



**ITEM ID:** 2025-184-0

**TRANSMITTAL DATE:** May 16, 2025

**MEETING DATE:** May 23, 2025

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Paul Hubler, Chief Strategy Officer

**SUBJECT:** State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program Resolution

### **Issue**

The State of California's State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program requires that the Board adopt a resolution, provide required certifications and assurances, and delegate authority for execution of any actions necessary under this grant in order to receive SRA funds.

### **Recommendation**

Audit and Finance Committee recommended (3-0) that the Board approve Resolution No. 25-146 Authorization for the Execution of the Resolution, Certifications and Assurances, and Authorized Agent Forms for the State Rail Assistance (SRA) Program to support the Mobility-4-All program.

### **Strategic Commitment**

This report aligns with the Strategic Business Plan commitments of:

- **Customers Are Our Business:** We respect and value our customers, putting them at the heart of all we do, and work hard to attract and retain new customers by understanding their needs and finding new and innovative ways to delight them. The Mobility-4-All program makes the option of transit more accessible and affordable to California Electronic Benefit Discount (EBT) cardholders.
- **Advancing Key Regional Goals:** We will grow the role of regional rail in addressing climate change, air quality, and other pressing issues by advancing toward zero emissions, making rail a compelling alternative to single-occupant automobiles and advancing equity-focused opportunities for all communities throughout Southern

California. The Mobility-4-All program encourages new and continued ridership focused on serving low-income households and disadvantaged communities, addressing both emissions reduction and equity.

## **Background**

Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, created the State Rail Assistance Program by directing a portion of new revenue specifically to intercity rail and commuter rail. Similar to the State Transit Assistance program, SRA funds may be used for rail operations and capital improvements.

Metrolink has been receiving SRA funds since the program's inception in 2017 and has used funding to support the Rail Yard Rehabilitation and Modernization (RYRM) project at Los Angeles Union Station.

This request to utilize \$1.15 million SRA funds will support continuation of the Mobility-4-All program through June 30, 2026 or until funding is exhausted. The program aims to further equity on the system and grow ridership.

## **Discussion**

Staff will administer the Mobility-4-All program and continue to market the program to increase ridership. The goals of the program align with the Board-adopted Fare Policy Goals and Guiding Principles to:

1. Recover and grow ridership
2. Enable financial sustainability
3. Ensure Equity Use
4. Enhance the customer experience

The program will also promote sustainability by reducing the environmental impact of transportation.

Use of SRA funds will help offset operating costs associated with offering the 50% discounted fares. This project will be continued subject to the California State Transportation Agency's (CalSTA's) approval of our proposal.

By approving Resolution 25-146, the Board will:

- Authorize the submittal of the project nomination and allocation request to CalSTA for SRA funds to continue the Mobility-4-All program, allowing eligible
- California EBT cardholders 50% off travel throughout the Metrolink service area until the funds are exhausted.
- Agree to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances and the Authorized Agent documents and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all SRA funded transit projects.
- Authorize CEO Darren M. Kettle, CSO Paul Hbler, and Interim CFO Tom Schamber to execute all required documents of the SRA program.

## **Budget Impact**

There is no budget impact as a result of this report.

## **Next Steps**

Staff will execute all agreements necessary to receive SRA funds for the Mobility-4-All program.

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## **Attachment(s)**

[Attachment A - Board Resolution No. 25-146](#)

[Attachment B - Certifications and Assurances](#)

[Attachment C - Authorized Agent Form](#)