

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

February 12, 2025

Agenda Item 2e-25-0145

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

Subject:

Various revisions to the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG 2 and 3) programs, including programming \$5 million for Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) projects and \$1 million to MTC for Adaptive Ramp Metering on SR4 in Contra Costa County.

Background:

The OBAG 2 and 3 programs 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.

This month, staff recommend revisions to the OBAG 2 and 3 and MTC exchange programs as detailed below.

Housing Incentive Pool

In December 2023, the Commission awarded \$71 million in Housing Incentive Pool (HIP) funds to 15 jurisdictions that produced or preserved the greatest number of eligible affordable housing units over the previous five years. As part of this action, the Commission approved eligibility and programming guidelines for HIP funds, including a rolling call for letters of interest from awarded jurisdictions through 2024. The guidelines require that HIP awardees submit multiple project applications that exceed their total award amount, for evaluation and selection by MTC.

To date, the Commission has awarded \$28.3 million in HIP funds to four jurisdictions. Of the remaining eleven jurisdictions, American Canyon and San José submitted letters of interest to MTC in time for programming recommendations this month. Staff evaluated these applications based on adopted HIP criteria and recommend programming \$5 million in OBAG 2 HIP funds to three projects (see **Attachments 1 and 2** for details).

Staff will return to the Commission to recommend programming for the remaining \$37.7 million in HIP funds to other awardee jurisdictions in the coming months.

Adaptive Ramp Metering

In September 2022, the Commission set aside \$4 million in OBAG 3 funds for Adaptive Ramp Metering (ARM) projects along major corridors in the Bay Area. These corridor-wide adaptive systems reduce congestion and improve travel times, particularly for transit and high-occupancy vehicles utilizing dedicated bypass lanes at metered ramps. In February 2024, the Commission

programmed \$1 million in OBAG 3 ARM funds to MTC for ARM implementation on State Route 237 in Santa Clara County.

This month, staff recommend programming an additional \$1 million in OBAG 3 ARM balances to MTC for ARM implementation on State Route (SR) 4 in Contra Costa County, a vital commute route serving approximately 67,000 vehicles a day. This corridor was selected for ARM due to peak hour congestion, ARM equipment availability, and potential to expand the regional ARM network. Staff will return to the Commission to recommend programming for the remaining OBAG 3 ARM funds in the coming months, pending ongoing staff coordination with Caltrans and other partner agencies on project selection and delivery timing.

Issues:

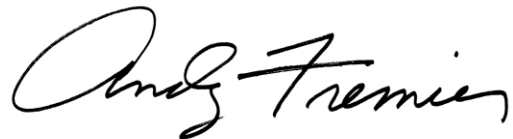
None.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution Nos. 4202, Revised and 4505, Revised to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: HIP Applications and Recommended Awards
- Attachment B: HIP Summary by Jurisdiction
- MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised
 - Attachment B-1
- MTC Resolution No. 4505, Revised
 - Attachment B-1



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