



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 6, 2021
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk
SUBJECT: **Resolution Urging The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) To Immediately Program \$1.67 Billion In American Rescue Plan (ARP) Transit Funds For Use In Restoring Bay Area Transit Service And For Immediate Use**

RECOMMENDATION

This report offers the City Council the opportunity to consider adoption of the above-entitled resolution.

BACKGROUND

At the June 15, 2021, regular City Council meeting, Council Member Bauters requested and received majority support that an item be added to an upcoming City Council meeting agenda for the City Council to consider adopting a Resolution urging the MTC to immediately program \$1.67 Billion in ARP Transit Funds for use in restoring Bay Transit Service.

DISCUSSION

Bay Area public transit agencies are lagging behind other agencies in the U.S. and the rest of the state in restoring transit service to pre-pandemic levels, and the economic impacts from the pandemic have been severe. Congress has apportioned to Bay Area transit agencies a generous stimulus package of \$1.67 billion dollars to hire workers and restore service, but MTC is not planning to program these funds until late July, after agencies adopt fiscal year 2021-2022 budgets, resulting in an inability by transit agencies to factor the ARP funds into next year's budget.

MTC has stated that it is prioritizing saving those funds for future years rather than restoring service to pre-pandemic levels by the end of fiscal year 2021-2022. It is crucial that the transit agencies have the ability to budget these funds now in order to plan to hire workers, fund operations, and restore service in the fiscal year that begins this July 1st.

It is important for MTC to program (or make a fund estimate of) ARP funds immediately, so that they can be put to immediate use in restoring service and creating jobs; and we urge MTC to prioritize the ARP funds for immediate use.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no direct fiscal impacts to the City from the adoption of this Resolution.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

This item was requested by Council Member Bauters at the June 15, 2021 meeting

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Whether to adopt the Resolution is at the Council's discretion.

PREPARED BY: Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Resolution