

**TO:** Board of Directors

**DATE:** January 15, 2021

**FROM:** Rick Ramacier  
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**SUBJECT:** Coronavirus Response and Relief  
Supplemental and Appropriations  
Act of 2021 (CRSAA)

### Background

As reported to both the A&F Committee and the MP&L Committee this month, CRRSAA was enacted by the federal government recently. This Act provides roughly \$14 billion for Covid-19 related relief to public transit. Through a unique mechanism in the bill, each Urbanized Area (UZA) can receive no more than 75% of the reported 2018 transit operating expenses in each UZA to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This is applied to the CARES Act and CRRSSAA funds combined. This is UZA specific, not transit operator specific. So, in the case of an UZA with more than one transit operator, not all transit operators may receive up to 75% before their UZA reaches that percentage.

In the Bay Area, we have 12 UZAs and 24 FTA transit grantees. Thus, this is a bit of puzzle for Bay Area. In the shake out of all of this, five Bay Area operators are not eligible for funding directly from CRRSAA. One of them is County Connection.

However, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is working on developing a method by which every Bay Area operator is provided additional funding towards making up for documented lost revenues due to the pandemic. Thus, County Connection is likely to be provided additional funding of some unknown amount under this effort by MTC. How much will not likely be known until sometime in February at the earliest.

Staff will keep you up-to-date as this process unfolds. Staff was not counting on any additional federal Covid-19 relief funding beyond what we have received in the CARES Act relative to planning for the FY22 operating budget or relative to future fixed route services levels.

### Action Requested

None.