

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

December 13, 2023

Agenda Item 2g - 23-1419

MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised; 4202, Revised; and 4505, Revised

Subject:

Various revisions to the One Bay Area Grant programs (OBAG 2 and 3) and MTC exchange program, including reprogramming \$4.9 million within the OBAG 3 Regional and County and Local Programs as part of a fund source exchange for the San Francisco County Transportation Authority's (SFCTA's) Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Path and reprogramming \$2.7 million to two projects within the OBAG 2 Solano County Program.

Background:

The OBAG 2 and 3 programs adopted by the Commission establish the policy and programming framework for investing federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program (CMAQ) funds for FY 2017-18 through FY 2025-26.

To provide greater flexibility to deliver select priority projects within the broader OBAG framework, MTC has entered into agreements, on occasion, to exchange federal STP/CMAQ funds with non-federal local funds. These exchanges do not increase the total amount of funds available to the region but enable MTC to support key investments within the OBAG policy framework that are ineligible for federal STP/CMAQ funds. MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised, describes the procedures governing MTC's exchange program and details the agreements and commitments that have been made to date.

This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG and MTC exchange programs as described below.

OBAG 2 Program (MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised)

Staff recommend the following reprogramming actions to support timely delivery of OBAG 2 funds within the current, final fiscal year of the program:

- Reprogram \$2,731,000 in Solano County Program funds from Benicia's Park Road Improvements Project to Fairfield's East Tabor Tolenas Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Gap Closure project, as recommended by the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). Benicia relinquished the Park Road award and abandoned the project due to insufficient funds to meet construction bids.

- Reprogram \$500,000 in Marin County Priority Conservation Area (PCA) Program funds from the National Park Service's Fort Baker Vista Point Trail project to Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit's (SMART's) SMART Pathway, Great Redwood Trail to Novato segment, as recommended by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM). The National Park Service identified alternative internal funding for the Fort Baker project.
- Reprogram \$250,000 in Solano County Program funds from Vacaville's Vaca Valley/ I-505 Roundabouts projects to the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Improvements at Fruitvale Road, Briarwood Drive, and Arlene Drive, as recommended by STA. The City has a funding shortfall on the Vaca Valley project but is actively pursuing additional federal and state funding to complete the funding plan.

OBAG 3 Program (MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised)

In addition, staff recommend the following revisions to the OBAG 3 program:

- Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Path Funding Exchange: reprogram a total of \$4.9 million in OBAG 3 funds to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) for Light Rail Vehicles to support delivery of the multi-use path and related prerequisite roadway improvements on Yerba Buena Island, as part of a funding exchange recommended by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA). This action would free up local funds from SFMTA's project for SFCTA to use in roadway improvements related to the Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use path, part of MTC's Bay Skyway project. The proposed exchange involves the following programming actions:
 - Reprogram \$4.1 million in Regional Complete Streets and Community Choice funds and \$750,000 in County & Local Program funds from SFCTA's Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Path project to SFCTA's Light Rail Vehicles.
 - Revise the project names to reflect that existing and revised programming is part of a local fund exchange that will support the Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Path and related roadway improvements.
- Regional Carpool/Vanpool: reprogram \$2.2 million in County & Local Program funds from Bay Area Rapid Transit's (BART's) Elevator Modernization project to MTC for Carpool/Vanpool as part of a funding exchange, allowing MTC to continue the Regional Vanpool Program without being subject to the administrative requirements of FTA-funded transit operators that would be triggered if MTC obligated FTA funds on the

project. Similar to the previous exchange between these two projects approved by the Commission in January 2023, this exchange includes providing an equal amount in FTA 5307 funds from MTC's Transit Capital Priorities Program to BART for the Elevator Modernization project. The FTA programming actions for this exchange are included in Agenda Item 2c.

Related Recommendations

Finally, staff recommend the following programming actions to implement separate Agenda Items to this Committee and the December Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committee:

- Housing Incentive Pool (HIP): program preliminary HIP awards totaling \$71 million in to 15 jurisdictions as detailed in Agenda Item 5a. Consistent with Agenda Item 4a, this programming action reflects fund source changes for \$46 million dedicated to the HIP program from Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funds to a combination of OBAG 2 Regional Program (\$27.7 million) and San Francisco County transportation sales tax funds (\$18.3 million).
- Active Transportation Technical Assistance Program: program \$2 million to various projects that support MTC's Complete Streets Policy and Active Transportation Plan, as recommended at the Joint Planning Committee meeting, including:
 - \$1 million in OBAG 3 Regional funds (MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised) to MTC for Active Transportation Workshops,
 - \$560,000 in non-federal MTC exchange funds (MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised) to MTC to support documentation, communication, and preliminary design for 14 active transportation projects, allowing MTC to sponsor technical assistance activities on behalf of local agencies, and
 - \$400,000 in OBAG 3 Regional funds (MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised) to two jurisdictions for Quick-Build bike facilities.

Staff anticipate releasing a second call for interest in 2024 for the remaining \$2.7 million available for active transportation technical assistance grants.

Issues:

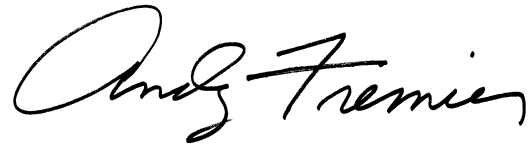
None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised, 4202, Revised and 4505, Revised to the Commission for approval. MTC Resolution Nos. 4202 and 4505 are also recommended for revisions under Agenda Items 5aii and 5ai, respectively, but are included once under this Agenda Item. Only applicable items approved by the Committee will be referred to the Commission.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 3989, Revised, Attachment B
- MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised, Attachments B-1 and B-2
- MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised, Attachments A, A-1, B-1, and B-2



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