

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Approval of the FY 2008-09 Allocation for the Measure C Bus Transit Improvement Program. Authority Resolution No. 08-04-G.</b>
<b>Summary of Issues</b>	<p>The total annual Measure C Bus Transit Improvement Program funding is established at 4.9% of sales tax revenues. The annual allocation for the Bus Transit Program is developed collaboratively with representatives of the affected bus transit operators in Contra Costa: AC Transit, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCAT.</p> <p>Annual Bus Transit allocations are based on projected sales tax revenues in the original Authority budget.</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	Staff recommends that the Authority approve Resolution 08-04-G, the allocation of Bus Transit Improvement Program funds for FY 2008-09.
<b>Financial Implications</b>	The FY 2008-09 allocation includes: \$2,393,775 to operators and \$15,450 for program/legal costs. The allocation also settles a projected negative program balance of \$178,775 anticipated at the end of FY 2007-08. Program reserves are projected to be 125,988 at year-end (FY 08-09).
<b>Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not approve the allocation at this time;</li> <li>• Direct staff to investigate other allocation options.</li> </ul>
<b>Attachments (See PC Packet, dated June 4, 2008)</b>	A. Resolution No. 08-04-G, including Exhibit 1, FY 2008-09 Measure C Bus Transit Improvement Program allocation
<b>Changes from Committee</b>	<i>None</i>

### Background

Consistent with Measure C, the Authority adopted a policy to annually allocate the 4.9 % of sales tax revenues to the Bus Transit Improvement Program. These funds are used as funding for specific bus transit routes.

Measure C directs Authority staff to, together with the Bus Transit Coordinating Council (BTCC), develop a list of services to be funded with the Measure C allocation. The BTCC is comprised of representatives of each of Contra Costa’s bus transit operators – AC Transit, County Connection, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCAT. The relative share of the Bus Transit program funds to each operator has stayed constant over time. Operator representatives review the productivity of existing services, and with Authority staff, work cooperatively to determine the routes and service levels to support with Measure C funding.

### Allocation of Bus Transit Program Investment Funds to Specific Routes and Programs

The Measure C bus transit program (Section 5.C.3 of Ordinance 88-01) was to emphasize:

- a. transit services designed to improve regional . . . travel and coordination among eligible transit operators to strengthen the linkages between transit service areas and linkages to rail stations in the county;
- b. transit services along major commute corridors . . .
- c. transit services to assist in alleviating traffic congestion during major highway construction projects; and
- d. transit services that focus on linkages between residential areas and job centers

The FY 2008-09 allocation would largely continue the allocation to specific services of prior years, including the AC Transit Routes 70, 71, and 376, the I-80 express bus and a youth bus pass program; the County Connection ACE Shuttle, Routes 930, 109, 116, and 118, matching funds for the LIFT Grant and the Dougherty Valley Demonstration Project; Tri Delta Transit Routes 200 and 300 and joint funding with County Connection for Route 930; and WestCAT Route 30Z and C3.

Included in the allocation to County Connection is a fund exchange of Lifeline Transportation Program funding to support the County Connection's Monument Community Shuttle project – Authority approved MOU March 21, 2007.

The proposed allocation providing \$2,393,775 to the bus operators represents funding only through March 31, 2009 which is the end of Measure C. Staff will return to you in FY 2008-09 for the first Measure J allocation in this program.

The FY 2008-09 Measure C Bus Transit program allocation includes a \$15,450 reduction to support Authority staff time associated with administration of the Bus Transit Program. The FY 2008-09 allocation also considers lower FY 2007-08 sales tax revenues than were anticipated when the 2007-08 allocations were calculated. Current projections of FY 2007-08 sales tax revenues will likely leave a negative program balance of approximately \$178,775 at year end FY 2007-08. The current allocation has been reduced to settle the negative program balance.

### **Reserve**

In addition to settling the projected negative balance at the end of FY 2007-08, the proposed allocation will withhold 5% (\$125,988) of the current projected allocation into a reserve until FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 are settled. Because this is the last funding year for Measure C the reserve is being held to offset differences in revenue projections and actual revenues. Once FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09 actual revenues are known, the program will be reconciled and any remaining funds will be allocated to the existing operators using the Measure C formula.

### **Recommendation**

Exhibit 1 shows the resulting specific allocation of the FY 2008-09 Measure C Bus Transit Improvement Program (4.9% of projected sales tax revenues) to individual bus transit operators and routes. Program reserves have been established at the five percent (5%) level.

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 08-04-G, including Exhibit 1.