

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee**

June 14, 2024

Agenda Item 3d

**MTC Resolution No. 4658: Design Immunity for the West Grand Bus/ High-Occupancy
Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension Project**

Subject:

Referral of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Resolution No. 4658: Design Immunity for the West Grand Bus/HOV Lane Extension project to Commission, which would authorize the delegation of plan approval of the West Grand Bus/HOV Lane Extension design plans to specified staff.

Background:

The goal of this project was to increase Transbay person-throughput by providing access and operational improvements for buses and HOVs. In January 2019, construction of the first phase of the West Grand HOV/Bus Lane project was completed, which converted approximately 1,300 feet of the right shoulder on the West Grand Avenue on-ramp/northbound Interstate 880 connector approach to the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) to a bus lane. Upon completion of the first phase of the project, significant operational improvements were observed, with up to 21 minutes of travel time savings for buses and HOVs during the morning commute. Despite these operational improvements, excessive queuing persists along West Grand Avenue before the start of the HOV lane, prompting the need to extend the HOV/bus lane further east. Phase 2 of the project proposes to extend bus/HOV lane further east towards the West Grand Avenue/Frontage Road intersection along the westbound direction of West Grand Avenue. The project will also include the construction of a multi-use path on West Grand Avenue between Maritime Street and Mandela Parkway to improve bicycle and pedestrian access.

Design Immunity:

In September 2023, MTC approved MTC Resolution No. 4605, Establishment of Process for Approval of Design Plans and Procedures for Delegation of Approval Authority, which provides the process for securing immunity pursuant to Government Code section 830.6. The proposed MTC Resolution No. 4658 would delegate to specified staff the authority to approve plans and future design changes for the West Grand Bus/HOV Lane Extension Project. Authorized staff would be delegated the responsibility to review and approve the reasonableness of the plans and changes to the design and plans as represented by AECOM or by others.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4658 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: MTC Resolution No. 4658



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