

#### Presentations for July 17, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting



#### **Item 11: Regional Measure 3 Five-Year Operating Plan**

# RM3 5-year Operating Plan

July 13, 2023

#### Regional Measure 3 Overview

- \$300M in capital funding to support expansion and enhancement projects
- 16% of revenue reserved for Operations for: Express Bus, Transbay, WETA
  - WETA receives 58% of RM3 Operating Revenue, not to exceed \$35M
  - Stepped allocation with \$35M max allotment starting Year 5
- Unused operating revenue can be carried over to reserve fund for flexible use in future years
- Legislation requires preparation of 5-year Operating Plan (5YOP) to execute Operating Agreement with MTC to receive funds
- WETA adopts Performance Measures deemed appropriate by WETA in consultation with MTC

### Five-year RM3 Operating Plan (5YOP) – Key Assumptions

#### WETA

- Base year: adopted FY24 WETA Budget
- Pandemic Recovery Plan continuation
- Existing and Expansion Network consistent with SRTP
- Expansion projects pushed out 1 year
- Pilot projects
- Electrification

#### MTC

- Operating funds for FY24-28
- \$35M begins in FY26, not Year 5
- Initial carryover balance of \$60M
- Future operating funds dependent on tolling, traffic levels
- "Placeholder" operating performance measures for both Express Bus and WETA

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RM3 Operating Reserve	\$60,047,971	\$72,957,763	\$72,957,763	\$77,885,190	\$80,816,576

#### 5YOP – Key Assumptions

- Ridership increases 3-5% annually
- Operating expenses increase 3% annually
- Mission Bay, Treasure Island, Berkeley open during Plan Period
- No service enhancements to existing service planned beyond pilot program and electrification
- Electrification cost savings potential up to 20% of operating expenses by route

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- \$21.7M available in RM3 Operating revenue, \$12.9M unused and goes to reserve

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- First year without COVID Relief operating assistance
- \$28M available in RM3 Operating revenue, \$0 transferred to reserve

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- First year full \$35M in RM3 Operating is available
- \$4.9M transferred to reserve
- Pilot program is fully funded at \$4.5M
- Oakland/Alameda and Seaplane Lagoon terminals electrified

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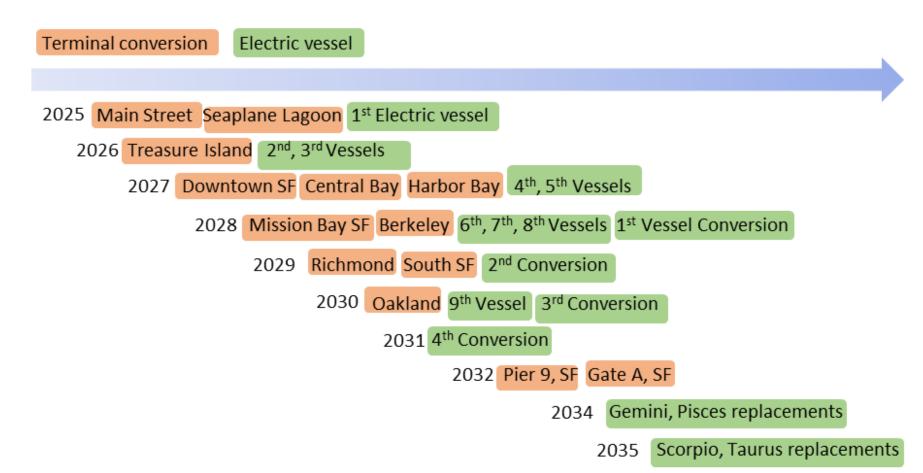
- Treasure Island, Mission Bay (SF REEF) service begins
- \$2.9M transferred to reserve
- Downtown SF, Harbor Bay terminals + Central Bay facility electrified
- 5 electric vessels in WETA fleet

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- Berkeley service opens
- \$1.2M transferred to reserve
- First diesel-electric vessel conversion
- 9 electric vessels in WETA fleet

#### Electrification

#### Figure 1.0 WETA Battery-electric Ferry Improvement Program

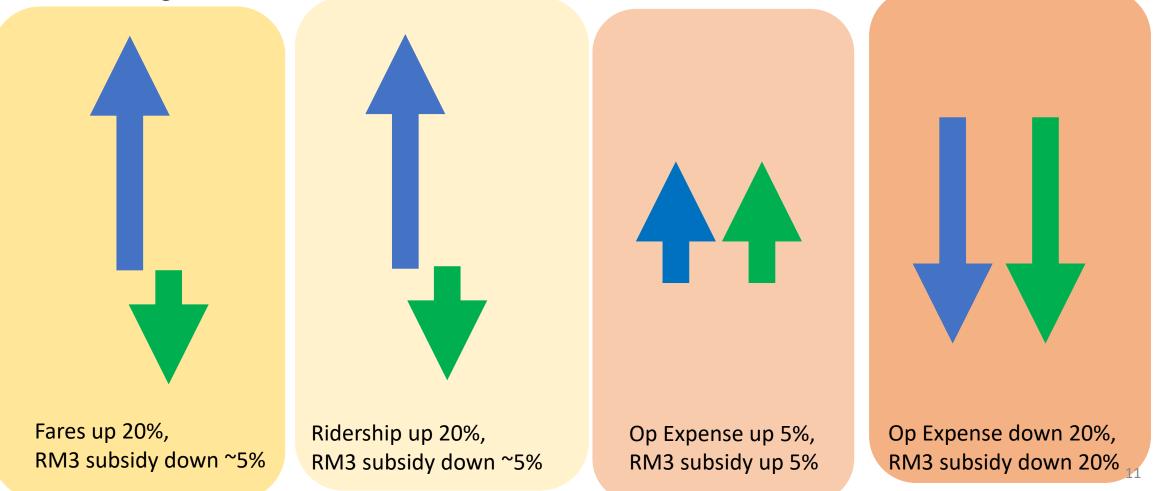


# Fare, Ridership, Cost Impacts

In years 6-10 of RM3 program, WETA will face operating shortfalls.

Without a new funding source, what are conceptual options for balancing budget?

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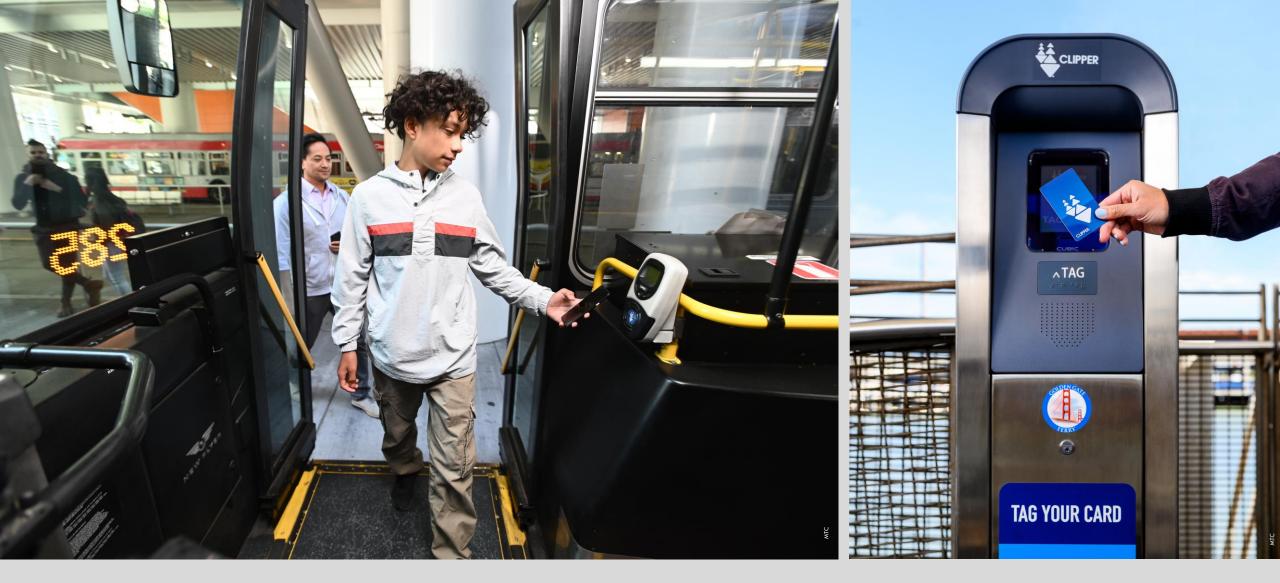


#### Next Steps

- 5YOP updated annually
- Submit to MTC
- Develop performance measures for "permanent" RM3 program
- Future adjustments based on progress of capital program
- Explore future funding sources



#### Item 12: Update on Pilot Institutional Pass Program



#### Clipper BayPass Update July 13, 2023



#### Fare Coordination has a role in Restoring Ridership and Improving Rider Experience

#### **Customer Value**

Current fare policies can lead to a disconnect between the fare charged and the value a customer places on their trip.





Current fare products, passes, payment technologies, and payment experiences may not be legible.

Key Issues

Current fares may not consistently meet the needs of Equity Priority Communities.

Equity



Current fares may not optimize the ridership and benefits of proposed transportation investments.



#### Bay Area Fare Coordination and Integration Study

Draft Business Case Summary





#### **Clipper BayPass**



Unlimited regional transit pass for rides on all bus, rail and ferry services in the Bay Area anytime, anywhere



Phase 1: Pilot with University Students and Affordable Housing Residents Launched 2022

Phase 2: Pilot with Employers, Transportation Management Associations and Property Managers Launching 2023



# **Clipper BayPass Objectives**





#### **Objectives:**

- Understand how an all-agency transit pass may better meet the needs of transit riders
- Understand how an all-agency transit pass may increase transit ridership and support regional climate change and sustainability goals
- Evaluate pilot impacts to inform a permanent program





### Clipper BayPass - Phase 1



- 50,000 students and residents across the Bay Area invited to participate
- Launched August 2022 at four universities/colleges
- Launching at 12 MidPen Housing properties in October 2022

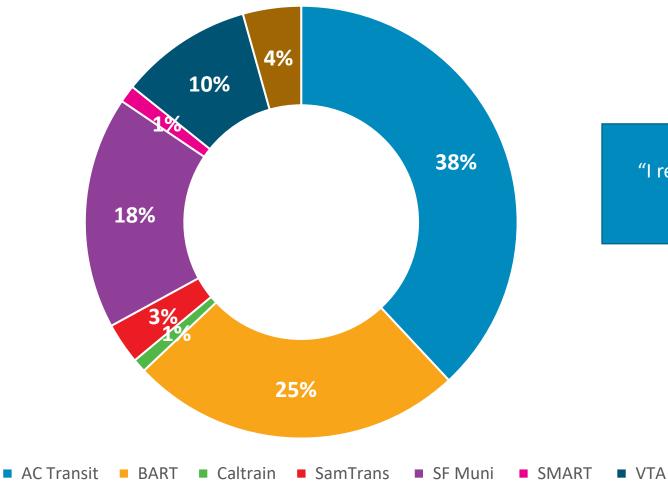




# More than 2 Million Trips Taken (Phase 1)



BayPass Trips by Operator



"I can go from school to work to my home without having to worry about refilling my Clipper and counting how much money I've spent on it."

"I really like how convenient it is to have all the public transportation options in one card."

Other

"I love the Clipper BayPass. It makes commuting so much easier and more convenient than using a regular Clipper card."

Clipper BayPass Pilot Tips – Preliminary Data 8/15/2022 to 6/8/2023

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#### Student Feedback on Clipper BayPass





"The BayPass helps me not worry about the cost and where I'm going. If I want to go somewhere, I can go."

- San Jose State University Student

"I use it everyday pretty much. I hop on the bus to get to the train and from the train to the bus again. It's wonderful. I'm back to watching the beautiful landscape here in Sonoma County on the train."

- Santa Rosa Junior College Student



### Administrator Feedback on Clipper BayPass





*"Clipper BayPass is essential for our students as we think about the future of our university.* In order for our students to be able to navigate a close commute or a commute across the entire Bay Area, they need access to viable and efficient transportation. This was one of the easiest decisions that I had to make."

Patrick Day San Jose State University Vice President of Student Affairs



# Student Survey Highlights



"I can go from school to work to my home without having to worry about refilling my Clipper and counting how much money I've spent on it."

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#### Phase 1 Video Testimonials







https://mtc.ca.gov/news/clipperr-baypass-makes-case-fare-coordination

#### Phase 2 – Employer Pass Goals



Phase 2 of the BayPass program will pilot an unlimited regional transit pass covering all operators

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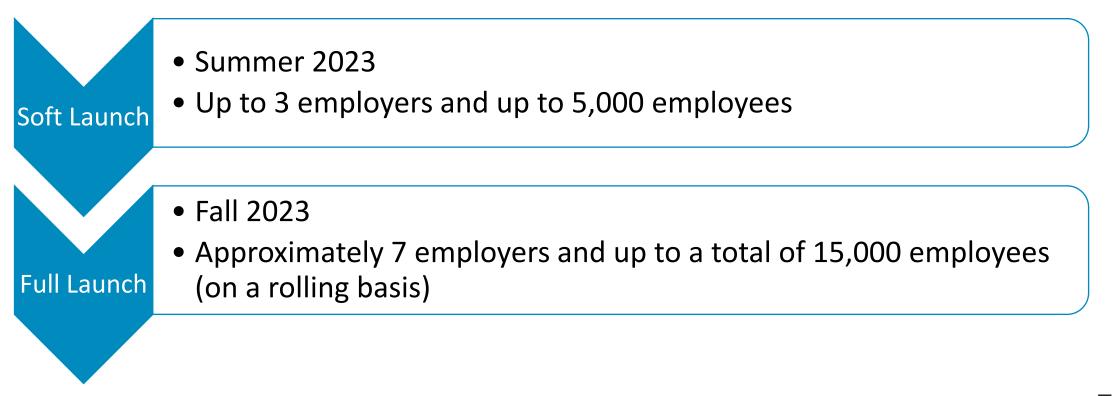
- 1. Increase regional transit ridership and improve passenger experience
- 2. Evaluate the impacts of an all-agency institutional pass on behavior
- 3. Expand into new models of funding to support transit operator financial sustainability
- 4. Reduce cost-burden for transit-dependent communities and serve a broader set of employers beyond traditional office workers
- 5. Support region's climate change and sustainability goals with reduced VMT



#### Approach and Timeline to Launch



Managing Risk and Implementation with a phased approach and limited scale pilot for up to 10 employers and a total of up to 20,000 employees





#### Milestones for Launching Employer Pass Pilot Say Bay Pass Transit operators secure consent (if needed) for soft launch Sign contracts with first Release Soft Launch Year 1 Full pilot launch begins on few employers for soft Evaluation rolling basis launch Fall 2024 Late 2023 **Summer 2023** Late Summer / Spring 2024 Early Fall 2023 Soft launch with first few Continued employer employers on a rolling enrollment for full launch basis Secure Participation Agreement from all METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION **Operators for Full launch** 12 COMMISSION

Thank you!





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