

**TO:** WCCTAC Board

**MEETING DATE:** July 12, 2019

**FR:** John Nemeth, Executive Director

**RE:** **Richmond Weekend Service Pilot Program**

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**REQUESTED ACTION**

Recommend to CCTA that it use Measure J 22b funds to implement a pilot weekend ferry service for the Richmond Ferry.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Water Emergency Transit Authority (WETA) has requested Measure J Program 22b funds to pilot weekend service between Richmond and San Francisco this summer and fall. The proposed funding amount of \$238,400 was included in CCTA’s funding Resolution 19-32-G. CCTA is looking to WCCTAC for concurrence on the expenditure of Measure J funds for this purpose.

WETA began operating the Richmond-San Francisco service on January 10, 2019. To date, service has exceeded projected ridership. According to WETA, in Richmond the single most requested additional service is weekend service. WETA proposed a pilot weekend service beginning in August 2019 and continuing through October 2019. The additional cost of operating this service is projected at \$238,400. The proposed schedule is show below:

**WEEKENDS TO SAN FRANCISCO**

DEPART RICHMOND	ARRIVE SF FERRY BUILDING
9:00 A.M.	10:05 A.M.
11:00 A.M.	11:35 A.M.
12:30 P.M.	1:05 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	5:25 P.M.
6:45 P.M.	7:20 P.M.

**WEEKENDS FROM SAN FRANCISCO**

DEPART SF FERRY BUILDING	ARRIVE RICHMOND
10:15 A.M.	10:50 A.M.
11:45 A.M.	12:20 P.M.
4:00 P.M.	4:35 P.M.
6:00 P.M.	6:35 P.M.
8:00 P.M.	8:55 P.M.

Continuation of weekend service beyond the end of this pilot has not yet been determined. WETA, working with WCCTAC and CCTA will evaluate outcomes from this first pilot. If the pilot is successful, and weekend service continues in the future, staff proposes using Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funds for the ongoing summer operations, assuming they become available.