

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

September 25, 2024

Agenda Item 9b - 24-1011

Update to Commission:

MTC Resolution Nos. 4663 and 4664. Endorsements and Nominations for 2024 State Funding Opportunities: Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC), and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)

Subject:

Update on recommended Commission endorsements for regional applications to the state TIRCP, and nominations for the SCC and TCEP funding programs.

Background:

Staff is providing an update on the following:

- Commissioner comments for Healdsburg to adhere to the Commission's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy, as it relates to MTC's proposed endorsement and nomination of the SMART Extension to Healdsburg project.
- Status of proposed SB1 SCC projects requiring additional consideration, namely, VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension project and VTA's Peninsula Caltrain Grade Separations project.

Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy Applicability to Healdsburg

As outlined in the TOC Policy resolution, Healdsburg is not required to comply with the TOC Policy as a condition for receiving this endorsement for TIRCP and SB1 competitive funding. However, the Healdsburg SMART station will be subject to compliance with the TOC Policy for the One Bay Area Grant 4 (OBAG 4) Program, pending approval of the amendment to incorporate the SMART extension to Healdsburg into Plan Bay Area 2050. MTC staff has met with Healdsburg staff twice within the last nine months to discuss TOC Policy requirements and a path toward compliance by the OBAG 4 deadline, expected in early 2026.

The Programming and Allocations Committee requested that staff talk to the City of Healdsburg about utilizing the TOC Policy even though the City is not required to do so as a condition of the endorsement for the SMART Extension to Healdsburg. Staff have requested an additional meeting but have not received a response at the time of publication of this memo.

SB1 SCC Nominations Requiring Additional Consideration

As discussed in the staff report to the Programming and Allocations Committee, staff has requested additional information from VTA on two of their proposed SCC projects. Below is the current status of those two projects:

- For the BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension, VTA has not yet determined the funding request amount and scope. Staff may return to the Committee and Commission in October to add or change projects on our SCC nomination list via amendment to MTC Resolution No. 4663.
- For the Peninsula Caltrain Grade Separations project, VTA has requested to only proceed with Mountain View's Rengstorff Grade Separation Project. The project has a requested SCC amount of \$36 million. Staff recommends adding the project to the SCC nomination list under the Grade Separations category due to the project's CAPTI alignment, transit and safety benefits, as well as high degree of funding leverage. Note that MTC Resolution No. 4663 and PAC Attachment D have been updated to reflect this addition.

Issues:

- Funding Plans Evolving. Project sponsors are still examining additional opportunities for funding, including from local, regional, and federal sources (including federal discretionary grant opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)). Therefore, the final requested SB1 funding amounts may be less than shown in this staff report.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends referring the TIRCP Endorsement List (Attachment A) and MTC Resolution Nos. 4663 and 4664 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Updated MTC Resolution No. 4663 (SB1 SCC Nominations)
- Updated PAC Attachment D: 2024 SB1 Competitive Program Nominations
- September 11, 2024 Programming and Allocations Summary Sheet with the following:
 - Attachment A: TIRCP Endorsement List

- Attachment B: Bay Area TIRCP Applications – Previous Awards, Requests, and Endorsements
- Attachment C: Adoption of 2024 SB1 Competitive Programs – Discussion
- Attachment D: 2024 SB1 Competitive Program Nominations
- Attachment E: Bay Area SB1 Competitive Program Selected Projects, Cycles 1-3
- MTC Resolution Nos. 4663 and 4664

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Date: September 25, 2024
W.I.: 1515
Referred by: PAC

ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 4663

This resolution adopts the program of MTC's nominations for the 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program Cycle 4 for submission to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017).

- Attachment A – Funding Levels for 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program
- Attachment B – Program of MTC Nominations for the 2024 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program – Cycle 4

Further discussion of these actions is contained in the Summary Sheet to the MTC Programming and Allocations Committee dated September 11, 2024.

Date: September 25, 2024
W.I.: 1515
Referred by: PAC

RE: Adoption of Program of MTC's Nominations for the 2024 SB 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program – Cycle 4

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4663

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to Government Code Section 66500 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, MTC has adopted and periodically revises, pursuant to Government Code Sections 66508 and 65080, a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

WHEREAS, MTC adopts, pursuant to Government Code Section 65082, a Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) when additional State Transportation Improvement Program funding is available, that is submitted, pursuant to Government Code Section 14527, to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2017, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1 (Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017) into law, authorizing an increase to various transportation-related taxes and fees, and directing \$250 million per year to the Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program to fund projects that make specific performance improvements designed to reduce congestion in highly-traveled corridors; and

WHEREAS, on August 15, 2024, the California Transportation Commission (CTC) is expected to approve the Guidelines for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, which includes two years of funding totaling roughly \$481 million (Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, MTC, as both the regional transportation planning agency and authority responsible for preparing the RTIP for the Bay Area, is eligible to nominate projects within the Bay Area for SCC funds, as defined in section 8 of the CTC Guidelines for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that MTC adopts the Program of MTC Nominations for Cycle 4 of the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, attached hereto as Attachment B and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC, as the nominating agency, shall not be expected or responsible to fund any cost increases, and the responsibility and accountability for MTC's nominated projects to stay within agreed-upon cost, scope, and schedule lies with the sponsoring and implementing agencies; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director may make minor adjustments to Attachments A and B to respond to direction from the California Transportation Commission and/or the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans); and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC's adoption of the Program of MTC Nominations for the Solutions for Congested Corridors Program is for planning purposes only, with each project still subject to review and application approval pursuant to MTC Resolution Nos. 3115 and 3757; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall forward a copy of this resolution, and such other information as may be required to the CTC, Caltrans, and to such other agencies as may be appropriate.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California and at other remote locations, on September 25, 2024.

Attachment A
MTC Resolution No. 4663
SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC)
Program of MTC Nominations
FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27
September 2024

MTC Resolution No. 4663
Attachment A
Adopted: 09/25/24-C

Statewide Funding Distribution (Based on Section 4 of Draft SCC Guidelines, June 2022)

| SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC) Program | Estimated Appropriations (\$thousands) |
|--|---|
| SCC - FY 2025-26 Appropriation | \$250,000 |
| SCC - FY 2026-27 Appropriation | \$250,000 |
| SCC Cycle 3 Overprogramming | (\$19,044) |
| Total | \$480,956 |

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Attachment B
MTC Resolution No. 4663
SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCC)
Program of MTC Nominations
FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27
September 2024

MTC Resolution No. 4663
Attachment B
Adopted: 09/25/24-C

| Multimodal Highway and Active Transportation Projects | | | \$millions |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors | | | |
| Program of MTC Nominations | County | Sponsor | SCC Amount |
| M1. Bay Skywat (Ph. 1): Ped/Bike, E-Ferry, Busway | Multi-County | SFCTA/MTC/WETA | \$70 |
| M2. SR-37 Sears Pt to Mare Island Improvement Proj.* | Multi-County | MTC | \$73 |
| M3. I-680 Northbound Express Lane (Phase 1) | Contra Costa | CCTA | \$102 |
| Total - Multimodal Highway and Active Transportation Projects | | | \$245 |

| Grade Separation Projects | | | \$millions |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors | | | |
| Program of MTC Nominations | County | Sponsor | SCC Amount |
| S1. Rengstorff Grade Separation Project | Santa Clara | VTA/Mtn View | \$36 |
| Total - Grade Separation Projects | | | \$36 |

| Transit-Focused Projects | | | \$millions |
|---|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| SB1 Solutions for Congested Corridors | | | |
| Program of MTC Nominations | County | Sponsor | SCC Amount |
| T1. Train Control Upgrade Project | San Francisco | SFMTA | \$41 |
| T2. Powell Street Station Traction Power Substation | San Francisco | BART | \$50 |
| T3. Healdsburg Extension Project** | Sonoma | SMART | \$62 |
| Total - Transit-Focused Projects | | | \$153 |

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| Total - All SCC Nominations | | | \$434 |
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* SR-37 also requesting same amount in TCEP funding

**Based on staff's understanding, SMART's SCC submitted funding request is for expenses north of the Healdsburg extension that is being amended into PBA2050, but for expenses still within Healdsburg city limits.

Table 1A: Recommended MTC Tier 1 Solutions for Congested Corridors Program Nominations (\$480M statewide)

| | | | Prioritization Principles | | | | | | |
|---|----------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| # | Sponsor | Project | SCC Request (\$millions) | CAPTI/CSIS Alignment | Congestion | EPC | GHG/VMT | Deliverability, Leverage | Partner-ship: CSIS Tier |
| Multimodal Highway and Active Transportation Projects | | | | | | | | | |
| M1 | SFCTA/MTC/WETA | Bay Skyway (Ph. 1): Ped/Bike, E-Ferry, Busway | \$70 | High | Medium | Med-High | Medium | Medium | Tier 1 |
| M2 | MTC | SR-37 Sears Pt to Mare Island Improvement Project* | \$73 | Med+ | Med-High | Medium | Med-High | Medium | Tier 2 |
| M3 | CCTA | I-680 Northbound Express Lane (Phase 1) | \$102 | Med+ | Medium | Medium | Medium | Med-Low | Tier 2 |
| Grade Separation Projects | | | | | | | | | |
| S1 | VTA/Mtn View | Rengstorff Grade Separation Project | \$36 | Medium | Med-High | Med-Low | Medium | Med-High | Tier 3 |
| Transit-Focused Projects | | | | | | | | | |
| T1 | SFMTA | Train Control Upgrade Project | \$41 | Med-High | High | High | High | Medium | Tier 3 |
| T2 | BART | Powell Street Station Traction Power Substation | \$50 | Med-High | High | Med-High | Medium | Med-High | Tier 2 |
| T3 | SMART** | Healdsburg Extension Project | \$62 | Med-High | Low | Medium | Low | Medium | Tier 1 |
| SCC Total: | | | \$434 | | | | | | |

**Based on staff's understanding, SMART's SCC submitted funding request is for expenses north of the Healdsburg extension that is being amended into PBA2050, but for expenses still within Healdsburg city limits.

Table 1B: SCC Projects Requiring Additional Consideration (AC) or Not Recommended (NR)

| | | | Prioritization Principles | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| # | Sponsor | Project | SCC Request (\$millions) | CAPTI/CSIS Alignment | Congestion | EPC | GHG/VMT | Deliverability, Leverage | Partner-ship: CSIS Tier |
| | AC VTA | BART Silicon Valley Phase 2 Extension | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| | NR Pleasanton | I-680/Sunol Blvd. Interchange Modernization Project | \$21 | Low | Medium | Med-Low | Med-Low | Medium | N/A |
| AC and NR Total: | | | \$21 | | | | | | |

Table 2: Bay Area Trade Corridor Enhancement Program Nominations (Not Ranked)
(\$900M Statewide; \$321M (40%) Caltrans; \$123M Northern California)

| | | | Prioritization Principles | | | | | |
|--------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Sponsor | Project | TCEP Request (\$millions) | CAPTI/CSIS Alignment | Key Freight Corridor | EPC | Address Community Impacts | Deliver-ability, Leverage | Partner-ship |
| ACTC | Alameda Co. Rail Safety Enhancement Prog. (Ph. A) | \$30 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Redwood City | US-101/SR-84 Interchange Reimagined | \$33 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| VTA | US-101/SR-25/Santa Teresa Blvd. Extension (ROW) | \$2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| CCTA | I-680/SR-4 Interchange Improvements (Ph. 4) | \$60 | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| MTC | SR-37 Sears Pt to Mare Island Improvement Project* | \$73 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Total: | | \$198 | * Nominated for SCC Program | | | | | |