



County of Sonoma

State of California

Item Number: _____

Date: November 2, 2021

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Approving Sonoma County Transit's Continued Participation In The Metropolitan
Transportation Commission's Regional Means-Based Transit Fare Program (Clipper START
Pilot Program) through June 30, 2023.**

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 for an 18-month period concluding December 31, 2021; and

Whereas, MTC has requested to extend the program from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 to allow for additional time to evaluate the effectiveness of the program in light of the impacts of the pandemic and operators' restoration of service.

Whereas, 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 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 Sonoma County Transit for 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 Sonoma County Transit to continue its participation in the Clipper START Pilot Program; and

Whereas, MTC will reimburse 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 extended Clipper START Pilot Program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves Sonoma County Transit's continued participation in the Clipper START Pilot Program through June 30, 2023.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.