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**DATE:** June 5, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Altamont Commuter Express Baseline Service Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-16

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve (1) the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Baseline Service Plan for FY 2015-16; and (2) the delegation of the approval of future plan submittals to the Executive Director, or designee of the Executive Director.

## Summary

The Cooperative Service Agreement (CSA) for the operation of the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) service between the Alameda CTC, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) calls for SJRRRC staff to prepare an annual report on the operation of the ACE service and to identify the funding needs for the coming fiscal year. The updated ACE Baseline Service Plan (BSP), details the proposed services and corresponding budget required for FY 2015-16.

Alameda CTC's contribution for the annual operating budget is \$2,911,000 and will be funded by Measure B and Measure BB Direct Local Distribution (DLD) funds. The estimated new funding need for capital projects is \$3,773,836 and is proposed to be funded from a combination of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) State Transit Assistance (STA) funds for Alameda County, Proposition 1B Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account (PTMISEA) funds, Proposition 1B Transit Security funds, Measure B and Measure BB funds.

The FY 2015-16 BSP update meets the requirements of the CSA and is recommended for approval. All Alameda CTC funds identified for expenditure in the current BSP and future BSP submittals are subject to Commission approval through independent project and program allocation actions. Due to the administrative nature of the BSP document, it is also recommended that the Commission delegate the approval of future BSP documents to the Executive Director of the Alameda CTC, or designee of the Executive Director.

## Background

In compliance with the requirements of the CSA, SJRRRC submitted the annual update to the BSP as the basis for renewal of the CSA. The FY 2015-16 BSP, included as Attachment A, incorporates Alameda CTC's staff comments and is summarized as follows:

Operations and Maintenance:

Alameda CTC's baseline service contribution in FY 2014-15 was \$2,197,818 and is estimated to increase in FY 2015-16 to \$2,241,555. The increase over last year's amount is based on an adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 1.99% for FY 2015-16. On October 1, 2012, ACE provided expanded services through a fourth train service. SJRRC is requesting \$669,445 for FY 2015-16, which represents about one-third of the operating subsidy of the fourth train. Alameda CTC's total contribution for the operating budget is \$2,911,000 and will be funded by Measure B and Measure BB DLD funds.

Capital Projects:

Five projects have been identified with funding needs beginning in FY 2015-16 as follows:

1. Capital Spares/Upgrades
2. UPRR Capital Access Fee
3. Positive Train Control
4. Wayside Horns (Sunol Crossings)
5. Platform Extensions (at Vasco Road Downtown Livermore and Pleasanton Stations)

The estimated new funding need for capital projects is \$3,773,836 and is proposed to be funded as follows:

MTC STA funds for Alameda County	\$ 292,998
PTMISEA	\$ 4,700
Transit Security (FY 15-16 –projected)	\$ 38,826
Altamont Rail Measure B/BB Projected Reserves	\$ 3,100,000
<u>Measure B Capital Projects</u>	<u>\$ 337,312</u>
Total	\$ 3,773,836

In FY 2014-15, project close out was performed on four projects resulting in a combined unexpended allocation of \$447,963. These previously allocated funds will be made available to new projects identified in the BSP once external funds have been exhausted.

Specific to Alameda CTC funding, the BSP delineates the annual amounts that may be used for specific ACE services in Alameda County. These annual amounts are subject to limits approved by the Commission through independent project and program allocation actions. The proposed delegation would authorize the Executive Director, or designee of the Executive Director, to take the following actions related to the BSP: (1) the review and approval of future BSP submittals by the SJRRC; and (2) the negotiation and execution of any agreement, or agreements, and any amendments to existing agreements necessary to reflect the approval of the BSP. The recommended delegation for approval of the BSP

and associated agreements would streamline the involvement of Alameda CTC in matters related to ACE.

**Fiscal Impact:** Approval of the BSP will allow for the encumbrance and subsequent expenditure of allocated PTMISEA funds, Proposition 1B Transit Security funds and Measure B funds made available for ACE services and capital projects.

**Attachments:**

- A. ACE FY 2015-16 Baseline Service Plan

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