

September 2024 Recommended RM3 Allocations – Project Summaries

Ferry Enhancement Program

RM3 provides \$300 million in toll funds to RM3 Project 5, Ferry Enhancement Program. This RM3 programmatic category funds the purchase of new vessels, upgrading and rehabilitating existing vessels, building facilities and landside improvements, and upgrading existing facilities of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA). One allocation under this category is proposed this month:

WETA – Three (3) 149-Passenger Electric Ferry Vessels (\$18 million)

RM3 Project #5.4 will procure three battery-electric ferry vessels under WETA's Rapid Electric Emission-Free (REEF) program. These vessels will be used to provide the new Treasure Island and future Mission Bay service. The 149-passenger capacity of these vessels will meet the passenger demand for these short run routes and will utilize the newly developed shoreside infrastructure, partially funded with an earlier RM3 allocation, including floats that will allow vessels to rapidly charge while the vessels are docked.

The total project costs are estimated to be \$31.4 million; the funding plan for this project includes RM1 2% bridge toll revenue funding allocated by MTC, along with other state and federal funding sources. Procurement for construction is expected to begin in November 2024 and construction of the vessels is expected to be complete in July 2027.

Contra Costa I-680/SR-4 Interchange Improvements (\$3 million)

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is the project sponsor for RM3 Project 19, Interstate 680/State Route 4 Interchange Improvements. RM3 provides \$210 million in toll funds for improvements to the I-680/SR4 Interchange to improve safety and reduce congestion, including, but not limited to, a new direct connector between northbound I-680 and westbound SR4, a new direct connector between eastbound SR4 and southbound I-680, and widening of SR4 to add auxiliary lanes and high occupancy vehicles lanes. In February 2021, MTC approved and issued an \$8 million LONP for the final design of the Interstate 680/State Route 4 Interchange Improvements.

Since the last allocation, CCTA has encountered several challenges during the final design phase of the Interstate 680/State Route 4 Interchange Improvements project, that require more coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol. MTC allocated \$1 million in RM3 funds to the final design phase for Project 19.1, Interstate 680/ State Route 4 (I-680/SR-4) Interchange Improvements project phases 1, 2A, and 4 via Delegated Authority on July 24, 2024 and now requests an additional \$3 million in RM3 funds for the final design phase. The final design phase completion is now scheduled for June 2025.

STA – I-80 Westbound Truck Scales (\$64.5 million)

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) is the project sponsor for RM3 Project 22, Interstate 80 Westbound Truck Scales. RM3 provides \$105 million in toll funds to replace the existing Cordelia Truck Scales along Westbound I-80 in Solano County. In April 2021, MTC approved and issued a \$5.3 million LONP for final design of the Interstate 80 Westbound Truck Scales project. In June 2023, MTC allocated \$31 million in RM3 funds: \$5.3 million in design funds consistent with the LONP, and an additional \$25.5 million for the right of way phase.

The final design of the Interstate 80 Westbound Truck Scales project is underway and scheduled for completion in October 2024. STA requests rescinding \$4.5 million in RM3 funds from the right-of-way phase and allocating \$69 million in RM3 funds for the construction phase. Construction of the Interstate 80 Westbound Truck Scales is scheduled to be completed by June 2028.