

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Operations Committee**

July 8, 2022

Agenda Item 5a

One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3) Regional Operations Programs

Subject:

Overview of regional operations programs included in the OBAG 3 program.

Background:

The One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program establishes the policy and programming framework for investing federal transportation funding from the Federal Highway Administration to support the Regional Transportation Plan and regional goals. The framework for the third round of the OBAG program was adopted by the Commission in January 2022. The Commission approved the programming of funds for several regional operations programs in March and June 2022 and is expected to approve the remaining programs this Fall. Staff is presenting the portfolio of regional operations programs included under OBAG 3.

MTC leads these regional operations programs in partnership with Caltrans, county transportation agencies, transit operators, and cities. The portfolio is anchored by well-established programs that have been able to evolve and accommodate the region's changing transportation needs, including impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The OBAG 3 regional operations programs reflect investments to address the return of traffic, support transit recovery, and make the most efficient use of the multimodal transportation system.

OBAG 3 Framework and Regional Operations Programs:

The OBAG 3 program includes dedicated funding for regional programs that address critical climate and focused-growth goals of *Plan Bay Area 2050* and coordinate and deploy strategies that are best suited for regional implementation. These regional programs align with the OBAG 3 program framework. Key programs, by funding category, are highlighted below:

Multimodal Systems Operations & Performance:

Programs under this category improve mobility across the Bay Area's multimodal transportation system – focused on achieving an integrated, reliable, and easy-to-navigate public transit network to increase ridership.

- *Transit Priority Highway and Arterial Investments and Mapping & Wayfinding* support the Transit Transformation Action Plan and improve transit reliability by implementing operational strategies on highways and arterials and harmonizing mapping and wayfinding information in transit environments.
- *Forwards and Resilient State Route 37 (SR 37)* programs implement near-term, cost-effective operational strategies to encourage mode shift to carpool and transit along the Bay Bridge corridor, SR 37, and other key regional corridors.
- *Multimodal Arterial Operations* improves transit and safety by providing funding and technical assistance to local agencies to deploy advanced technologies to improve arterial operations.
- *Optimized Freeway Corridor Operations* integrates traffic management and optimizes operations in the I-880 corridor to provide safe, reliable, and efficient mobility for all system users.
- *Connected Bay Area* establishes a reliable and cost-effective regional fiber communications network and Incident Management strategies to enhance mobility, improve safety, and reduce the impacts of traffic incidents on buses, carpools as well as general traffic.

Climate, Conservation, and Resilience:

Programs under this category support projects that reduce vehicle miles traveled through transportation demand management (TDM) and increase resiliency of the transportation system to the impacts of climate change.

- *Commuter Benefits Program* and *Regional Carpool Program* are regional TDM programs that encourage carpooling, vanpooling, and transit use through commuter benefits, incentives, outreach, and education.
- *511 Traveler Information Program* supports regional mobility by providing free multi-modal traveler information, data, and services.

Complete Streets & Community Choice:

Programs under this category improve and maintain local streets and roads to meet the needs of all users, while increasing safety, with an emphasis on community-led enhancements in Equity Priority Communities (EPCs).

- *Bay Trail and Regional Bike/Pedestrian Access Improvements* include the planning, design and delivery of multi-use facilities that improve bicycle access and safety and conducts outreach to EPCs to ensure equitable access, usage, and regional connectivity.

Issues:

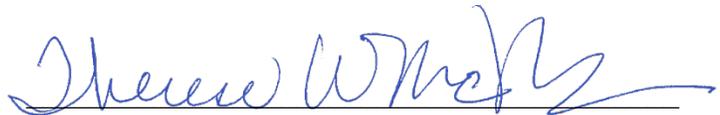
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Recommendations:

None

Attachments:

- **Attachment A:** OBAG 3 Regional Operations Programs Fact Sheets
- **Attachment B:** PowerPoint



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