COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM 13a Public Comments

From: Buckley Hughes

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 10:45 AM

Subject: OBAG 3 grant application

External Email

To: Mr. Arndt, MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, and MTC Commissioners:

Re: OBAG-3 APPLICATION

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Thanking you for your consideration,

Richard B Hughes

From: Buckley Hughes

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11:16:20 AM

Subject: Lafayette OBAG 3 funding

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Dear Mr. Arndt,

I'm writing to you, the MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, along with other committee's within the MTC to object to funding this grant submitted by Lafayette CA.

As a resident of Lafayette, I understand that our city has requested grant monies to fund School Street Multi Use Pathway and additionally, included Topper Lane as part of this grant application. When considering this application - please UNDERSTAND, "that no one on TOPPER LANE was contacted" regarding this very impactful change to our neighborhood.

I believe the original pilot program for grant submission, was rejected in the Burton Valley neighborhood and therefore the City Council decided to use School Street - then <u>ADD Topper Lane</u> - to increase the city's opportunity to increase grant funding monies.

This \$1.8 million dollar increase to the CITY'S grant was not publicly noticed to anyone on Topper Lane. NO TRANSPARENCY TO NEIGHBORS SEEMS CLEARLY IN CONFLICT WITH <u>MTC'S PUBLIC NOTICE</u> STATEMENTS.

PLEASE RECONSIDER HOW MUCH THIS GRANT IS AND HOW IT WAS SUBMITTED. Respectfully, Richard Hughes

From: ana menendez

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 9:09:22 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: Fwd: OBAG-3 grant

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Name. Ana Menendez

From: Ernie Sexton

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 4:54:06 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov>

Subject: School St Class 1 project

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Ernie Sexton	_
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Sincerely,	
ERNIE SEXTON	

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From: Johanna Gladieux

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 4:20:35 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: Resident Letter RE: OBAG-3

External Email

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Johanna Gladieux and Marc Brenner

From: Terri Melnick

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2022 7:34:36 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info <<u>info@bayareametro.gov</u>>

Subject:

External Email

A sidewalk on Topper does not benefit the greater good, or increase safety. In the meantime, we are working with the city to provide alternate ideas for safer routes to school. Sincerely,

Terri Melnick

From: Jay Henney

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 8:08:10 AM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: Birdhavin

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From: ANN JOYCE

Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2022 2:36:34 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

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Ann and Jim Joyce

From:

Sent: Sunday, December 18, 2022 11:09:57 AM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: Topper Lane, Lafayette

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I understand that a 10' bike/walk lane is being proposed on Topper. I am opposed to this on either side of the street for the following reasons:

- -It does not improve the safety of walkers or bikes as the road would be narrowed and cars could potentially jump the curb and hit walkers/bikers.
- -Creates a false sense of safety and cars could possibly speed.
- -Increase vandalism on Birdhaven houses that back onto Topper.
- -It only benefits a few families on Birdhaven Ct.
- -Taking down trees lessens the neighborhood feel and environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Conor Begley

Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2022 11:45 AM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info <info@bayareametro.gov>

Subject: Re: OBAG-3 APPLICATION PROJECT NAME: School Street Class 1 Multi Use Facility Project,

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From: Bob LaRue

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2022 9:05 AM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: OBAG-3 Application, City of Lafayette, School Street Class 1 Multi Use Facility Project

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Bob LaRue and Irene LaRue

From: Michael Balog

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 3:53:07 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < <u>info@bayareametro.gov</u>> **Cc:** Bob LaRue < <u>BLaRue@alamedaelectric.com</u>>

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From: Jeanne fagliano

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 2:12 PM
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Thank you for your consideration,

Jeanne Fagliano

From: Patricia Riske

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 5:58:20 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov>

Subject: OBAG-3 APPLICATION - Project Name: School Street Class 1 Multi-Use Facility Project

External Email

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Thanking you for your consideration in this matter,

Gary Riske & Patricia Kennedy-Riske

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Patricia A Kennedy-Riske

From: Gary Scarratt

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 5:41:15 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info <info@bayareametro.gov>

Subject: Topper Lane

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From: Terri Just

Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2022 1:03 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov>

Subject: OBAG-3 Application

External Email

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From: karla mccormick

Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2022 2:45 AM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: School Street Class 1 Multi Use Facility Project, City of Lafayette OBAG grant

External Email

Re: OBAG-3 APPLICATION

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Sincerely, Karla McCormick From: Al Russello

Sent: Saturday, December 31, 2022 3:58 PM **To:** MTC-ABAG Info < info@bayareametro.gov >

Subject: Topper Lane

External Email

To: Mr. Arndt, MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, and MTC Commissioners:

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Name: Al Russello

Al Russello

From: Jeff Felder

Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2022 1:58 PM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

Subject: Objection letter for Programming and Allocations Committee Mtg, 1/11/23

External Email

To: Mr. Arndt, MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, and MTC Commissioners:

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From: Mike Garrigan

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 2:03 PM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

Subject: : Objection letter for Programming & Allocations Committee Mtg, 1/11/23

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Mike G

From: Peter Shumaker

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 8:44 AM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

Subject: Objection letter for Programming and Allocations Committee meeting, 1/11/23

External Email

To: Mr. Arndt, MTC Programming & Allocations Committee, and MTC Commissioners:

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Peter M. Shumaker

From: Eric Stevens

Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2022 2:29 PM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

Subject: Objection letter for Programming & Allocations Committee Mtg, 1/11/23

External Email

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Eric Stevens

From: Jeff Hunt

Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 7:34 AM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

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From: Burt Schraga

Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 7:23 AM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

Subject: Objection letter for Programming & Allocations Committee Mtg, 1/11/23

External Email

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Michael Snow

From: Tom Pavao

Sent: Sunday, January 1, 2023 9:08 PM

To: info@bayareametro.gov

Subject: Topper Lane impoverishment

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2. Send it to info@bayareametro.gov by the end of the year, 12/31

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January 10, 2023

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Subject: Support for One Bay Area Grant Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Program and Cycle 6 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Funding Recommendations, January 11, 2023 Programming & Allocations Committee Item 3.a

Dear Commissioner Rabbitt:

On January 4, 2023, MTC staff released its recommendations for Cycle 3 OBAG and Cycle 6 Regional ATP funding. TAM is very pleased with the recommendations and would like to express support for the eight OBAG 3 and three Regional ATP projects recommended for funding in Marin County.

With the OBAG 3 nominations, TAM made a conscious effort to focus improvements in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and projects that improve multi-modal options. TAM is grateful that MTC's recommendations for OBAG 3 align with TAM's intent. TAM is especially grateful for the recommendation to program San Rafael's Canal Neighborhood Active Transportation Enhancements Project with Regional ATP funds instead of OBAG 3 funds. This decision has allowed our OBAG 3 projects to be funded at their requested amounts and a Bay Trail project, Corte Madera's Paradise Drive Pathway, on our contingency list to be funded.

For the Regional ATP recommendations, the three Marin projects recommended for funding are critical projects with broad based support from local communities, particularly from the disadvantaged communities. Furthermore, the bicycle and pedestrian improvements will be greatly appreciated by bicyclists and pedestrians because they will greatly enhance the widely used bicycle and pedestrian network in Marin County.

Corte Madera received \$415,000 from Cycle 3.5 Regional ATP to complete the design phase for the Central Marin Regional Pathways Gap Closure Project. The project is shovel ready. With the recommended construction funds, this project can be delivered to improve bicycle and pedestrian travels in a highly congested area that serves several schools.

TAM is also pleased with the two San Rafael projects recommended for Regional ATP funding that serve the disadvantaged Canal Neighborhood. The Canal Neighborhood is physically isolated from other parts of San Rafael by the Canal waterway and the Highway 101/Interstate 580 freeways. It is a relatively small area that makes up 20 percent of San Rafael's population, making it the densest community in Marin County.

Many residents of the Canal Neighborhood are transit dependent. There are currently limited shopping, education, or health services available and travel options to other locations for services is constrained by limited bicycle and pedestrian connections.

The funding for the San Rafael Canal Crossing Project and the Canal Neighborhood Active Transportation Enhancements Project will greatly ameliorate some of the impediments that Canal Neighborhood residents have dealt with for decades. Residents have identified these improvements in the Canal Neighborhood Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP). The completion of these projects will better connect the Canal Neighborhood to San Rafael and the rest of the County.

Thank you for considering supporting staff's recommendations for OBAG 3 and Cycle 6 Regional ATP funding when the item is heard at the Programming and Allocations Committee on January 11, 2023 and the Commission on January 25, 2023.

Sincerely,

Anne Richman
Executive Director

cc: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, TAM Chairperson

Theresa Romell, MTC Karl Anderson, MTC Kimberly Ward, MTC

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