



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: December 5, 2023

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Approving The County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit To Continue Participating In The
Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program
(Clipper START Pilot Program)**

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 Means-Based Transit Fare Program (Clipper START 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 transit operators, funding guidelines, and program conditions, pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 4320, Revised, to guide implementation of the Clipper START Pilot Program through the end of FY 2025; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit agrees to meet project delivery and obligation deadlines, comply with funding conditions placed on the receipt of Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program funding allocated to the Clipper START Pilot Program, and satisfy all other conditions set forth in MTC Resolution No. 4320, Revised, and MTC Resolution No. 4439; and

Whereas, there is no legal impediment to the County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit making a request for Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program funding for the Clipper START Pilot Program; and

Whereas, there is no pending or threatened litigation which might in any way adversely affect the ability of the County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit to participate in the Clipper START Pilot Program; and

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Whereas, MTC will provide funding to the County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit based on Clipper START actual ridership and MTC will take programming action to establish the maximum funding amount for each transit operator participating in the Clipper START Pilot Program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the continued participation of the County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit in the Clipper START Pilot Program and requests that MTC program funding to the County of Sonoma/Sonoma County Transit from the Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Gore: Hopkins: Coursey:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.