

To: Administration and Finance Committee

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Reviewed by:

Subject: FY2014-15 MTC Transit Performance Initiative Grant

Background:

In October 2012, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) committed \$60 million in regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds to the Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) Incentive Program.

The TPI is a four-year funding program that provides a financial reward to agencies that improve ridership and productivity. In April 2013, MTC adopted a distribution formula that distributes the funds based on the following formula:

- 85% of the annual allocation to the largest seven transit operators and 15% to the remaining transit operators.
- Of the 15% for small operators:
 - 25% is based on annual passenger increase;
 - 25% is based on annual passenger per hour increase; and
 - 50% based on total annual passengers.

Based on the formula above, County Connection has been allocated \$262,207 for FY15 and has \$41,543 leftover from FY13 and FY14 for a total available programming amount of \$303,750. Projects funded from this program are intended to focus on improving ridership and productivity.

For this call for projects staff has identified two projects to seek funding for:

- TRANSITMIX Software Implementation - \$17,851
 - This mapping software package improves public/stakeholder communication by integrating geospatial, demographic, and employment data to convey the impacts of route/service changes while streamlining the route planning workflow by offering live cost calculations as well as scenario comparisons.
- Implementation of Access Improvement Projects - \$285,899
 - This project improves bicycle and pedestrian access to existing bus stops in the Cities of Concord and Pleasant Hill. The

improvements were recommended in the Access Improvement Study and include: installing concrete pads, bringing stops into compliance with ADA, installing/improving shelters, improving lighting and safety, installing wheelchair ramps, etc.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Committee approve use of the FY2015 TPI funds in the amount of \$303,750 to complete the projects listed above. A resolution is required by MTC as part of the grant process and will be included in the Board packet if approved by the committee.

Financial Implications:

A minimum 12% match is required amounting to \$41,430. The local match would be funded with TDA funds.