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ACTION CALENDAR

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Subject: STOP THE BUS CUTS – TRANSFER BRT CAPITAL \$ INTO OPERATING FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION

Send a letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and AC Transit requesting that they do everything possible, legally and operationally, to transfer funds to prevent cuts.

BACKGROUND

Rick Fernandez, General Manager of AC Transit has proposed a possible way to stop many of the proposed bus service cuts. This could reduce half of the cuts for up to a six year period, if it is negotiated with MTC. It involves moving \$35 million in CMAQ funds and \$45.6 Million in RM2 funds from the BRT Capital funds into operating funds to avoid service reductions.

If the funds are not transferred, AC Transit will be forced to consider deep cuts, amounting to approximately 15% of the current operated service. If funds are not shifted, implementation of proposed cuts to service will begin in January 2010.

Thus, in an effort to prevent drastic cuts to transit service, Berkeley should request AC Transit and MTC to use this practical real world way of shifting \$80.6 million from BRT to operating funds.

These elected officials support a request to MTC to transfer \$35 million in CMAQ funds and \$45.6 Million in RM2 funds from BRT Capital funds to operating funds to minimize service reductions:

Berkeley Council Members Kriss Worthington, Darryl Moore, Linda Maio, Gordon Wozniak

Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley

Oakland Council Members Rebecca Kaplan, and Larry Reid

San Leandro Mayor Tony Santos and Vice Mayor Joyce Starosciak

Alameda Mayor Beverly Johnson

Union City Mayor Mark Green

Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman
Hayward Council Member Olden Hanson

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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