
Authority Board **STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

Subject	Allocation of Contra Costa County Measure X Funds to Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (ECCTA) for the East County Means-Based Fare Pilot (Pilot)
Summary of Issues	Staff seeks authorization to allocate Contra Costa County Measure X Funds to ECCTA for the purchase of paratransit tickets to support the Pilot.
Recommendations	Staff seeks approval of Resolution 23-14-G to allocate Contra Costa County Measure X funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000 in Fiscal Year 2022-23 to ECCTA for the cost of the Paratransit Program tickets for the Pilot.
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Financial Implications	On January 18, 2023, the Authority Board approved the allocation of \$100,000 in Measure X funds to support the Pilot and there are sufficient funds for this request.
Options	The Authority Board could choose not to approve the resolution. This would delay the implementation of the Pilot.
Attachments	A. Resolution 23-14-G
Changes from Committee	N/A

Background

To help guide the implementation of the Accessible Transportation Strategic Plan (ATSP), the Authority established the ATSP Task Force (TF). One of the recommendations set forth by the ATSP TF was to identify programs for short-term implementation.

A “Means-Based Fare Subsidy” strategy was included as a short-term initiative in the implementation plan section of the ATSP. At the January 18, 2023 meeting, the Authority authorized staff to proceed with the Pilot. ECCTA, also referred to as Tri Delta Transit, is a partner in implementing the Pilot. The Pilot will provide ten (10) free one-way ride tickets per month to Tri Delta Transit Paratransit Program customers who meet the income criteria. People with disabilities currently registered with Tri Delta Transit’s Paratransit Program who meet extremely low-income criteria would qualify to receive the free tickets, valued at \$27.50 per month for up to six months.

The Authority will need to purchase the Paratransit Program tickets from Tri Delta Transit and the Authority’s contractor will mail them to eligible customers. Based on the number of the Tri Delta Transit Paratransit Program customers and the income level of the service area, it was estimated that the total cost of fare subsidy would be approximately \$75,000.

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