousands)	

Operating	Total Amount - Escalated to Year of Expenditure (YOE)- (Thousands)
Annual Operating Budget	

V. Project Funding

Please provide a detailed funding plan in the Excel portion of the IPR. Use this section for additional detail or narrative as needed and to describe plans for any "To Be Determined" funding sources, including phase and year needed.



VI. Contact/Preparation Information

Contact for Project Sponsor

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